

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1932.

A special meeting of the Council was convened at the Fire House at 8:00 P.M. The following members were present:-- The Mayor, P. Remsen, I. H. Ware, R. G. Sherburne, J. R. Adams, M. F. Iverson, H. E. Rogers.

The Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the Auditor, Mr. D. N. Burnham. He further stated that a copy of the report was given Mr. Bryan Davis last Wednesday, with the request that he be present at this meeting, and submit any explanation that he has to make. No member of the Council or any one else has seen the report. So this meeting is called for the benefit of the Council. It is not in any sense a public meeting. At the request of the newspapers I invited them to be present. I will ask Mr. Burnham to read the report. I have a letter from Mr. J. Bond Smith, which will be read a little later. A copy of this report was today turned over to the Surety firm which bonded the Treasurer, and a copy was sent to the State's Attorney at Rockville, Mr. Steadman Prescott.

Mr. R. G. Sherburne:- I would like to make a motion, that E. Barrett Prettyman be appointed Corporation Counsel, effective this date. The motion was seconded and carried.

At this point Mr. Burnham began reading the report, and continued through the entire report, showing a total shortage during the five year period of \$12,809.66, so far as the confirmatory statements from tax-payers have been received.

The Mayor explained regarding the necessity of securing these confirmatory reports, and that until this is done the audit cannot be completely settled.

At this juncture the Mayor read the letter from Mr. J. Bond Smith.

Mr. R. G. Sherburne: I would like to make a motion, that the Council authorize civil action to recover the unaccounted for money due the town of Takoma Park; that the time of filing be left with the Mayor, The Finance Committee, and the Corporation Counsel. This motion was seconded and carried.

At the request of Mr. Ware, it was voted that a permit be given to Mr. David Goldstein to speak on the streets of Takoma Park, on Saturday, October 8th, 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor explained that all the essential features

of the report was laid before the Council on July 9th, with Mr. Bryan Davis present, so that the complaint that Mr. Smith makes in his letter bears no point.

Consideration was given the request of Mr. Smith to have opportunity to audit the books.

The Mayor explained regarding the confirmatory reports, that the tax-payers have in many cases loaned their receipts. He would have to safeguard carefully all such reports.

Mr. Ware; I would recommend that in connection with the receipts, that copies be made of the original at the time.

Mr. Adams; I think a record ought to be made of the receipts that we have here, and the original returned to the tax-payer.

Mr. Burnham; In connection with the receipts submitted to us as the result of the confirmatory letter, I hold myself personally responsible for their safe return. They came to me at my request and the request of the Town, and we certainly will not permit them to be promiscuously pawed over. If it is necessary to resort to legal means to collect any of this discrepancy, every dollar of the money represented by these receipts is money due to the Town. I would suggest that they be very carefully kept. They should be lodged in the Northwestern building or some other place, where they will not be available to any one who wants to look them over;

Mr. Remsen: I think the Mayor should be empowered to negotiate with the Attorney for Mr. Davis, and ascertain the earliest possible date at which he will be ready to file his answer. If that is not satisfactory, that the Mayor and Finance Committee set a definite date, at which time his answer must be ready.

The Mayor: That was the purpose in giving the Mayor, The Finance Committee, and the Corporation Counsel discretion in the matter. Of course we cannot have it drawn out indefinitely. I think, as Mr. Remsen says, we should have an answer at a reasonable time, beyond which we will not longer delay action.

Mr. Remsen: I will put that in the form of a motion.

Mr. Sherburne: I will second it.

The Mayor: The motion is that Mr. Smith's letter be answered, and he be told the action of the Council seeking to start civil action to collect money due the Town, and

such action will be taken after he has been given an opportunity to satisfy himself of the correctness of the audit. The motion was carried.

Mr. Remsen: I move that the tax receipts which were collected, and are necessary as evidence, should it be necessary to start civil action, should be retained by the auditor and kept by him.

Mr. Adams: I second the motion. This motion was carried.

The Mayor: If the Counsel for Mr. Davis wishes to see them, he can apply to the Auditor for them.

Mr. Adams: In case Mr. Davis's Counsel secured an auditor who desires to go over these books, will that perusal be under the surveillance of a representative of Mr. Burnham.

The Mayor; That is a question; it will be necessary to employ Mr. Burnham further to do that.

