

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved and ordered filed.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following communications which were read and acted upon as indicated:

From Mr. Robert E. Heater, Washington, D.C., stating that a topographical survey is being made of the tract of land lying along Ethan Allen Avenue and a study is being made of drainage, interior street locations, conservation of trees and the proper platting of lots so that homes can be erected without interfering with the natural topography of the land. Mr. Heater requested the Council's cooperation in an effort to make the development of these properties a credit to the Town. Acknowledgment directed.

A letter from the Community League of Takoma Park transmitting copy of a Resolution passed April 4th urging the paving of Philadelphia Avenue from Chicago Ave. to Chestnut Avenue as part of the East-West Highway. Referred to the Street Committee.

A letter from the Engineering Department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway acknowledging receipt of the Mayor's letter in regard to the inadequate width of the bridge over the B. and O. tracks at North Takoma and promising an early inspection and report thereon. To the Street Committee.

A letter from the Citizens Bank relative to a request made of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to establish a building line for a bank and other business buildings to be erected on lot 1 and part of lot 2, block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest Subdivision, said line to be located 16 feet from the curb of Carroll Avenue, and requesting that the Council determine at an early date whether the application of the Citizens Bank would be in conflict with any local regulations or ordinances of the Town. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee submitted bills amounting to \$353³³ examined and approved for payment and on his motion payment was directed.

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, submitted the following recommendation unanimously approved by the Committee:

The Finance Committee has given consideration to the matter of financing the street paving program which the Council has had in mind during the past year and on which a public hearing has been held. From the present state of the money market and the experience of municipalities all over the country it is evidently difficult to float an advantageous loan. A high rate of interest will have to be paid or the bonds sold considerably below par. The two Washington banks which were concerned in our last loan are not now willing to even submit an offer. We are faced also with the unemployment situation and the probability of ~~continued~~ wage and salary reductions which will diminish the ability of a number of our people to meet the special improvement tax which the proposed street paving program will require. On the other hand is the probability of lower prices for the work than has obtained for a number of years and which might offset the loss of lower bond proceeds and higher interest rates. Considering the matter from these several standpoints the Finance Committee inclines to the opinion that a postponement of the proposed paving program for the present season would be in the line of best judgment and so recommends.

On motion of Mr. Ware the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved.

Mr. Rogers reported further for his Committee that out of a considerable number of bids received for auditing the books of the Town that of D.N. Burnham & Co. of

Washington, D.C., appeared to be the most advantageous, their terms amounting to about \$500.00. He therefore moved that this firm be selected to make the audit. The motion was carried.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee reported general health conditions throughout the Town as excellent. The rubbish and trash collections authorized at the last meeting of the Council are now well under way and the citizens lending their cooperation.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee submitted a report on detailed street work during the past month. The Committee recommended that the damaged sidewalk on Buffalo Avenue in front of the property of Commander Lake be immediately repaired which recommendation was approved. The Committee also recommended that load limit signs be placed at the District line on Cedar, Holly, Chestnut and Baltimore Avenues prohibiting hauling of loads thereon in excess of 5 tons and that the police force be directed to enforce the regulation. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Sherburne called attention to the water pipe on the bridge across the B. and O. tracks in North Takoma and moved that inquiry be made as to the possibility of having it removed and placed on the outside of the rail. The motion was carried.

Mr. Remsen presented copy of an agreement with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dodge relative to the construction of a conduit across Birch Avenue and recommended that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel and that, if approved by him, or if changed in accordance with his recommendations, that, upon signature by Mr. and Mrs. Dodge and the Mayor, the work be then proceeded with. The recommendation was thereupon approved.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee recommended the temporary appointment of the Inspector of the new bridge crossing the Sligo at Carroll Avenue as a special officer and of Grant Benton as a special officer for duty at the Fire Department building; he recommended also that the Town police car be properly lettered on the side thereof. The recommendations were all duly approved.

Referring to the many complaints of condition of the Thornton lot at corner of Eastern and Laurel Avenues. Mr. Ware reported that arrangements are being made with the Fire Department to bury up the debris and trash thereon, which he hopes will at least temporarily improve conditions.

