

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, Md.
May 6th, 1933

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger and Rogers. Meeting called for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election. The Judges' report was submitted as follows:--

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, Md. May 1st, 1933.

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 with the selection of Jno. W. Coffman, Jr., as Chairman, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. The poles 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 on as Councilmen for the term of two years and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:-

Jno. R. Adams - 800, A. L. Conger 1109, R. L. H. Jones 472,
Alvin G. McNish - 98, J. Maurice Phillips - 414 and
M. C. Taft - 717.

The following name was also voted on for the unexpired term of Councilman for one year, receiving the number of votes set opposite the candidates name:-

C. L. Boyer - 1003.

The total number of votes cast was 1277.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast, and were duly elected as Councilmen to serve for a period of two years from June 5th, 1933:-

A. L. Conger, John R. Adams, M. C. Taft.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidate was duly elected to serve as Councilman for the unexpired one year term:-

C. L. Boyer.

Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith enclosed for delivery to the Councilmen elect.

Very respectfully,
John W. Coffman, Chairman
Frederick B. Blackburn,
Dorothy E. Pumphrey,
Rose S. Rutledge,
Hansard K. Presley.
Judges of election.

Attest: Robt M. Lyons,
Clerk.

Adjourned 8:45 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.
MAY 15th, 1933.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers and Sherburne.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 17th, and Special meetings of April 22nd, April 27th and May 6th were read and approved.

Financial report of the Treasurer for the Month of April was read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT, TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MD. April, 1933:-

RECEIPTS:-

General taxes-----	\$1339.75
Penalties and interest-----	202.93
Charges-----	237.75
Special Assessments-----	708.79
Building permits-----	6.00
Electrical Permits-----	2.00
Dog Tax-----	24.25
Tax Sale Redemptions-----	416.59
Total receipts	<u>2938.06</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

March 31st, on hand Citizens Bank	\$ 345.54	
Deposits for April	<u>1093.99</u>	
April 30th, On hand		1439.53
March 31st, On hand Takoma Park Bank	9496.37	
Deposits for April	1844.07	
	<u>11340.44</u>	
Withdrawn in April	<u>3387.51</u>	
April 30th, On hand		7952.93
April 30th, On hand both banks		<u>9392.46</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:-

March 31st, On hand Takoma Park Bank	440.56
" 31st, " Citizens Bank	<u>8749.33</u>
April 30th, Total savings acct. both banks	9189.89

DISBURSEMENTS:

STREETS

Labor			\$ 283.00	
Cement	\$ 3.20			
Pipe	32.40			
"	11.25	\$ 46.85		
Repairs	<u>24.00</u>			
"	35.00	59.00		
Tools-Sup.	5.35			
"	2.20	7.55		
Auto Upkeep		16.07		
Gas		<u>15.85</u>	145.32	\$428.32

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor			135.00	
Garbage-Labor			170.00	
" Auto Upkeep		2.74		
" Gas		<u>10.73</u>	13.47	
Street Lights			<u>525.07</u>	843.54

POLICE:

Salaries			300.00	
Auto Upkeep	\$28.81			
"	<u>1.75</u>	30.56		
Gas		35.02		
Sign for door		1.00		
Telephone		6.20		
Equip-Auto	304.11			
" Siren	<u>33.07</u>	<u>337.18</u>	<u>409.96</u>	709.96

OFFICE:

Salaries			410.00	
Telephones		9.15		
Sup. Postage				
etc.	3.53			
	<u>39.87</u>	43.40		
Registration Officers		75.00		
Auto exp. E.E. Blodgett		<u>15.00</u>	<u>142.55</u>	552.55

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor			<u>90.40</u>	90.40
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

150.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Recording Fees		6.75		6.75
Refunds-Tax certificates		415.84		
Dog Impounder		11.00		
Printing Tax Lists		156.75		
Covers for Town Ordinances		<u>22.40</u>		<u>612.74</u>

Total disbursements for month 3387.51

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from Social Service League of Montgomery County in regard to contribution. Referred Civic Committee.

Petition from seven residents of Valley View Ave. asking for a hearing on the proposed extension of that Street through to Willow Ave. to Street Committee.

Letter from J. C. Nellis asking for a barricade at the Maple Ave. end of Phila. Ave. Police, Fire and Light Comm.