Mr. Ware: I think that should be paid by Mr. Smith.

R. G. Sherburne: If it is necessary to have another auditor to come in here to check these records, I move that a representative of the firm of Burnham & Co., be authorized to be here at all times that the other auditor is on duty, provided Mr. Burnham is given 24 hours notice as to when he is to be here.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Adams and was adopted.

There being no further business, the Council, at 9:30 P. M. adjourned.

F. L. LEWTON, Mayor.

H. E. ROGERS, Clerk pro tem.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
SEPT. 19th, 1932-8:00 P.M.

Present: The Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne, Ware and Rogers.

Minutes of meeting held August 15th, and of the Special Meeting held September 12th, were read and approved.

The Mayor explained that he had answered Mr. J. Bond Smith's letter, which was read to the Council, dated September 13th, 1932. Also a letter dated September 13th, addressed to Mr. D. N. Burnham. A copy of Mr. Burnham's letter was also read. The Mayor stated that these were read for the information of the Council, and that it may know that the action was carried out.

The report of the Treasurer was next read by Mr. Adams, and on motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved:--

The report is as follows:--

FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MONTH OF AUGUST, 1932.

RECEIPTS

General taxes		\$5360.34
Discounts allowed	\$191.31	
Special improvements		838.01
Interest and penalties		24.95
Charges		18.75
Building Permits		17.00
Electrical permits		10.00
Excavation permits		11.00
Dog taxes		49.00
Redemptions		235.28
Overpayments of taxes		7.86
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		\$6572.19

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BANK STATEMENT

July 31st,	On hand Citizens Bank	\$5818.53	
	Deposits month Aug.	<u>1290.30</u>	
Aug. 31st,	Balance on hand		7108.83
July 31st,	On hand Takoma Pr. Bank	14310.05	
	Deposits month Aug.	<u>5281.89</u>	
		19591.94	
	Withdrawals August	<u>4480.45</u>	
Aug. 31st,	Balance on hand		<u>15111.49</u>
Aug. 31st,	Total balance on hand		\$22220.32

## DISBURSEMENTS:-

STREETS:	Labor	\$415.20	
	Slag, Oil, etc.	\$531.25	
	Hdw. Tools, Equip.	26.49	
	Gas, Auto Upkp.	<u>110.90</u>	
		668.64	
	Repairs Sidewalks	<u>972.80</u>	\$2056.64
PARKS:	Labor		95.10
PLAYGROUNDS:-	Salary Supervisor		
	July and August	100.00	
	Lumber	<u>6.91</u>	
	Total		106.91
POLICE:	Salaries	300.00	
	Equipment	3.25	
	Gas and Auto Upkeep	86.49	
	Telephone	<u>10.92</u>	
	Total		400.66
FIRE DEPARTMENT:			150.00
JAIL:	Lumber		26.02
SERVICE:	Trash Collection labor	78.00	
	Garbage Collection "	90.00	
	Gas and Auto. Upkp	62.40	
	Street Lighting	<u>581.48</u>	
	Total		811.88

## SALARIES:-

Supt. of Public Works	\$180.00	
Assistant Clerks	180.00	
Building Inspector	25.00	
Electrical Inspector	25.00	
Total		410.00

## OFFICE:-

Telephones	14.75	
Printing	42.50	
Postage	40.04	
Petty Cash	25.00	
Typewriting machine	99.75	
Ink, stationery, etc.	1.20	
Total		223.24

## AUDITOR:-

On account		<u>200.00</u>
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Total disbursements \$4480.45 - 4479.85

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

H. E. Rogers,  
Jno. R. Adams,  
Peter Remsen.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:--

A communication was read from Joseph A. Becker with reference to the safety of school children crossing streets at Saratoga and Philadelphia Avenues, and other matters in that vicinity. Referred to Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. Morris Bien regarding the care of the parking along Elm Ave. Referred to Street Committee.

A letter and petition from L. E. Froom regarding surface water carried in a pipe, which causes frequent flooding and consequent damage to his property, and asking the Council to take immediate steps to remedy the conditions.

The Mayor stated that Dr. Jordan offered suggestions for a special committee which it is planned shall be appointed to consider proposed amendments for the Town Charter when the legislature meets in January.