Mr. Sherburne from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following proposed Ordinances:

Ordinance No 525

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Town Charter the Clerk be and is hereby directed to call a meeting of citizens for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Councilmen to be voted for at the annual Town election on May 2, 1932. Said meeting of citizens will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building on Monday evening, April 25, convening at 8 o'clock

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

Ordinance No 526

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Town Charter a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 2, 1932. Said election will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for one person as Mayor and three persons as Councilmen, to serve for a term of two years beginning the first Monday in June, 1932.

Section 2. The polls for said election will be opened at 6 o'clock a.m. and will close at 7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

The Corporation Counsel, Mr. J. Bond Smith, presented to the Council a Memorandum concerning the recent decision of the Court of Appeals declaring unconstitutional the Act appointing a Police Justice for the Town of Takoma Park. He stated therein the effect of the decision as (1) forbidding the appointment of a Justice of the Peace with jurisdiction confined to the limits of the Town in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties; and (2) to forbid the appointment upon the recommendation of the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park. Pending further legislation which cannot be secured before 1933, the Corporation Counsel suggested the possibility of having one of the two Justices at Silver Spring sit at Takoma Park at convenient hours of which appropriate notice could be given.

The Corporation Attorney submitted also an opinion as to Brashears Avenue, (1) whether the Town has a right to close it; and (2) If the Town has such right, to whom will the land in the bed of the street revert. To the first question the Corporation Counsel is of the opinion that the Council may reject the offer to dedicate this street; to the second, in case of rejection of dedication, the land to the center of the street would revert to the adjacent lot owners.

The above opinions were referred to the Council as Committee of the Whole to be considered at a special meeting.

Mr. Remsen submitted to the Council the application of the Citizens Bank for approval of a setback line for their proposed new building on Carroll Avenue. The matter led to extended discussion in connection with future widening of Carroll Avenue and the setback line of the adjoining business buildings, at the conclusion of which Mr. Sherburne moved that the Park and Planning Commission be informed that the application and plans of the Citizens Bank do not conflict with any ordinances or regulations of the Town of Takoma Park. Mr. Adams moved as a substitute therefore that the application be referred to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission with request that the Commission establish the building line of the proposed bank building in accordance with

the authority delegated to it by law. The substitute motion was carried.

The Clerk informed the Council that the assessment of new property as submitted by the Board of Assessors for the ensuing fiscal year is now in his hands and that notice has been given that all appeals or complaints relative thereto will be heard by the Council at its May meeting on the 16th.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Treasurer was authorized to compensate the Board of Assessors in the usual amount.

There being no further business the Council thereupon at 10:25 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Ben G. Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 2, 1932

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, convening at 9:40 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Iverson, Rogers and Sherburne. The Judges' report was submitted as follows:

The Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Takoma Park, Md., May 2, 1932.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report with respect to the annual town election held this date in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building. The Board organized by the selection of Oscar W. Scherger as Chairman, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. The polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock a.m. and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock p.m.

The following persons were voted for as Mayor and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names: Ben G. Davis, 605; Frederick L. Lewton, 666.

The following persons were voted for as members of the Town Council and received the number of votes as indicated: Peter Remsen, 1127; R.G. Sherburne, 1122; Irvine H. Ware, 1122.

The total number of votes cast was 1281. It appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and were duly elected to serve as Mayor and as members of the Town Council for a term of two years from June 6, 1932: Mayor, Frederick L. Lewton. Councilmen, Peter Remsen, R.G. Sherburne and Irvine H. Ware. Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith inclosed for delivery to the Mayor and Councilmen-elect.

Very respectfully,

Oscar W. Scherger, Chairman ✓

Stephen J. La Scala ✓

Gertrude L. Bradley. ✓

Judges of Election

Attest: J. A. Burroughs.

Clerk

Mr. Rogers moved that the report be accepted and the result declared as therein set forth which motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Iverson the necessary appropriation was authorized for compensation of officers of election and other expenses, if any, involved.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:50 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Ben G. Davis

Mayor.

