

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20th, 1933.

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

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft.

Minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 16th and special meeting of Oct. 25th were read and approved.

Report of the Treasurer for the month of October was read and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:

General Taxes-----	\$2,223.80	
Less Discounts-----	23.95	\$2,199.85
Interest and penalties-----		50.27
Charges-----		33.75
Special Assessments-----		128.05
Building Permits-----		28.00
Electrical Permits-----		10.00
Excavation Permits-----		3.00
Dox Tax-----		.25
Deposits on Police Badges Special Officers----		6.00
State License Tax Revenue-----		14.62
Fines-----		67.50
Total receipts for Mo.		<u>2,541.29</u>

BANK STATEMENT:

Sept. 30th -	On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 3,875.70	
	Deposits in October	337.38	
Oct. 31st -	On hand		4,213.08
Sept. 30th -	On hand Takoma Park Bank	10,181.25	
	Deposits in October	2,203.91	
		<u>12,385.16</u>	
	Withdrawn in October	4,951.99	
Oct. 31st -	On hand		7,433.17
Oct. 31st -	On hand both banks		<u>11,646.25</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Sept. 30th -	On hand Takoma Park Bank	447.16	
	No deposits in Oct.		
Oct. 31st -	On hand		447.16
Sept. 30th -	On hand Citizens Bank-----	11,584.09	
	No deposits in October		
Oct. 31st -	On hand		11,584.09
Oct. 31st -	On hand both banks		<u>12,031.25</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:STREETS:

Labor	\$	372.10	
Material		466.88	
Misc. Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.		<u>108.32</u>	\$ 947.30

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor		76.50	
Garbage-Labor		170.00	
" Misc. Gas-Oil-Supplies		25.77	
Street Lights		<u>516.04</u>	788.31

POLICE:

Salaries		300.00	
Misc. Gas-Oil-Telephones, etc.		<u>65.04</u>	365.04

OFFICE:

Salaries		410.00	
Printing		25.24	
Msc. Telephones, Supplies, etc.		49.10	
Automobile -Building Inspector		15.00	
Equipment-Cabinet		<u>43.00</u>	542.34

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor		<u>39.20</u>	39.20
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

		<u>150.00</u>	150.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Refund Taxes		9.79	
Recording Fees		2.25	
Inspector-Labor-Curb and Gutter		80.60	
H.H.Hershberger-Con? Curb and Gutter	1000.00		
Prem. Comp. Auto. Bond Ins.		788.51	
Dog Impounder		5.00	
Corporation Counsel-Compensation		150.00	
" " Misc. Court cost		11.15	
Refund Building permit deposit		20.00	
Rental		27.50	
Salary-Justice Peace-Mont.Co.		<u>25.00</u>	<u>2,119.80</u>

Total Disbursements for Month			<u>\$4,951.99</u>
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Bills presented by the Finance Committee were read and approved for payment in amount of \$3741.53.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from Mrs. Wm. McAinsh in regard to bad condition of sidewalk was read and referred to Street Committee.

Letter from Mrs. E. N. Kleinstuber of 26 Woodland Ave., complaining of insufficient street lighting in that section was referred to Light Committee.

Letter from Mrs. M. P. Dodge rescinding all previous agreements in connection with Cedar Ave. storm sewer.

Petition from Mr. Jos. Stanley in regard fence constructed along the Hodges Farm land throwing the Street onto his land which he rightfully owns and for which he pays taxes. Referred to Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

Complaint from Mr. H. W. Evans of bad condition of Heather Ave., and asking for improvement of same. Referred to Street Committee.

Dr. Jordan addressed the Council in regard to the improvement on Takoma Ave., and advised that he had written to Mr. Abell Wolman, connected with the Public Works program. Dr. Jordan also advised that he had asked for an appropriation from District officials for the construction of a storm sewer in Square 3352 bordering Eastern Ave.

Mr. J. W. Coffman, Sr., inquired of the Mayor and Council the status of the matter of licenses for itinerant hucksters in Takoma Park, and was advised by Mayor Lewton that the matter was being given attention by the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee and that some definite action would be taken shortly.

Mr. H. L. Thornton spoke in regard to the Taxi Stand on Laurel Ave., and also complained of the all-day parking in front of the stores on Laurel Ave., and asked that consideration be given to the limiting of parking there to one hour. Mayor Lewton advised Mr. Thornton that he would have the proper Committee consider the matter.

Mr. Sherburne stated that two months ago he had made a survey of this particular section relative to limiting parking to one hour and that he found that most of the people connected with the stores were opposed to same, and for that reason no action had been taken.