Upon the request of Dr. Jordan, it was voted that he be given ten minutes at the October meeting to speak upon the subject of taxation.

Mr. Walter Pritchard made reference to a petition for Paving Albany and Buffalo Avenues, and asked that action be taken on the matter. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. F. D. Kidwell protested the laying of sidewalk along the front of his property at 641 Carroll Avenue.

Dr. J. A. LeClerc asked that the parking of automobiles be limited to one side of Cedar Avenue between Philadelphia and Tulip Avenues.

W. C. Scheller called attention to the condition of Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick asked that a temporary sidewalk be constructed on Cedar Avenue from Philadelphia to the end of the old sidewalk.

Mr. F. G. Matthews requested that "No Parking" signs be installed on Carroll Avenue East of the new bridge.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:-

The report of the Finance Committee was read, recommending the payment of bills amounting to \$1,482.16, and it was voted that the bills be paid.

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Remsen referred to a letter from Louis J. Carcello regarding Brashears Avenue, that it be closed, and stated that the work is now under way, and is covered in the report to be submitted later.

Mr. Remsen next referred to a letter from Mrs. Wm. C. Allard asking that the weeds on vacant lots and parks should be taken care of. That can be answered by saying that the work was done August 16th.

Mr. Remsen stated:- Mr. Kidwell's letter was referred to the Street Committee tonight, and, as the Mayor has said, will be given consideration when the time comes to make a decision as to whether those walks should be installed."

The written report of the Street Committee was next presented as follows:--

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMITTEE  
FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 19th, 1932.

A letter from Dr. Jordan residing at 100 Baltimore Ave., dated August 15th, 1932, lists three portions of the sidewalks in need of repair. These broken and damaged sidewalks were treated as follows:-

1. Corner of Baltimore and Takoma.  
This has been repaired.
2. In front of property of H. Y. Dawkins.  
This has been repaired.



3. In front of property of Commander Lake.  
Not repaired as yet.

Item 3 was damaged by parties employed by the owner in obtaining backfill. As the operation is not completed and as the sidewalks are not in a dangerous condition, the committee decided to await completion of the projects on these properties before proceeding with the repairs.

Several items in this same letter come properly under jurisdiction of the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee and therefore this letter is returned to Council and ask that it be referred to the proper committee.

Because of the travel by school children over that portion of Philadelphia Avenue which is unpaved, the street surface was improved and oiled from Chicago Ave. to the new pavement at Saratoga Ave.. A covering of stone screenings was also spread over the surface.

The Street Committee wishes to call attention of the residents of the Town, who reside on unpaved streets to the fact that oil cannot be obtained as heretofore from garages and gasoline stations free of charge. It was the practice of the Supt. of Public Works to maintain containers at such places and to haul this oil to the streets as it accumulated. Most of this oil now is contracted by parties who process it for resale. Therefore it is now necessary to obtain waste oil in tank wagons from some other source at a considerable expense. Consequently the Street Committee feels it cannot use oil as freely as in the past, but will, however, endeavor to obtain from time to time as funds are available, oil in tank wagon quantities and distribute this as equitably as possible.

A letter from Mrs. . Guenther, dated August 12th; a letter signed by Mrs. D. W. Carpenter and Mrs. Helen K. Romm, dated August 12th; also telephone requests of Mrs. Heale, all parties residing on Eastern Ave., and requesting oil were referred to Committee. Some oil was placed on Eastern Ave. during the past month. Committee requests the Clerk to answer these letters acknowledging same time information as noted above. These letters are returned for filing.

A petition dated August 15th and signed by 9 out of 20 property owners petitioning the Town to take steps to secure dedication of the required land to open Boyd Ave. as far as Jackson Ave. was referred to the Street Committee. As this petition would involve certain legal actions before the street could be improved, the Street Committee wishes to refer the same to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee. The Committee suggests that they investigate this matter and that both Committees make a joint report as soon as definite recommendations can be decided upon.

A letter dated August 15th, and signed by G. E. Osborne of 6701 Georgia Ave. N.W. calls attention to the condition of the street in front of the driveway at 612 Lincoln Ave. of which he is owner. This matter was referred to the Supt. of Public Works who has taken care of same. The letter is therefore returned to the files with notations.