Clerk

Monday Evening, May 16, 1932

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of May 2, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, duly examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance last report		\$ 8076.70	Garbage collection	183.75		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>		
RECEIPTS:			Trash collection	154.00		Balance last report		\$ 790.00
From general taxes	1954.55		Volunteer Fire Department	100.00		Receipts for month		60.00
building permits	41.00		Police Department	317.63				850.00
electric "	6.00		Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	166.66		Refunds during month		10.00
excavation "	4.00	51.00	Supt. Public Work	200.00		Balance on hand		840.00
miscellaneous	2581.74	4587.29	Electrical Inspector	25.00				
		12663.99	Building Inspector	25.00	416.66	<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>		
DISBURSEMENTS:			Miscellaneous	11.26	2545.26	Balance last report		133.46
Street Work: labor	466.80		Balance on hand		10118.73	Receipts for month		317.33
material	83.73							450.79
machinery and tools	207.63	758.16	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>			Disbursements for month		424.30
General Expenses: Telephone	11.75		Balance last report		34616.13	Balance on hand		26.49
rentals	25.00	36.75	Receipts during month		3540.97			
Street lighting	567.05		Balance on hand		38157.10			

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was received and ordered filed.

The Mayor announced that this evening had been designated for the opening of bids for grading and paving of Hodges Lane and Holly Avenue, the latter from Hodges Lane to Philadelphia Avenue. The following sealed bids were thereupon opened and were tabulated by the Clerk as follows:

NAME	Excavation	Pavement	Plain Curb	Curved Curb	Total	NAME	Excavation	Pavement	Plain Curb	Curved Curb	Total
P.T. McDermott Co. Inc.	40¢	\$1040	1.48	\$440	33¢	\$660					\$6140
Union Paving Co.	35	910	1.57	4710	40	800	60¢	60.00			6480
F.I. Ray	30	780	1.48	4440	28	560	28	28.00			5808
Cons. Conc. & Terrazzo Co.	35	910	1.60	4800	35	700	50	50.00			6460
J.A. Lavezza & Sons	35	910	1.55	4650	28	560	50	50.00			6170
Security Construction Co.	40¢	\$1040	1.50	4500	48¢	960	48¢	48.00			\$6548
Corson & Gruman Co.	50	1300	1.96	5880	44	880	1.00	100.00			8160
Daniel Marine	27	702	1.58	4740	28	560	35	35.00			6037
C.H. Matson	30	780	1.55	4650	40	800	50	50.00			6280

On motion of Mr. Rogers the bids were referred to the Street Committee for consideration and recommendation.

This evening having been designated as time for hearing of complaints or objections to the assessments recently completed by the Board of Assessors the Mayor announced that the Council at this time would sit as a Board of Review for the purpose of hearing any complaints or objections that may be presented.

Mr. D.C. Dewey, lot 28, block 22, Woodland Ave., assessed \$2400 stated that his house is uncompleted and will be finished only as he is able to work on it at spare times and requested that the assessment be therefore reduced.

Mr. H.E. Dodge, lot 12, block 85, Philadelphia Ave., assessed \$2100⁰⁰ stated that only foundation of house has been completed and that the rest of the house will not be finished for some time. Requests that the new assessment be entirely eliminated.

Mr. George F. Titrington, lot 14, block 17, Pine Crest subdivision, assessed at \$1900, stated that his house was assessed last year at \$1800 and that the new assessment of \$1900 has evidently been made inadvertently.

Mr. F.H. Robbins, lot 35, block 37, assessment increased \$400⁰⁰ stated, by letter, that although he made improvements in the basement of his house at 621 Carroll Avenue, he is receiving less rental proportionately than before and requested that the increase in the assessment be eliminated.

M. Cleo Auld, lot 12, block 7, 111 Holly Avenue, stated, by letter, that \$600 increase in assessment, is excessive as improvements cost approximately \$550⁰⁰ and in addition the improvements will not be completed until well within the next fiscal year.

All complaints and objections having been presented as above set forth the Mayor stated that such complaints and objections would be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation and that the Council, as a Board of Review will determine the same when presented by the Committee.

Corporation Counsel J. Bond Smith tendered to the Council his resignation as Corporation Counsel and as Delegate of the Town of Takoma Park to the Montgomery County Civic Federation, both resignations to be effective on June 6th. In a letter of some length Mr. Smith set forth the reasons for resigning as dissatisfaction ^{with} of the methods used in the recent Town election. On motion of Mr. Ware the resignation as Corporation Council was referred to the Ordinance Committee and that as Delegate to the Civic Federation to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration and report.