From M. C. Merrill in regard to dangerous traffic condition on parts of Carroll Ave. due to automobile parking. To Police, Fire and Light Committee.

Letter from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in regard to zoning amendment of Lot 8, Block 15, Pinecrest, along with Petition of Herbert J. & Madeline E. Bucher, requesting a change from Residential "A" to Commercial "D". Civic Commottee.

Petition from Residents of Cockerille and Spring Aves. in regard to unfinished condition of building at 111 Cockerille Ave. belonging to Mr. Diamond. Civic Imp. Commpttee.

Letter from Mrs. Walter Kurze in regard to exhibiting a photographic enlargement of a patent on their porch. Referred to Civic Improvement Comm.

Letter from Mrs. E. J. Gotwalls in regard to increase in her assessment of \$100. Referred to finance Committee.

Letter from Ralph E. Harries applying for position as Playground Supervisor for Municipal Playgrounds, for months of July and August. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Mrs. Lola Walker in regard to building permit for garage at 218 Allegheny Ave. Referred to Police, Fire and Light Committee.

Letter from Mr. Geo. Harris in regard to general conditions exisiting around his property. Street Committee.

Petition from residents of Lincoln Ave. in regard to grading and placing of curb and gutter on Lincoln Ave. To Street Committee.

Petition from residents in the vicinity of Flower and Carroll Aves. protesting the location of a Filling Station at this corner. To Civic Improvement Comm.

Letter from Mrs. Mary Polar protesting against increase in her assessment. To Finance Committee.

Petition from residents of Cedar Ave. requesting that Cedar Ave. be paved. To Street Committee.

Letter from Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission in regard to zoning amendment applied for by Washington Missionary College at Flower and Carroll Aves. Referred to Civic Imp. Committee.

At this time Mayor Lewton stated that the Council would hear any protests against the increase in property assessments.

Mr. H. P. Ware and Mr. W. S. Beaman complained of the increase in their assessments as being unjust. Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, whose assessment had not been increased, entered complaint that his assessment as it appears on the Town Books was too high and asked that same be given consideration. Mr. Harry Dodge asked that assessment on Lot 6, Block 86 be reduced.

Mayor Lewton stated that all complaints in this regard would be referred to the Finance Committee for further attention.

Mayor Lewton then stated that as a hearing had been advertised for this date on the paving of Cedar Ave. from the point of the present paving to Phila. Ave., he would be glad to hear from any one concerned in regard to same.

Mr. Williams of Cedar Ave. entered a protest against the paving at this time, due to the fact that he was unable to pay for same, and that the paving should not be done until the drainage conditions at that point were taken care of.

Mr. I. W. Johnson of 305 Cedar Ave., representing a number of residents on this street spoke in favor of the paving and urged that same be given prompt attention.

Mr. Remsen, Chairman of the Street Committee spoke in regard to the proposed paving improvements to Takoma Ave., and adjacent thereto, and made a motion that a letter be written the District Commissioners in regard to change in grades at the Fern Street Under-pass; also a letter to Mr. Lacy Shaw in regard the extension of paving at the approaches to the Under-pass, and a letter to Mr. L. R. Grabill thanking him for his assistance in matter of Street improvements for the Town. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Milton Bollman entered a protest against the zoning amendment of Lot 8, Block 15, Pinecrest.

At this point Dr. Llewellyn Jordan paid tribute to retiring Councilman H. E. Rogers, and suggested that a set of resolutions be drawn and sent to Mr. Rogers in appreciation of his long and faithful service to the Town.

Mr. J. D. Faber spoke in regard to the work and needs of the Social Service League of Montgomery County.

Mr. Pritchard addressed the Council in regard to Street improvements on Buffalo and Albany Aves.

Mr. Thos. Fitzgerald asked that the Council take some immediate steps to correct the drainage condition around Cedar Ave.

REPORT OF POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Sherburne, Acting Chairman. Committee recommended the following lights containing 100 watt bulbs, be installed as per schedule submitted by the Potomac Elec. Power Co. -

- 1 Light on Pole 75092 on Chicago Ave.
- 1 " " new pole to be installed on Chicago Ave.
- 1 " " at Saratoga and Phila. Aves.
- 2 Lights on new poles on Phila. and Balto. Aves.
- 1 Light on Sligo Parkway one span east of last existing light.

Also a shade to be applied to lamp in front of 38 Poplar Ave.