The Street Committee wishes to make a preliminary report on several communications dated August 15th, addressed to Council and signed by Mr. William A. Mellon. The report is as follows:

1. In regard to sidewalk at lower end of Carroll Ave., steps are being taken to obtain and establish lines and grades from the County Engineers office. This office is being consulted in this matter in order that any work done may conform to the contemplated changes, if any, at the Carroll Ave. bridge approach. Definite action will be taken on this petition as soon as these have been obtained.

2. In regard to the reconstruction of a catch basin at the lower end of Carroll Ave., the Street Committee wishes to report that they have visited the site, examined same and recommend that an additional catch basin be constructed about 100 feet South along Carroll Ave., up the hill. This should relieve the situation until such time as curb and gutter are constructed down Carroll Ave. toward the Sligo Park. This item of work has not been done yet because of other prior requests.

The Committee wishes to report that these two letters will be retained until a final report can be made.

A letter dated August 13th addressed to the Mayor and Council and signed by J. Enos Ray was submitted to the Street Committee for consideration. The Committee wishes to state that it appreciates the expression of friendly cooperation as set forth and will endeavor to cooperate in every way with those interested in developing that portion of the Town of Takoma lying within the boundaries of Prince Georges County. Because of the lack of rainfall it has been impossible to regrade this stretch of road without heavy machinery. However, the attention of the Supt. of Public Works has been called to the matter and it will be scraped and repaired at the earliest possible date. The Committee would appreciate a notice of any contemplated improvement of that portion of the road adjacent to the Town line sufficiently in advance of same in order that it may make proper provisions for carrying the work through within the Town limits in a similar manner.

The Committee returns this letter and suggests that same be answered by the Mayor setting forth this report and any other matters that he may deem necessary.

A report is made by the Committee on the petition for Sidewalks on Chaney Drive submitted under date of July 15th.

This letter will be returned by Committee with proposal for for advertising same.

A letter dated July 18th, addressed to the Mayor and Council and signed by Mr. H. E. Jenkins of 104 Flower Ave. requests oil on Chaney Drive. This street was oiled in September. Committee requests that a letter be written to include the discussion of oiling as set forth earlier in this report. The letter is returned to the files.

The letter dated July 16th addressed to Mayor and Council and signed by owners residing on Eastern Ave. and referring to the condition of same is still being held by Committee. Committee cannot make any definite report because of no definite word from D. C. Commissioners as to their intentions in regard to the improvement of that part of Eastern Ave. within limits of District of Columbia.

The complaint of J. Dann Faber dated August 15th and referring to the condition of Takoma Ave. has been attended to on Sept. 8th, 1932.

The regular work of the Street Committee has been carried forward through the month. In addition the Supt. of Public Works has finished a curb and gutter on the Columbia Ave. hill and a top surface will be applied in all probability during the coming month.

The work of constructing the manhole and extending the drainage line along the stream through Brashears Ave. is under way and approximately 35% completed. This will, when completed, answer the complaint as registered by Mr. May of Baltimore Ave. earlier in the year.

Respectfully submitted  
Peter Remsen,  
M. F. Iverson,  
I. H. Ware.

The Street Committee wishes to recommend that, unless all residents on the street waive public hearing, a public hearing be held of all those property owners residing on Chaney Drive, and that a date be set and the proper publicity of this hearing be made in the local papers.

On motion of Mr. Remsen, seconded by I. H. Ware, it was voted that the date of the hearing be the next monthly meeting of the Council to be held in October.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHTS:-

Mr. Ware stated that since the last meeting the police have received 71 complaints. All complaints have been taken care of. Since July 1st, 215 complaints have been received, and all complaints reported were taken care of.

There is a school boy patrol formed through the operation of the Automobile Association. There is a detail at the Maryland school, one at the Adventists School on Columbia Ave., and a small patrol at the Washington Sanitarium. The patrol carries fourteen boys. It would be difficult to police all these places with a regular officer when we have only three men on duty at one time.

Your committee has examined the property at 114 and 116 Maple Avenue. There is a private alley between the two properties, over which the Town has no jurisdiction. In the parking at that entrance we would put a sign "Entrance-No Parking", and your Committee would so recommend.

In connection with request for lights on Domer and Greenwood Aves., I would say that we took the matter up with the Power Company, and have the lights installed, thus removing some very bad complaints.

Regarding temporary lights crossing the Sligo at the temporary foot bridge, I would report that they were disconnected by the Power Company, Sept. 14th. I understand that the College desires that the temporary bridge be retained. I would suggest that a letter be written to Mr. Pulver, or whoever may have the jurisdiction, notifying him to the effect that the Town does not wish to continue the bridge, and that would relieve us of any responsibility in the future.

In connection with Cedar Ave. project, I would move that the Committee be authorized to go ahead and order the two lights installed on Cedar Ave. between the end of the pavement and Philadelphia Ave. This motion was seconded and carried.

In connection with the police equipment, we need new uniforms for cold weather. We could get these heavier uniforms for \$22.50 to \$29.95. I would like to recommend and secure the authority to buy three coats. The officers to take care of any additional equipment in the future, unless sanctioned by the Council. The three coats will cost \$89.25.

J. R. Adams: I move that the recommendations in the report be adopted. It was also voted that the purchase of this equipment be approved.

#### REPORT OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:-

Mr. R. G. Sherburne:- I move that the Council authorize the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee to arrange to secure Workman's Compensation Insurance for the number of men carried on the payroll, and also Fire, Theft, Liability, and property Damage, for the Town's three trucks. The amount of liability on each machine not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Remsen and carried.

Mr. Sherburne:- I wish to state that your Committee have in mind several important changes in the Town Charter to be laid before the legislature in 1933. Since the last meeting of the Council, the Ordinance Committee met and discussed the printing of the ordinances with the Mayor, who is now familiarizing himself with the contents, preparatory to returning them to the committee for recommendation.

In view of the unfortunate conditions existing in Takoma Park, relative to the speedy handling of emergency cases, as illustrated by the tragic death of George W. Ellington, I wish to strongly urge that the Town buy an Inhalator for use in reviving persons who are overcome by gas. The total cost would be in the neighborhood of \$200.00, with auxiliary equipment \$230.00. That would furnish about two hours supply of gas. This apparatus could be left for use in the Fire Department, where it could be carried out on call. I move that the apparatus be purchased. (An agent for the Inhalator was present and exhibited the machine). The motion to purchase was carried.

Mr. Sherburne:- I would like to have authorization from the Council, if possible, to carry this matter of the handling of the call for help for Mr. Ellington to the attention of others. I can see no reason why a man should not use reasonable carefulness in answering a call from a citizen, whether he represents the Town or not. Mr. Sherburne read a letter which he had written to the Walter Reed Hospital.

The Mayor suggested that we wait for reply from the hospital.

Mr. Remsen: I move that the question of answering the letter be referred to the Mayor and Mr. Sherburne, and that they take such further steps as they deem necessary. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ware and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Adams:- "I have a report from the Supervisor of the playgrounds covering the two months he was in charge of this playground. It was opened for 53 days. He stated that during that time he had 2,350 people in attendance. He thought it had met with considerable success."

In further connection with the playground I have a letter from Mrs. Robinson reporting an expense of \$8.48. I move that the bill be paid. This motion was seconded and carried.

I have a request from Hunt's Three Ring Circus for them to operate on the playground tomorrow; that will be granted.

## REPORT OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE:-

M. F. Iverson:- Reported that the storm sewer North of the Sligo Avenue bridge will probably be completed within the next few days. North Takoma Park is also completed. That will keep all drains from the railroad going through the streets.

Peter Remsen moved that the Police, Fire and Light's Committee be authorized to write a statement regarding the membership drive for the Fire Department, and have it published in the local papers, endorsing the drive. This motion was seconded and carried.

The Council at 10:45 o'clock adjourned.

F. L. Lewton, Mayor,

H. E. Rogers, Secretary pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.  
SEPTEMBER 19th, 1932.  
11:15 P.M.

The Mayor and all members of the Council were present.

This meeting was called to consider the appointment of Clerk and Treasurer.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:-

"Your Committee on Finance would enumerate the following as among the duties and obligations of the Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland:-

1. To act as Secretary of the Council in keeping accurate minutes of the meetings held, and indexing the same.

2. That he be a competent accountant, prepared to take charge of the Town's accounts, and conduct the work, both as Clerk and Treasurer, in the manner specified in the Town Charter.

3. To act as the agent of the Mayor and Council in meeting the public, and giving information in which the public is interested.