Dr. Lewellyn Jordan addressed the Council reciting his numerous efforts of constructive suggestions and his views upon the Town election laws. For Mr. Haislip, of Takoma Avenue he entered complaint regarding the tedious pulling of freight cars up the North Takoma grade which he thought might be eliminated by the adding of another engine. He also presented Commander Lake, of Buffalo Avenue who urged early improvement of that street.

Mr. Joseph Bruce took occasion to express his displeasure over the length of the letter of resignation of Corporation Counsel J. Bond Smith.

Mr. H.L. Thornton addressed the Council briefly, referring to the long services of Mayor Davis and congratulating him on the Town's present financial con-
dition.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$878.88 and on his motion payment thereof was directed.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted a proposed budget for the fiscal year 1932, based upon a tax rate of 85 cents per \$100.00 which upon his motion was approved by an unanimous aye and nay vote. Mr. Rogers thereupon moved the adoption of an Ordinance fixing the tax rate at 85 cents per \$100 for the fiscal year 1932. Mr. Remsen suggested that the tax rate be deferred as the incoming Mayor might have plans requiring a different rate. The Mayor called attention to the necessity of the Budget being based upon the tax rate and suggested that if it is desired to defer the latter the budget just adopted should also be deferred. This, the Mayor stated, could be done by unanimous consent and that, if there was no objection, the action approving the budget would be considered withdrawn. Without objection it was so ordered.

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, to which had been referred a letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan concerning the sale of the town water and sewer system, returned the same with report to the effect that this sale was completed twelve years ago by competent authority and the funds received therefrom expended for Town purposes and that the matter would appear to be closed as far as the present Mayor and Council are concerned. On motion of Mr. Adams ^[approved.] the report was

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported that the main sewer along the Sliqo Branch which had become disconnected during excavation for one of the abutments of the new bridge, has now been repaired. General health conditions throughout the Town continue excellent.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, reported that Mr. F. I. Ray appeared to be the lowest bidder among the nine proposals opened this evening and recommended that upon fulfilment of the terms of the contract that the work be awarded to him. The following Ordinance was thereupon presented.

Ordinance No. 527

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That the proposal of F. I. Ray for the paving and grading of Hodges Lane and Holly Avenue, the latter from Hodges Lane to Philadelphia Avenue, at the prices submitted, namely: excavation, 30¢ per cubic yard; concrete pavement, \$1.48 per square yard; plain integral curb, 28 cents per lineal foot; curved curb, 28 cents per lineal foot; be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the said F. I. Ray, for and in behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, for the work herein contemplated and at the unit prices herein quoted.

Mr. Iverson moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Remsen presented a request from Mr. Leslie Smith requesting permission to have a cement sidewalk laid in front of lot 38, block 53 with recommendation that the desired permission be granted provided that no expense be incurred by the Town, that the walk conform to established grade and be constructed in accordance with Town specifications. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

Mr. Remsen presented also a communication from Dr. Lauretta E. Kress requesting that the driveway between Carroll Avenue and Chaney Terrace leading to the rear of certain Carroll Avenue properties be designated as "Palmer Lane" in honor of Mr. E.R. Palmer, deceased, who formerly owned the ground, and that it be so marked on future Town maps. On motion of Mr. Adams the request was approved, upon recommendation of the Street Committee.

[Police, Fire and Lights.

A petition, signed by Mrs. M.V. Nowlin and nine others, requesting the installation of a street light on Jefferson Avenue, near Lincoln Ave, was referred to the Committee on Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, stated that as a result of recent conferences between the Committee and interested citizens the Committee desired to recommend the expenditure of \$160⁰⁰ for equipment and for personal services of a playground supervisor at not over \$50⁰⁰ per month, as an experiment during the summer in connection with the municipal playground at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues. The Committee also recommended a contribution of \$75⁰⁰ to the local band toward music and other expenses in connection with the summer concerts given by the band. Both recommendations were approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

A communication from Mr. A.L. Haislip, 25 Takoma Avenue, complaining of the noise and confusion caused by the long trains attempting to make the heavy grade at North Takoma Park with inadequate power, was referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

A communication from Mr. Harvey A. Morrison asking that arrangements be made with the Town garbage collection service to collect garbage from Flower Avenue and other houses contiguous to the Town but not within the corporate limits, was referred to the Health Committee for consideration and report.