Mr. Thornton stated that he would communicate with the store owners and get an expression from them.

Mr. Papot and Mr. Johnson addressed the Council in regard to improvement of Cedar Ave.

Mr. J. R. Magness made inquiry as to whether any action had been taken on the proposed Valley View extension, and was advised by Mayor Lewton that no further action had been taken up to the present time.

FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Conger, Chairman, presented a report from Mr. Leo B. Moffitt, Chief of the Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept., giving a detailed report of the activities of the Dept. for the past month. Mr. Conger commended the Department very highly for their efficient service.

Mr. Conger stated that more light was needed on Woodland Ave., and made a motion that one light be moved to another pole, and that a new light be installed on Pole No. 7166 on Woodland Ave., and that a new light also be installed on Pole No. 720119 on Sligh Parkway. Motion seconded and approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Sherburne gave a report of the activities of the Dept. for the past month, and reported that the Taxi Stand on Laurel Ave., had not been used and recommended its abandonment. Mr. Sherburne also recommended that the room formerly occupied by the Town Clerk and Treasurer in the Fire Dept. bldg. be used for a lockup, and that toilets be installed and partitions put up to make suitable cells. Committee reported that the complaint about the Dog Kennel on Manor Circle had been properly disposed of. Committee recommended the purchase of three new caps, 1 pair of pants, and also recommended the purchase of a pair of handcuffs for Officer Lane.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Taxi Stand signs placed on Laurel Ave. be removed and that the permit be revoked for this taxi space. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Room recently occupied by the Town Clerk be used as a lockup and that the Police Committee be given authority to go ahead with the work as quickly as possible.

Mr. Conger asked that the cost of the work necessary on same be ascertained before any definite action was taken.

Mr. Remsen moved that this matter be taken under consideration, that the cost of making the change be ascertained, and be referred to the Finance Committee with power to act if they authorize same.

At this time Mr. H. C. Heffner, President of the Takoma Park Vol. Fire Department, addressed the Council in connection with the proposed conversion of this room into a lockup, and stated that the matter would have to have the sanction of the Fire Department, and would be brought up at the next meeting of the Department, and asked that the Council defer any action until a decision is received from the Fire Department.

An amendment was then added to Mr. Remsen's motion that a study of the whole situation be made, awaiting approval of the Fire Dept., and that action be deferred until the next special Council Meeting. Amendment accepted and motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne made a motion that three new caps, one pair of pants and one pair of handcuffs be purchased for the Department. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne stated that he had been notified that the Town Street force were burning leaves in the street, and moved that the Ordinance referring to the burning of leaves on the street be rescinded. Motion was discussed at length as to the advisability of such action, and was not seconded.

Mr. J. W. Coffman, Sp., stated to the Council that he would dislike very much to see that Ordinance rescinded, and suggested that an educational campaign be carried on in connection with the burning of leaves throughout the Town.

Mr. Sherburne then moved that this matter be studied by the Ordinance and Judiciary and Police Committees for submission to the Council at the next regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

STREET COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Remsen, Chairman, submitted a report from Mr. L. R. Grabill, Special Inspector, on the curb and gutter and driveway work on Albany, Buffalo and Lincoln Aves., constructed by H. H. Hershberger, contractor. Mr. Grabill reported the curb and gutter work completed on Albany and Buffalo Aves., on Oct. 19th, at which time the contractor moved to Lincoln Ave. 1164.70 ft. of curb and gutter were constructed on Lincoln Ave., which terminated on both sides at a point opposite the end of the existing sidewalk on the North side of Lincoln Ave., and approximately on the East line of Lot 17 in Block 37. Due to the fact that beyond this the work, if extended, would have to be built on ground not yet filled to grade, it was not considered practicable to extend the curb and gutter further without the probability of damage of settlement. All work was completed on Oct 31st. Mr. Grabill reported 7 driveways installed on Buffalo Ave., at a cost of \$198.20, 4 driveways on Albany Ave., at a cost of \$71.18 and 14 driveways on Lincoln Ave., at a cost of \$170.71. Sketches showing the construction of the driveways abutting the various lots were furnished along with the report of Mr. Grabill.

Committee approved the bill of the contractor, Mr. H. H. Hershberger in amount of \$583.56 for extra work in connection with construction of driveways, and Clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary assessments for curb, gutter and driveway work and charge same against the proper properties along the streets named. Committee recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Grabill commending him for his report and services on this project.

Committee reported that general street work had been augmented by the annual fall of leaves and that same were being cleared away as rapidly as possible. Property owners were asked to rake the leaves on their lawns in piled, and call the Supt. of Public works for removal of same, as leaves placed in the gutter would wash during rains into the catch basins and clog same.

Committee reported that Buffalo and Albany Aves. had been heavily slaged and certain portions would receive further coatings of slag, it being the purpose of the Street Committee to let this surface become consolidated through the Winter and further treatment of the surface carried on in the Spring. Certain sections of sidewalk adjacent to Buffalo Ave., and complained of recently has been repaired and general street work and patching of sidewalks has been done.

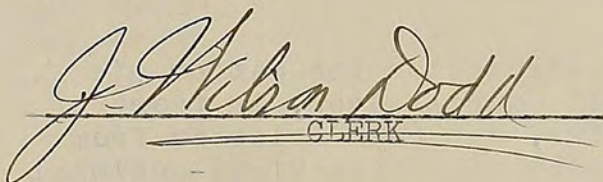
Committee reported trash and ash collections were carried on as usual, and recommended that the Clerk insert a statement in the paper regarding the use of proper receptacles for ashes, placing of same in a visible position on the property and the removal of all rubbish, glass and nails from same, otherwise it is within the province of those making collection to refuse same. Other miscellaneous items of work were performed by the Supt. of Public Works.

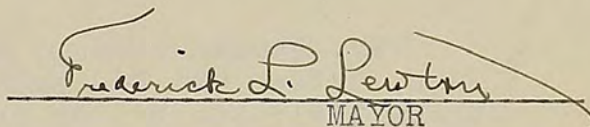
On motion, properly seconded, report of the Street Committee, along with the approval for payment of the bill of H. H. Hershberger for extra work in connection with driveways, was approved.

Mayor Lewton gave an outline of the various details of entertainment during the three day celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Town of Takoma Park.

Mr. Sherburne made a motion that five special officers be appointed, one to be stationed at each of the five houses open for inspection on Friday evening, Nov., 24th, located on the Maryland side. Motion seconded and approved.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 10:00 P.M.


CLERK


MAYOR

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11th, 1933.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 P.M.

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

Mayor Lewton brought to the attention of the Council a letter from Corporation Counsel in regard to the suit of Mrs. Louise Webb, who claims she was injured by a fall on the sidewalk, and after considerable discussion of the matter motion was made by Mr. Conger that Mrs. Webb be offered \$125.00 in settlement, and if she does not accept same that we proceed to defend suit in court. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Mr. Remsen, Chairman of the Street Committee, reported that the letters and petition of residents of Albany and Buffalo Aves., requesting the paving of these two streets had been given consideration, and that Committee did not feel that the work could be undertaken at this time.

Mayor Lewton gave the Council a brief summary of the workings of the Civil Works Program and asked the Council to keep same in mind to the end that the Town might avail itself of any of the advantages coming under the head of this program.

Mr. Remsen brought up for discussion the matter of Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on old Carroll Ave., in front of the Kitwell and Mellen properties, and read a letter from Mr. Irving C. Root, Chief Engineer of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission stating that the Park and Planning Commission request for funds from the Federal Public Works fund included the paving of a connection to Carroll Ave., over the Old Carroll Ave. right-of-way, along with other improvements in this area, but that the Commission had no advice as to when the allocation of funds for this work would be made.

Mr. Conger moved that Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk be approved in front of the Kitwell and Mellen properties on Old Carroll Ave., as far as the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission land, to be constructed at such time as the Curb and Gutter on the opposite side is constructed by the Park and Planning Commission, and that Street Committee be authorized to recommend to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission the extension of this sidewalk as far as the Flower Ave., bridge over Sligo Creek. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Mr. Sherburne presented a bill by Mr. Ira Gulickson for services rendered in connection with the apprehending of parties who robbed the safe at the Bliss School, and on motion of Mr. Remsen, properly seconded, payment of same in amount of \$50.00 was approved. It was also moved, seconded and approved that a letter of thanks be sent to the members

of the Metropolitan Police force who aided the Town Police Force in the Bliss School matter.

Mr. Milton Derrick appeared before Council objecting to the one hour parking recently established by the Police Department on Laurel Ave., and after discussing the matter with Mr. Derrick, motion was made by Mr. Remsen that the action of the Police Committee be sustained at this time, and that the parking as now arranged be given a trial until at least January 1st, next.

On Motion Council adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

J. William Dodd
Clerk.

Frederick J. Lewton
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18th, 1933

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

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Boyer, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft.

Minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 20th and special meeting of Dec. 11th were read and approved.

Treasurers report for the month of November was read and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:

General Taxes-----	\$1,538.33	
Less Discounts-----	6.01	\$1532.32
Interest and penalties-----		21.44
Charges-----		13.50
Special Assessments-----		105.40
Building Permits-----		17.00
Electric Permits-----		4.00
Excavation Permits-----		2.00
Collection for Lumber stolen at Mun. Bldg.		2.40
Deposit on Police Badge-----		2.00
Sale of Town Ordinance Books-----		2.25
Total receipts for month		<u>1702.31</u>

BANK STATEMENT

Oct. 31st,	On hand Citizens Bank	\$4,213.08	
	Deposits in November	7.30	
Nov. 30th,	On hand		\$4,220.38
Oct. 31st,	On hand Takoma Park Bank	7,433.17	
	Deposits in November	1,695.01	
		<u>9,128.18</u>	
	Withdrawn in November	5,605.50	
Nov. 30th,	On hand		3,522.68
Nov. 30th,	On hand both banks		<u>7,743.06</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Oct. 31st,	On hand Takoma Park Bank	447.16	
	No deposits in November		447.16
Oct. 31st,	On hand Citizens Bank	11,584.09	
	No deposits in November		11,584.09
Nov. 30th,	Total on hand both banks		<u>12,031.25</u>
Nov. 30th,	Total funds Gen. & Savings accts.		\$19,774.31

DISBURSEMENTS:

STREETS:

Labor	\$ 431.40	
Material	428.09	
Misc. Gas-oil-auto upkeep-supplies	<u>170.31</u>	\$1,029.80

SERVICE

Trash-Labor	126.50	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
" -Misc. Gas-oil-auto upkeep-sup.	41.00	
Street Lights	<u>536.86</u>	874.36

POLICE:

Salaries	323.00	
Misc.-Gas-oil-auto upkeep-telephones	72.73	
Equipment	<u>7.65</u>	403.38

OFFICE:

Salaries	410.00	
Misc.-Office Supplies-Telephones	61.85	
Automobile-Building Inspector	15.00	
Equipment-Table & Chairs	<u>52.50</u>	539.35

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Rental and Custodian	150.00	
1/3 controbution fiscal year 1933	<u>600.00</u>	750.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Refund electric permit	1.00	
Recording fees	3.00	
J. Cronise-Team Hire	28.80	
Refund Taxes-Paid twice	17.67	
Salary J.P. Pr. Geo. Co. July-Aug. Sept. Oct. and Nov.	50.00	
Salary J.P. Montgomery County for Nov.	50.00	
Contractor Curb & Gutter	1,140.56	
" Driveways	586.53	
Inspector-Curb-Gutter-Driveways	69.00	
Dog Food	1.05	
Dog Impounder	6.00	
Rental	<u>55.00</u>	<u>2,008.61</u>

Total Disbursements for Mo. \$5,605.50

NOTE:-Of the above disbursements \$1824.89
is in connection with Curb and
Gutter and Driveway work.

Bills in amount of \$1655.14 were presented for payment by
the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from Mr. L. C. Cannon in regard to parking in
alley North of Citizens Bank Bldg. and requesting "No Parking"
sign at the entrance of this alley. Referred to Police Comm.

Letter from Mr. E. V. Crittenden expressing appreciation for the sanding of sidewalks and driveways at the home of his sister, Mrs. Taylor, on the morning of her funeral.

Mr. Johnson of Cedar Ave., again called the bad condition of that Street to the attention of the Mayor and Council.

FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Conger, Chairman, read a report from Leo. B. Moffett, Chief of the Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept., giving a summary of the activities of the department for the past month.

Mr. Conger moved that a light be placed on unnumbered pole in Palmer Lane, second pole from Flower Ave., and that a light also be placed on unnumbered pole at the intersection of Allegheny Ave., and Highland Street. Motion seconded and approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, stated that he had attended an address by the Asst. Director of the Division of Investigation, Dept. of Justice, on the various methods of crime detection, and recommended that the Town take membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which Association printed valuable information from time to time for distribution to its members.

Due to the fact that our Police Dept. had done much excellent work, Mr. Sherburne recommended that the salary of the Sergeant be raised 25%, and the privates raised 10%. Committee also reported that bond coupons held by the Town belonging to the Bliss Electrical School, had been photographed and returned to the owner.

Committee also gave a summary of the activities of the Department for the past month.