4. To assist the Chairmen of the various committees of the Council in preparing reports.

5. We suggest that the amount of the bond of the Clerk and Treasurer be placed at \$20,000.

6. We further suggest that the salary begin at \$1800. per year, to be increased as circumstances warrant."

Upon motion by Mr. Sherburne it was voted that the report submitted by the Finance Committee in regard to the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer, be accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Sherburne it was voted to call a special meeting of the Council to be held at the Mayor's residence on Wednesday evening, September 21st, to give further consideration to the question of appointing a Clerk and Treasurer.

It was suggested by Mr. Adams that all applicants residing outside of Takoma Park be eliminated from consideration in making the appointment.

Mr. Adams moved that we pay Mr. E. E. Blodgett an extra \$15.00 a month upkeep for an automobile which he will purchase to use in his work at Building Inspector, revokable at any time. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sherburne and adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock midnight.

F. L. Lewton, Mayor,

H. E. Rogers, Secretary protem.



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.  
SEPTEMBER 21st, 1932.

A special meeting was held by the Mayor and Council at the residence of the Mayor, at 8:00 P. M.

There were present the Mayor, and Councilmen Adams, Remsen, Iverson, Sherburne, Ware and Rogers.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Rogers presented the report of the Committee on Finance, as follows:-

"Your Committee on Finance, to whom has been referred the question of recommending the name of a Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year, after studying the capabilities of the various applicants, and tabulating the educational advantages and training each has had, would respectfully recommend for the position of Clerk and Treasurer for the Town of Takoma Park, the name of J. Wilson Dodd."

Opportunity was given for the members of the Council to look over the various applications received for the position, and to study them; after which it was moved by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Adams, that the report be adopted, and the report was adopted.

Consideration was given the matter of securing bond for the Clerk and Treasurer, and it was voted as follows:--

That bond be secured in the amount of \$20,000; that Mr. Dodd shall deposit money for the account of the Town of Takoma Park in such banks as may be designated by the Mayor and Council, and when money shall be deposited, his responsibility as to the safe keeping of those funds shall cease and determine.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ware and upon consideration was adopted:--

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Town Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, held on September 19th, the attention of the Mayor and Council was directed to a campaign now under way by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, for additional membership, and it being pointed out that the drive was for the purpose of securing the necessart funds to enable the department to replace worn equipment and obtain new and more up-to-date apparatus, and feeling that the objective was most worthy, the Mayor and Council adopts this resolution;

WHEREAS; the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department has a substantial investment in its building, equipment, and apparatus affording at all times efficient protection to life and property within the community, and

WHEREAS, those responsible for the management of the Department cannot see their way clear to purchase new hose and other needed equipment until they have provided for the payment of the \$2,000 which is still outstanding over and above the first mortgage on the building, and

WHEREAS, the indebtedness of the department has been reduced to the extent of \$10,000 subsequent to June 30th, 1929, realizing fully the burden upon the active members of the department occasioned by this essential reduction in outstanding obligations, we desire to record our hearty endorsement of the project herein referred to and now under way.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, commends this worthy cause to the property owners of the community in whose behalf a few public spirited citizens are giving their services in the work of our local volunteer fire department; That we recognize the efficient fire and other protection afforded by the organization and feel that they should receive sympathetic encouragement and assistance from every one in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, copy sent to the Chairman of the membership drive committee, with copies to representatives of the press as an expression of our appreciation of their interest in local civic affairs.

By order of the Mayor and Council, September 19th, 1932.

Attest:-

I. H. Ware, Chairman  
Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

F. L. Lewton,  
Mayor. "

It was voted to secure automobile insurance for the four automobiles operated by the Town, covering fire, theft, liability and property damage; and to secure workmen's compensation insurance covering those employed by the Town, based upon a payroll of approximately \$16,000 annually, and that the placing of this insurance be left with Mr. Sherburne.

It was voted to ask the Superintendent of Public Works to trim the over-hanging trees on Willow Avenue.

By vote the Council appointed Mr. H. W. Scherger special police for Saturday nights only, when dances are held in the Town Hall, and that he police only that part of the building.

It was also voted that Chas. S. Thomas be appointed special officer for duty in the police station, without salary, and for service at night.

The meeting adjourned.

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