

September 3, 1953

The regular meeting of the town council was held on the above date in the Municipal building at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

All members of council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hubert Clark of Lee Avenue appeared before council relative to road in that section of the town. Referred to Town Manager. #189

By a motion made and duly seconded the request to rezone Lot 3-4-5 S. E. Issac Est. from residential to business district, was referred to the zoning committee for recommendation. #190

W. P. Kanto and J. J. Stump, members of the Town of Norton School Board appeared before council asking for a loan. After a brief discussion a motion prevailed that council and the school board hold a joint discussion of financial status of the school on September 22nd. #191

By a motion made and duly seconded the Town Treasurer and Town Manager were authorized to negotiate the \$30,000 of short term bonds which were callable September 15, 1953. On roll call voted, all voted YEA. #192

Mr. Josh Taggart presented report of committee appointed to study "Should Norton Become a City of Second Class"? #193

By a motion made and duly seconded it was moved that the report be accepted and that it be permitted to lay over thirty days and that the committee be discharged at that time.

Mr. Fred Greear, Town Attorney presented an ordinance with reference to erection of television antenaes in the Town of Norton. #194

On motion made and duly seconded the ordinance was passed on first reading with \$1.00 fee and subject to revision on second reading.

By a motion made and duly seconded the following resolution to fix the damage to abutting property from change of grade of 11th Street as approach of overpass was passed. On roll call voted all voted YEA. #195

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Norton held at the Town Office on this the 3rd day of September, 1953, the following resolution was duly introduced, seconded, and passed:

THAT, WHEREAS, the Town of Norton in conjunction with the Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Virginia proposes to construct a viaduct over the Interstate, Norfolk & Western and Louisville & Nashville Railroad Companies' tracks at 11th Street in said Town, together with suitable approaches to said viaduct, and whereas, Lilyan Cohen, Jeanette Cohen, Wallace M. Cohen and William B. Cohen are the owners of that certain lot or parcel of land located on Park Avenue and 11th Streets in the Town of Norton and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the intersection on the southern line of Park Avenue with the western line of Eleventh Street; thence along the southern line of Park Avenue S 66 W 75 feet to a stake; thence leaving the said Park Avenue S 24 E 150 feet to a stake in the northern line of a 20 feet wide alley; thence along the northern line of said alley N 66 E 75 feet to a stake in the western line of Eleventh Street; thence along the western line of Eleventh Street to the beginning.

On which said lot there is located a brick dwelling house and a small house formerly constructed as a garage and later converted into a small dwelling house; and,

WHEREAS, by the construction of the approach to the proposed viaduct the grade of the eastern portion of 11th Street will be changed so that when said approach is completed the grade of the eastern portion of 11th Street will be higher than the present street and above the elevation of the entrance to the small garage dwelling.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 15-767 of the Code of Virginia the Town Council of the Town of Norton deeming it desirable to change the grade of a portion of 11th Street adjoining a portion of the lot or parcel of land above described and since such change and improvement may cause damage to the property of the said Lilyan Cohen, Jeanette Cohen, Wallace M. Cohen and William B. Cohen, Fred H. King, W. R. Hamner, and A. O. Umstead are hereby appointed as a committee of the said Town Council and directed to proceed by personal inspection of the premises belonging to the said Lilyan Cohen, Jeanette Cohen, Wallace M. Cohen and William B. Cohen likely to be affected by such change in the grading of a portion of 11th Street to ascertain what damages, if any, will accrue to the said Lilyan Cohen, Jeanette Cohen, Wallace M. Cohen and William B. Cohen by the construction of the approach to the proposed viaduct.

After having ascertained the damage, if any, to said property, such committee shall give notice to the said Lilyan Cohen, Jeanette Cohen, Wallace M. Cohen and William B. Cohen of the amount of the ascertainment made by them. Such notice shall cite the said Lilyan Cohen, Jeanette Cohen, Wallace M. Cohen and William B. Cohen to appear before the said committee not less than ten days after the service thereof, at time and place to be designated therein, to show cause, if any they can, against the ascertainment of damages made by the said committee as aforesaid. If no appeal is taken from such ascertainment said committee shall report its findings and ascertainment to the next regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Norton.

THOSE VOTING AYE:

B. E. Ball  
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Fred H. King

W. R. Hamner

A. O. Umstead

THOSE VOTING NAY:

None

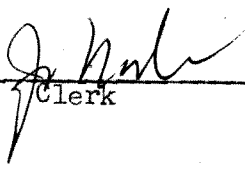
Mr. Ball, the Mayor, appointed F. H. King, W. R. Hamner and A. O. Umstead as members of committee to proceed by personal inspection the premises belonging to the Cohens.


Mr. Ball, the Mayor, announced that the two additional members to the parking lot committee were Woodrow Bryant and Mr. Walker. #196

Mr. Atkins, chairman of the parking lot committee gave a report on the work of the committee after which a motion prevailed that the report be accepted and authorized the committee to negotiate a lease at \$300 per year for the property. On roll call voted all voted YEA. #197

Mr. E. H. Ruehl presented a report on the status of the plans for the new dam. #198

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor