

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
AUGUST 9th, 1932

A Special meeting of the Mayor and Council was called by the Mayor at the request of the Finance Committee Chairman on August 9th, 1932, at the residence of the Mayor. All Councilmen present except Mr. Sherburne, who was out of town.

The Mayor stated that he had received a letter signed by the members of the Finance Committee, and acting in accordance therewith he had personally delivered to the Clerk and Treasurer at his residence, the following letter:--

"Mr. Bryan Davis,  
30 Denwood Ave.,  
Takoma Park, Md.

July 30th, 1932

Dear Sir:--

The following letter, signed by H. E. Rogers, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and by Peter Remsen and John R. Adams, members of the Committee, has been received by me under date of July 30th, 1932:

"Because the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Bryan Davis, has failed to turn over to the Auditor the record book of receipts from Special Assessments, and has refused to enter the funds received since July 1st, 1932, in the cash book provided, as requested by the Mayor, I, Chairman of the Finance Committee, ask that you exercise your power as Mayor, as provided in the Charter, and discharge immediately Mr. Bryan Davis as Clerk and Treasurer."

Acting upon this request and within the powers granted me in the Charter, I hereby notify you that you are discharged from the service of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as Clerk and Treasurer, effective this date.

Very truly yours,  
F. L. Lewton,  
Mayor."

By unanimous vote the Council approved the action of the Mayor in dismissing Mr. Bryan Davis as Clerk and

Treasurer as of July 30th, 1932.

Moved by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Remsen:-  
That the Finance Committee be instructed to determine the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer, the hours of work to be observed, the compensation that will be paid and the amount of bond that will be required of the candidate. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Remsen and seconded by Mr. Rogers:-  
That the applications of the various candidates requesting consideration for appointment as Clerk and Treasurer be compared by the Finance Committee with the job specifications as set up in the previous motion and a recommendation be brought before the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned upon motion of Mr. Rogers,  
at 10:55 P.M.

F. L. Lewton,  
Acting as Clerk.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
AUGUST 15th, 1932.

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the Fire House August 15th, 1932.

The following were present:-- Mayor F. L. Lewton, and Councilmen J. R. Adams, R. G. Sherburne, I. H. Ware, M. F. Iverson, P. Remsen and H. E. Rogers.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved; also the regular meeting of July 18th. The Special meeting of August 9th, was read and approved.

The Mayor stated that because of the auditing work being done, it was impossible to prepare an annual statement.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:--

Mr. J. Enos Ray presented a communication regarding the repairing of Sligo Mill Road, or Locust Avenue, which was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. W. A. Mellen presented a communication regarding the construction of a sidewalk on Carroll Avenue; referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Mellen also referred to the need of repairing the Catch basin on Carroll Avenue. This matter also referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Dan J. Faber spoke of the condition on Philadelphia Avenue; Referred to Street Committee.

Dr. L. Jordan called attention to various items needed in North Takoma. The Mayor explained that these matters were being cared for.

R. M. Shenk, of Elm Avenue, spoke of a pipe required in improvement along his property, and was asked by the Mayor to submit a statement in writing, and it will be referred to the proper Committee for attention.

Mrs. W. J. McDaniel, of 6625 Eastern Avenue, asked regarding the removal of a pole (No. 7266). A letter from the Potomac Electric Power Company sent to her August 12th.

Mr. John R. Adams submitted the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of July:--

RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF JULY 1932

	<u>July 1st to 9th</u>	<u>July &lt; 10th to 31</u>	<u>Entire Month</u>
For taxes	\$3371.11	\$14814.38	\$18185.49
Special Assessments	591.68	264.08	855.76
Penalties	1.73	3.08	4.81
Refunds (due)	.92	6.75	7.67
Building Permits		18.00	18.00
Electric Permits	4.00	5.00	9.00
Dog Taxes and tags		19.50	19.50
Petty Cash from retiring clerk		99.49	99.49
Charges-cost redemptions		10.00	10.00
	<u>\$3969.44</u>	<u>\$15240.28</u>	<u>\$19209.72</u>
Discounts allowed	<u>140.28</u>	<u>597.34</u>	<u>737.62</u>

DISBURSEMENTS MONTH OF JULY, 1932

## STREETS:--

Labor	<u>501.20</u>	501.20
Engineering		X 183.30
Concrete	42.00	
Slag, Oil, etc.	401.30	
Cement, sand, etc.	32.77	
Sewer Pipe	56.88	
Coal hole covers	54.00	
Hardware tools	19.80	
Gasoline & Auto upkp	<u>103.34</u>	710.09
Paving contractor		3003.38
New truck		<u>615.31</u>
TOTAL STREETS		5013.28

## PARKS:--

Labor		274.00
Incinerators		<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL PARKS		374.00

## PLAYGROUNDS:--

Lumber		11.65
Athletic equipment		<u>31.46</u>
TOTAL PLAYGROUNDS		43.11

## POLICE:--

Salaries	300.00
Uniforms	123.95
Gasoline & auto upkeep	23.41
Telephones	<u>19.65</u>

TOTAL POLICE	467.01
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## SERVICES:--

Trash collection labor	86.40
Garbage collection labor	180.00
Gas & upkeep	<u>33.02</u>
Street lighting	<u>213.02</u>
	569.07