Mr. Sherburne made a motion that the salary of the Sergeant of Police be raised 25%, and that of the privates now employed 10%.

Mr. Boyer inquired as to their present salary and was advised that each officer received \$100. per month at the present time.

Mr. Adams stated that he would like to amend the motion, and offered an amendment that same be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. After some discussion amendment of Mr. Adams was voted on and approved, and motion of Mr. Sherburne tabled awaiting report from the Finance Committee.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Boyer, Chairman, moved that "No Parking" signs be placed on the East side of Cedar Ave. from Tulip Ave. to the end of the present paving. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Conger brought up for discussion the placing of a "STOP" sign on Flower Ave., at the junction of Sligo Ave., and after some discussion it was decided to write the State Roads Commission, getting their approval on this matter, as that street is under State control.

Mr. Taft called attention to the matter of parking on Carroll Ave., at the Citizens Bank where pedestrians crossed the Street, and suggested that white lines be put in the Street to designate a walk for pedestrians. Mr. Conger made a motion that safety lines marking a pedestrian way across Carroll and Laurel Aves. be put across the streets at that point. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne made a motion that the Town become a member of the Association of Chiefs of Police, in order that regular service and information may be obtained. Motion seconded and approved.

STREET COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Remsen stated that little street work had been done during the month, except the collection of leaves from concrete streets, and that due to the leaves getting in catch basins considerable extra work had been done to keep the catch basins free. Ash collections were made weekly and ashes used on dirt streets and filling up the dump. Committee reported that during the recent storm ashes and sand had been distributed over the surface of certain streets where a hazard existed.

Committee reported that the request of Mr. Beaman for stone at the intersection of Grant and Hancock Aves. had been attended to, and that slag had been placed at that point. The request of Mrs. McAinsh for repairs to sidewalk on Spruce Ave. had been attended to; request for removal of traffic sign on Laurel Ave. had been attended to. Request for additional slag on Heather Ave. has not yet been complied with but will be attended to as soon as possible. Committee also reported that more slag would be placed on Buffalo Ave. to New York Ave., just as soon as conditions permitted, and also that the request for slag on Cedar Ave. will be given consideration and the street checked up in order to present a better wearing surface during the Winter, and that this work would be done as soon as possible.

Committee reported that Miss Simpson, Atty. for Mr. H.K. Hobart, had presented a blueprint of the proposed extension of Valley View Ave., and that the Committee would use same to write and determine the attitude of property owners affected by the proposed extension.

On motion, properly seconded, the report of the Street Committee was approved.

Mr. Boyer stated that the editor of the Pioneer Press had called him in regard to a half page ad in the Pioneer, and after some discussion by the Mayor and members of the Council, it was decided that subscriptions to such advertising, which were nothing more than a donation, should be discouraged.

Mr. Taft, Chairman of the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, stated that he had visited the Parker premises on Takoma Ave. and inspected the stable complained of, and at that time found nothing of an unsanitary condition.

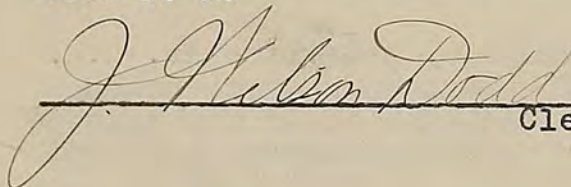
Mr. Taft also stated that the ordinance relative to Peddlers' Licenses would be given immediate attention as soon as the copies of the draft of the ordinance which he had made and handed to each member of the Council were acted upon by the Council as to ~~any~~ alterations or additions, and also suggestions as to fines to be imposed for violations of same.

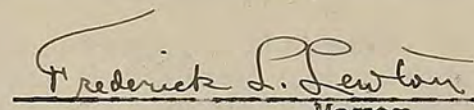
Mayor Lewton stated that the suit of Mrs. Webb against the Town had been held in abeyance until such time as the owner of the lot could be communicated with and reply received from him as to his attitude in the matter.

Mayor Lewton advised the Council that the 50th Anniv. Program Committee had advised him that there was a deficit of \$100.00 in connection with the printing of the program and that there were about 300 copies still on hand. After some discussion Mr. Remsen moved that the amount of \$100. be appropriated for the purchase of the 300 remaining Official Programs, and that these be placed on sale in the manner directed by the Mayor and Council. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., stated that the Directory of Takoma Park had been completed, and that the sale on same had been very rapid. Mr. Coffman stated that he was very grateful to the community for the cooperation he had received from all quarters.

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


Clerk


Mayor