The Police, Fire and Lights Committee and the Ordinance Committee submitted no reports.

There being no further business, the retiring Mayor, prior to adjournment, submitted the following brief remarks:

Gentlemen of the Council: This is probably the last meeting of this body over which I shall ever preside. After many years of official service I have now reached the age when a bit of leisure is appealing and I am not altogether ungrateful to those constituents who have bestowed it upon me two years earlier than I had anticipated. I accept the verdict of May 2nd with philosophical acquiescence and look forward to the few weeks hence when I can answer the telephone without fear of an indignant complainant at the other end. Life now and then has its compensations and the time heretofore devoted to public service will render opportunity for private pursuits and bits of recreation and pleasure which for many years have been necessarily deferred and neglected. Takoma Park has a very devoted place in my heart. To have watched its material growth and progress and to have been a rather active part of it, are circumstances to be remembered with no little satisfaction. I have grasped every opportunity to sing its praises, to extoll its virtues and to commend its progressiveness. At no time or place and under no circumstances, by act or deed, word or intention, have I ever agreed to any curtailment of local government or any abrogation of our municipal or charter rights. In the conduct of Town affairs you will bear me out that at no time have I interjected politics either in personnel or policies; neither have I at any time sought advice or received it on municipal matters from any source outside the Town. It is a matter of personal gratification to me that during the six years of my services as Mayor I have worked with you gentlemen in the most complete harmony. Practically every matter of policy and deliberation has been concluded in complete agreement of the Mayor and yourselves. If at any time there have been differences of moment I have never questioned your good faith or failed to weigh your opinions. I have yielded to your judgment on occasion as you have considerably yielded at times to mine. If ever there has been mutual official confidence, as far as outward evidence could show it, such confidence has existed between you and me. If in the recent election some of you may have sided with and worked for my opponent, you did so in the free and full exercise of your citizen rights, but the whys and wherefors thereof, in view of our long and agreeable official relationship, are difficult for me to understand. It is the one deep regret in my defeat. Fortunately no one individual is essential to community progress. He drops out and is soon forgotten. Another takes his place and the world moves serenely on. So it will be with us. I have congratulated my successor as I congratulate you Councilmen who have been re-elected. The community interests continue to lie in your hands. You will give to them of course your best efforts and attention. I wish you well.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 6, 1932

Upon call at Mayor Lewton a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Mayors residence, 113 Chestnut Avenue, convening at 7:30 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware.

The Mayor announced that he had taken the oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Rockville. He thereupon administered the oath of office to Councilmen elect Remsen, Sherburne and Ware, covering their new term of office beginning this date.

The Mayor announced that the Committee assignments would remain unchanged, as follows:

<u>FINANCE</u> : Mr. Rogers, Chairman; Mr. Adams, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Remsen.	<u>STREETS</u> : Mr. Remsen, Chairman; Mr. Iverson, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ware.
<u>CIVIC IMPROVEMENT</u> : Mr. Adams, Chr.; Mr. Rogers, Vice-Chr.; Mr. Sherburne.	<u>POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHTS</u> : Mr. Ware, Chr.; Mr. Sherburne, Vice-Chr.; Mr. Iverson.
<u>HEALTH</u> : Mr. Iverson, Chairman; Mr. Ware, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Adams.	<u>ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY</u> : Mr. Sherburne, Chr.; Mr. Remsen, Vice-Chr.; Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee had given careful consideration to the several protests presented to the annual assessment as presented by the Board of Assessors and recommended as follows; That Mr. Tittington's assessment of \$1900 on house on lot 14, block 17, Pine Crest, be eliminated as an assessment of \$1800 was made against the property last year. That the assessment of \$2400 on property of D.C. Dewey, lot 28, block 22, be eliminated, as the property has not advanced beyond the foundation; that the assessment added to property of F.H. Robbins, lot 35, block 37, be reduced from \$400 to \$200. That the assessment of \$2100 against the property of Mr. H.E. Dodge, lot 12, block 85, be eliminated as the house has not advanced beyond the foundation; that the assessment of \$600 against improvement of property of Vernon S. Arkd, lot 12, block 7, be reduced to \$500.00. These adjustments will leave the amount of new assessments at \$55425.00. Mr. Adams moved that the recommendations of the Committee as presented, be approved. The motion unanimously prevailed.