Committee called attention to the practice of residents of placing shrubs, bulbs, flowers, trees, etc., on parkings, and recommended to the Council that the police notify such persons as may be concerned to remedy these conditions, and that all trees to be planted in parkings be planted under the supervision of Town forces and by Town employes, after first having been approved by the Civic Improvement Committee.

Committee commends schoolboy Patrol 31 for their efficient work in patrolling at the schools, and recommended that the Clerk send a letter to each of the schools commending the boys, same to be read at assembly before the student body.

"No Parking" signs have been placed on Grant Ave. as recommended at the last meeting. Parking signs in the business center will be placed as recommended as soon as suitable signs are obtained, and recommend that the Council authorize the purchase of a reasonable number of suitable signs for this purpose.

Committee recommends the purchase of the following supplies for the Police Department, which are needed at the present time:-

Drinking Water Cooler	-	One filing case(used)
1 Whisk Brook	-	One Auto Wheel Brush
1 Clipboard for orders	-	2 shirts for each 3 officers.
1 pair pants for each of two officers.	-	Lanterns for warning of holes in streets.

Committee recommends that no more Special Police Badges be issued unless a commission accompany each badge.

All existing badges are being recalled at the present time so that they may be numbered, and no badge should be honored unless either the officers name or serial number appears thereon. Since June 20th, 1930 - 43 Special Officer badges have been issued. 20 have been retrieved up to the present time with the hope of getting several more.

Probably the greatest need of the Police Dept. at present is another car or motorcycle, as it is often necessary for an officer to go to Court at Rockville, which leaves the station without the radio equipped car.

Committee submitted a report for the past month on number of calls made by the Police Dept., number of convictions, installation of Spotlight, and generator on car and gas consumption.

Upon motion properly seconded report and recommendations were approved.

Mr. Sherburne exhibited a plat of the lighting system at the Under-pass, and made a motion that a letter be drafted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to the effect that the Town will take over the payment of the lighting bill under its present contract with the Potomac Electric Power Co. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne made a Motion that Mr. Leroy Freemire, Prince Georges County Justice of the Peace, be authorized to hear cases involving violations of Town Ordinances, until such time as the new Justice of the Peace law goes into effect, and that he be paid one dollar per case. Motion seconded and approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Adams, Chairman, recommended that the zoning amendment at Carroll and Flower Aves. be disapproved, and made a motion that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission be notified of the disapproval of the Council of granting this amendment for the establishment of a Filling Station at this point, for the reasons as set forth in petition of residents opposing same, petition to be forwarded along with notification of disapproval. Motion seconded and approved.

In regard to zoning amendment on Westmoreland Ave. Mr. Adams requested sufficient time for a decision on this to enable Mr. Milton Bollman and those who are opposed to same to get up their petition, and made a motion that decision be withheld until counter petition could be filed. Motion seconded and approved.

In regard to application of Mrs. Kurze for the display of Photograph of patent on Porch Mr. Adams stated that the Committee would like to have time to investigate before granting this request in order to ascertain whether it would be in conflict with the zoning laws.

In reference to letter of Mr. Ralph E. Harries applying for position as Playground Supervisor, committee would like to have further time before making a recommendation on this matter.

In regard to the letter of Social Service League of Montgomery County, Mr. Adams made a motion that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Adams recommended that an appropriation similar to that made previously be made to the Review and Herald Bank to cover the cost of music and other expenses necessary to conduct the Summer concerts in the park. Appropriation previously was \$75.00.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Iverson offered an amendment to the motion. That same be referred to the Finance Committee with power to act. Mr. Sherburne accepted the amendment to his motion. Motion seconded and on a tie vote Mayor Lewton voted to refer same to the Finance Committee, provided the amount did not exceed \$75.00, and motion was approved.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:-

Usual monthly work had been properly carried out. A new floor was laid over the Powell Bridge across the Sligo. Phila.

Maple, Takoma Aves. and other hard surface streets are now being prepared to receive a stone and tar treatment, which will put these streets in better shape during the Summer.

HEALTH COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Iverson, Chairman, suggested that "No Swimming" signs be put on the property on Dogwood Ave., as it was a health menace to children who had been using same as a swimming hole. Mr. Iverson stated that the County Health Officer was ready to act at once in any matter where a condition was reported that was a menace to health.

Mr. Sherburne called attention to the fact that the Town had the same authority to act in matters of this kind as the County Officer.