TOTAL SERVICES	868.49	868.49
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## SALARIES:--

Supt. Public works	180.00
Assistant Clerk	75.00
Building Inspector	25.00
Electrical Inspector	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL SALARIES	305.00
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## OFFICE:--

Telephones	22.82
Printing tax bills	20.75
Postage	6.95
Cash book, ink, etc.	<u>4.25</u>

TOTAL OFFICE	54.77
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AUDITOR ON ACCOUNT	500.00
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## REFUNDS:--

Overpayments on taxes	1.69
Building deposit	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL REFUNDS	51.69
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	<u>\$7677.35</u>
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The Mayor stated that he had received a call from the County Health Officer to attend a conference of Health Officer's in regard to the question of collection of garbage in Takoma Park and vicinity. An expert on such matters was present, and stated that until we reached a population of 10,000, he did not believe we should be put to the expense of an incinerator plant. He thought the present plan would be satisfactory if handled right.

At the last meeting the Mayor was instructed to appoint a committee on equipping the office. He named R. G. Sherburne and M. F. Iverson.

Mr. Adams submitted bills, approved for payment, aggregating \$1806.13, and upon motion of Mr. Rogers, it was voted that the bills be paid.

The report of the Street Committee was submitted by Mr. Remsen. The following is a summary of the report:-

1. The installation of a "Dead End Street" sign at the intersection of Holly Avenue and Tulip to warn traffic from Holly Avenue.

2. Superintendent of Public Works instructed to regard Holly Avenue beyond limit of paving.

3. The Street Committee, after examining certain sidewalks on Carroll Avenue, decided to reconstruct those in the worst condition, involving approximately 1200 feet at an expense of \$864.00.

4. Responding to a letter July 18th, from Washington Sanitarium, the Committee reports the condition not dangerous, and as the new bridge will soon be completed, the drain can be carried down the slope, and the Superintendent of Public Works has been advised to take care of this matter at that time.

5. Two complaints from the July meeting have not been finished. They will be worked out as soon as possible. These refer to the oiling of Chaney Drive and piping the stream in Breashers Avenue.

6. The Committee filed a letter from L. R. Graybill reminding the Committee of his retirement from active service in the District Government, and offered his services in connection with any street program, or other work of similar nature.

A letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan in regard to repiping of the Spring in the rear of the Wallace property. The letter was appreciated by the Committee,

and the Council is always ready to listen to words of commendation.

7. A letter, dated August 8th, 1932, addressed to the Mayor, and signed by Harry B. Shaw, County Engineer, requesting information in regard to any permanent grades which the Town may have for the intersection of Takoma and Boston Avenues. The County Engineer's office has been requested to establish grades from Boston to Takoma Avenue from Boston to Philadelphia Avenue. The Committee suggests that two letters be written. (a) Acknowledging receipt of Mr. Shaw's letter and stating that the matter is being investigated. (b) That Mr. Platt be informed that application for permanent grades should originate with the Town Council.

8. In the matter of petition dated July 6th, 1932, and received during the past week, signed by residents of Eastern Avenue. Careful consideration was given this matter, and if possible the services of Mr. Graybill will be enlisted in an effort to obtain a definite statement as to the intention of the District for temporary maintenance or permanent improvement.

9. The oiling of South Lincoln Avenue, as requested by William C. Fowler, has been done during the past week.

10. The Committee recommended that copy of petition dated July 8th, 1932, addressed to the Mayor and Council, and signed by the residents of Philadelphia Avenue, be made, and this be placed in our file. They further recommend that when this is done, that the original and clipping attached be forwarded to the County Commissioners, and that they be reminded of the pledge to the Town, and asked that they include this street in any early program they may contemplate. This should be done more particularly because of the arrangement of Philadelphia with Baltimore, Boston, Saratoga, and Chestnut Avenues, now about completed.

11. A petition was presented from residents on Boyd Avenue for an open street. This should be laid on the table until further investigation can be made of the subject.

Mr. Ware reported for the Committee on Police, Fire and lights.

He spoke of the apprehension of the colored man stealing chickens, and his being shot in the scuffle that ensued.

Sixty-two complaints had been filed since the last meeting.

Owing to the removal of Mr. Cruse as baliff for the

Washington Sanitarium, he asked the Council to appoint Edwin Russell and Basil Jarvis, and by vote these two were appointed special officers.

The Committee on ordinance and judiciary have no report.

Mr. Adams reported for the Civic Improvement Committee. He called attention to petition signed by Thomas Manry and others regarding bathing facilities in Spring Park. No efforts are contemplated for the enlargement of that nature.

He presented a letter from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, requesting the action of the Council on petition for zoning Lots 15 to 22, Block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest Addition, from residential A to Commercial D.

Mr. Adams moved that this petition be not granted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Remsen.

The question was called and two voted in the affirmative, one voted no, and three did not vote.

The Health Committee had no report to present. They have made satisfactory arrangement with reference to disposal of garbage, and the complaint of 14 Alleghany Avenue is being taken care of.

The Council at ten thirty o'clock adjourned.

F. L. Lewton, Chairman,  
H. E. Rogers, Secretary pro tem.