Mr. Rogers thereupon presented the following Ordinance approving and adopting the assessment;

Ordinance No. 528.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That the assessment of real property, covering new buildings erected, repairs and alterations in existing buildings, or corrections and adjustments in assessments heretofore adopted, as submitted and reported by the duly appointed Board of Assessors, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1932, be and the same is hereby adopted, the Council having sat as a Board of Review and having decided all objections and appeals presented.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

[Hence therefor:

For the Finance Committee Mr. Rogers recommended that the tax rate for the fiscal year 1932 be fixed at 85¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation and submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 529

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That a general tax of Eighty-five (85) Cents on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied and approved for the purpose of meeting any and all general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1932.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Rogers laid before the Council a proposed Budget for the fiscal year 1932, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. After discussion, resulting in slight changes, the adoption of the Budget as agreed upon was proposed in the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 530

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Town Charter the following Budget is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1932:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:		ALLOTMENTS FOR ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS:			
From general taxes	\$ 37,700.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	\$ 2000.00	Garbage and Trash collections	4000.00
" road tax, securities and bank tax refunds		Supt. Public Work	2160.00	Parks and Playgrounds	1000.00
Montgomery and Prince Georges Cos.	4,000.00	Electrical Inspector	300.00	Office furniture and supplies	500.00
" permits, interest on bank deposits and miscellaneous sources	800.00	Building Inspector	300.00	Printing and postage	250.00
" Dog licenses	500.00	Police Department: 3 officers	3600.00	Fire Department: Rental	1200.00
" surplus, 1931-1932	2500.00	Auto upkeep	300.00	Contribution	2400.00
Total	45,500.00	Telephone and miscel.	100.00	Ordinance Committee	340.00
		General Street work	14400.00	Miscellaneous	700.00
		Street lighting	7500.00	Reserve (10%)	4550.00
				Total	45500.00

Section 2. Salaries herein provided may be paid monthly or semi-monthly as the recipient may desire. Rentals shall be paid at the end of each month. Expenditures for street work shall be made as far as possible in equal quarterly amounts. Contribution to the Fire Department shall be made in equal quarterly payments.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Rem-

sen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Board of Assessors be granted the usual compensation of \$25.00 each. Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Chairman of the Police, Fire and Lights Committee be appointed Chief Police Officer and that the Mayor and each member of the Council be appointed a special police officer. The motion was carried.

Mr. Remsen moved that Major Wm. F. Fischer be reappointed Superintendent of Public Work at the annual salary of \$2160.00 provided in the budget. Carried and so or- [clerked

Mr. Rogers moved that Bryan Davis be reappointed Clerk and Treasurer; Mr. Remsen moved ^{to amend} that the appointment be for a period of three months pending consideration of a possible change in office hours and location. The motion as amended was carried.

On motion of Mr. Remsen, Mr. E. E. Blodgett was reappointed as Building Inspector, and Mr. E. B. Feltz appointed as Electrical Inspector.

On motion of Mr. Ware, Frank Lane was reappointed as Police Officer, and Messrs. W. F. Fischer, W. H. Evans, O. W. Scherger, A. B. Joseph, David Guze and Howard Drew as special police officers, and Mr. O. W. Scherger as Fire Marshal.

A request from C. Leonard Boyer for permission to store floats for the Fourth of July celebration in the Municipal Building was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Sherburne, for the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, submitted the following proposed Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 231

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. Any person addressing the Council at any of its regular monthly meetings shall confine his remarks to one period of time not to exceed five minutes unless unanimous consent be granted by vote of Council for a longer period. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to call time and enforce this ordinance.

Section 2. All remarks from the floor shall be directed to the Council and shall be germane to the order of business under consideration. The Mayor shall refuse to permit any one to address the group of citizens who may be assembled at the meeting.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 11:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Clerk