Mr. Iverson stated that the County Health Officer had made a visit to Grant Ave. and went over the conditions there as complained of, and would make a report on same shortly.

At this point the matter of drainage on Cedar Ave. was up for discussion, and Mr. Sherburne suggested that the Town force find out where the stream originally entered the Street and that steps be taken to take care of the stream from that point to the present culvert.

Mayor Lewton read a letter from Mr. H. W. Petty in regard to filling in of lot on Cedar which would close up the opening of the present culvert. After some discussion of the matter Mr. Sherburne made a motion as follows:- That the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to proceed immediately to determine by excavating in that portion of the Street to be occupied by the sidewalk, where the stream originally entered Cedar Ave., and after having determined same that they immediately proceed to erect a culvert from that point to connect with the present culvert. Motion seconded and not approved. Councilmen Sherburne and Rogers voting for and Councilmen Adams, Conger and Iverson against.

Mr. Iverson made a motion that the Town forces be instructed to find out just where the stream entered and that the Street Committee be authorized to do whatever necessary to eliminate any possible damage that might be done to Cedar Ave., by heavy overflows until a permanent solution of the matter could be figured out. Motion properly seconded and carried.

Mr. Rogers made a motion that an appropriation of \$75.00 be made to the Review and Herald Band for the purchase of music and other incidentals. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Iverson made a motion that "No Swimming" signs be posted where needed on Dogwood Ave., and at the Pumping Station and such other places along Sligo Branch as necessary. Motion seconded and approved.

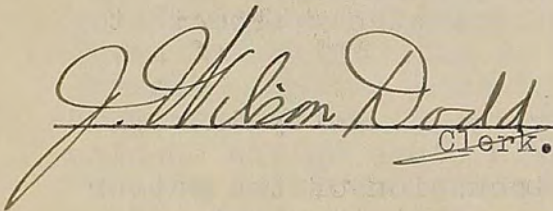
A letter was read by the Clerk from Mr. R. B. Morse, Engineer of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District in regard to sewer along Ethan Allen and Locust Aves., over the Glaize property, in which he stated that they had written Mr. Starkey, Engineer for Mr. Glaize, stating that they could not go ahead with this project until proper grades had been established on Ethan Allen and Locust Aves., but that no reply had been received from Mr. Starkey.

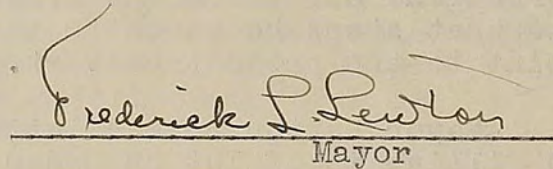
Mrs. J. A. Robertson suggested that the Council also give consideration to the Prince Georges County Social Service League donation along with that of the Montgomery County League.

Mr. Emil Johnson made protest in regard to the increase in his assessment.

Mr. Sherburne made a motion that the matter of running the electric lines from the District Line around the corner of Carroll Ave. to the end of the New Bank Building, in conduit, be taken up with the Potomac Elec. Power Co. Motion seconded and approved.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 11:20 P.M.


Clerk.


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 27th, 1933.

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock.

Those present, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers and Sherburne.

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting had been called to discuss several matters of importance.

In connection with the newly appointed Justice of the Peace to serve in Town cases, motion was made by Mr. Sherburne and properly seconded that the Clerk be authorized to communicate with the Corporation Counsel, and that he be authorized to secure the necessary blanks for the use of the Justice of the Peace in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, ordering 500 blanks of each item necessary for the Princes Georges County Justice of the Peace and 1000 each of the necessary blanks for the Montgomery County Justice of the Peace, same to be ordered in triplicate, with different color paper for the duplicate and triplicate copy. Motion approved.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers that the two volumes of the Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, as offered by Mr. Horace Flack, Executive Dept. of Legislative Reference, by purchased at the price quoted of \$30.00 for the two volumes. Motion seconded and approved.

After some discussion as to the amount of compensation to be paid by the Town for the Justices of the Peace for Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, Mr. Rogers made a motion that \$20.00 per month be paid to the Justice of the Peace serving in Town cases for Montgomery County, and that \$10.00 per month be paid the Justice of the Peace for serving in town cases for Prince Georges County, both for a period of sixty days, or until the amount of work involved is determined, these amounts to be paid by the Town in lieu of fees. Motion seconded and approved.

Motion made by Mr. Sherburne that the Justice of the Peace for the Town in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties be required to give a corporation bond in the amount of \$500.00, and that the fee for the bonds be paid by the Town. Said bonds to be filed with the Town Clerk. Motion seconded and approved.

Due to the fact that Corporation Counsel, Mr. Barrett Prettyman, could not continue to serve as Corporation Counsel due to Government appointment, Motion was made by Mr. Rogers that Mr. Preston C. King, Jr., be authorized to represent the Town in legal cases now pending. Motion seconded and approved.

At this time the matter of new assessment protests were brought up for review.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the assessed value of Lot 6 in Block 86, in the name of Margaret Petty Dodge, be reduced from \$700. to \$600. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Rogers made a motion that Lot 26 in Block 76, T.P.L & T. Sub-Division, assessed in the name of R. G. Sherburne at \$1850. be reduced to \$1000. as the present assessment was much higher than the average assessment in that section. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Rogers made a motion that the increased assessment of \$500. on the property of Mr. H. P. Ware be reduced \$200., making the amount of increase \$300. Motion seconded and approved.

On motion of Mr. Adams the increase of \$100. in the assessed value of property of Mrs. Mary Polar was dropped. Motion seconded and approved.

On Motion of Mr. Adams the increase of \$100. in the assessed value on property of Mrs. E. J. Gotwalls, was dropped, motion being properly seconded and approved.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the following ordinance was approved. Voting Aye, Mayor Lewton Countilmen Adams, Conger Iverson, Remsen Sherburne and Rogers. Noting nay, none.

ORDINANCE 236 5317

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

Section 1. That the assessment submitted this date by the Town Clerk and Treasurer, covering the cost of construction of cement walks on Chaney Drive, authorized under provisions of Ordinance 232^x, passed and approved Nov. 21st, 1932, said assessment being fixed at \$1.15 per lineal foot, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall be due and payable within 90 days from this date, provided, however, that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days of the approval hereof, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable likewise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further that payments in any amount may be made between the said annual payments if so desired. Interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum will be charged on all deferred payments, said interest beginning on Sept. 1st, 1933.

Mr. Rogers at this time brought up the matter of needed repairs to a number of Streets and stated that funds should be provided by a slight increase in taxes, this increase to be set aside for the repairs of rundown streets in cases where the Town assumes all the cost.

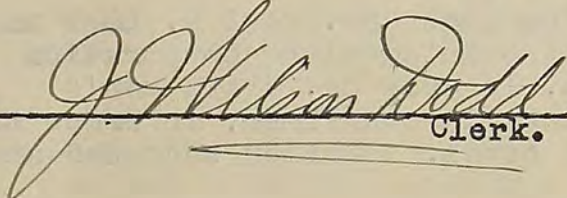
The matter of Cedar Ave. improvement was brought up for discussion, and Mr. Remsen, Chairman of the Street Comm. stated that after having considered the petition of those in favor of the improvement, and also the two protests which were registered, he would make a motion that this paving be incorporated in any paving program for the year 1933 - 1934, and that the protests against paving the street before the culvert is constructed be given consideration. Motion seconded and approved.

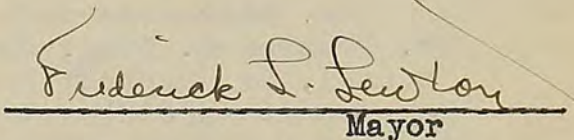
Mr. Remsen made a motion that the recent protest of residents against the extension of Valley View Ave., be laid on the table for the present. Motion seconded and approved.

. In regard to petition of residents for curb, gutter and grading on Lincoln Ave., from Carroll to Jackson Aves., Mr. Remsen made a motion that a hearing be advertised for the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, on June 19th, 1933, on the Grading and construction of Curb and Gutter on Lincoln Ave., between Carroll and Jackson Aves. Motion seconded and approved.

Matter of Cedar Ave. drainage was brought up for discussion, and motion was made by Mr. Remsen that another conference be held on the ground between the Counsel for Mrs. Dodge, Corporation Counsel and the Mayor and Council, in order that some definite plan may be arrived at for taking care of this matter. Motion seconded and approved.

On Motion Council adjourned at ten o'clock P.M.


Clerk.


Mayor