

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 16th, 1934.

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

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

Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 19th were read
and approved.

Financial Statement for the month of March was read by
the Treasurer and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$ 4,305.20
Interest and penalties-----	460.85
Charges-----	63.50
Special Assessments-----	879.64
Building Permits-----	9.00
Electric Permits-----	2.00
Dog Tax-----	63.75
Fines-----	8.00
Franchise tax-----	14.50
Refund on Webb Lawsuit from property owner-----	50.00
Tax Sale redemption-----	42.46
Repairs to private driveway-----	7.50
Sale of 50th Anniversary Books-----	1.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 5,907.40</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

Feb. 28th, On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 260.31	
Deposits during March	91.92	
	<u>352.23</u>	
Withdrawn in March	89.80	
Mar. 31st, On hand		262.43
Feb. 28th, On hand Takoma Park Bank	5,863.06	
Deposits during March	5,815.48	
	<u>11,678.54</u>	
Withdrawn during March	3,604.32	
Mar. 31st, On hand		<u>8,074.22</u>
Mar. 31st, On hand both banks		<u>8,336.65</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:-

Feb. 28th, On hand Takoma Park Bank	453.86	
No deposits during March		453.86
Feb. 28th, On hand Citizens Bank	11,757.79	
No deposits during March		<u>11,757.79</u>
Mar. 31st, On hand both Banks		<u>\$12,211.65</u>
Mar. 31st, Total funds on hand		<u>\$20,548.30</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-

STREETS:		
Labor	\$ 679.60	
Material	34.83	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>109.70</u>	\$ 824.13
SERVICE:		
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	30.68	
Street Lights	<u>438.48</u>	639.16
POLICE:		
Salaries	315.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	32.39	
Telephones & Supplies	38.74	
Clothing Allowance	<u>30.00</u>	416.13
OFFICE:		
Salaries	410.00	
Postage-Stamped Envelopes	26.00	
Telephones & Supplies	44.99	
Exp.Auto Bldg. Inspector	<u>15.00</u>	495.99
FIRE DEPARTMENT	<u>150.00</u>	150.00
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Special Relief Work	1,003.25	
Recording Fees	3.00	
Tax Certificate Redemption	42.46	
Dog Impounding Fees	5.00	
Rent	55.00	
Sal. J.P.Mont. & Pr. Geo.Co.	<u>60.00</u>	<u>1,168.71</u>
Total Disbursements for month		<u>\$3,694.12</u>

Bills in amount of \$1212.50 were presented by the Finance Committee and approved for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from County Commissioner Ben G. Davis in regard to sidewalk on Bridge Over B & O Railroad in North Takoma, giving approximate cost for construction of same, as per estimate of Mr. Harry Shaw, Engineer. Ordered filed.

Letter from Davis & Platt, Inc., requesting permission to lay a sidewalk on Hodges Lane in front of Lot 5, Block 97, according to Town regulations. Referred to Street Comm.

Resolution from the Community League of Takoma Park in regard to sidewalk along Blair Road from the North Takoma Bridge to Georgia Ave. Ordered filed.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan again addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to Charter amendment.

Mr. I. W. Johnson addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to condition of Cedar Ave. Mr. Johnson made inquiry as to just what purpose the Revolving Fund was used for. Mayor Lewton enlightened Mr. Johnson on the manner in which it was necessary to use the Revolving Fund. Mr. Remsen also advised that the Storm Sewer matter had not been cleared up on Cedar Ave., and until that was done the Street could not be put in better condition.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moyer addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to dirt, cans and other trash on the property between Elm and Eastern Ave., owned by Mr. H. L. Thornton, and asked that the property be cleaned up. Mayor Lewton stated that the matter would be referred to the Police and Fire Committees and looked into immediately.

Mr. L. M. Simpson, Jr., of 6 Denwood Ave. addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to unsightly condition existing in the vicinity of his property.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Adams, Chairman, stated that the matter referred to the Committee at the last meeting in regard to the replacement of the motor in the Police Car, and other replacements, had been given consideration and recommended that the work be not done at this time, and recommended that if after only one year of service it was necessary to replace the engine in this car, that when a new car is purchased that cars of other makes be given consideration.

The matter of extending Poplar Ave. through to Carroll Ave. was referred back to the Street Committee for further information as to costs, etc. The Finance Committee also made the following recommendation:-

"That the Street Committee be requested to make a comprehensive survey of the Streets in the Town that should be paved, or reconstructed and widened; that an estimate of the cost of such improvements be made and submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration of payment therefor by the issuing of certificates of indebtedness, and submitting the question of creation of such indebtedness to the resident taxpayers of the Town of Takoma Park.

This program is being planned at this time with the view of relieving the unemployment situation during the coming year, and at the same time effecting such improvements as may be deemed necessary by the Street Committee.

The Finance Committee has to suggest that only such work be contemplated as may be necessary for public good. As may be approved or requested by a majority of the property owners affected financially by such improvements: Where a minimum portion only of the cost of such work shall be paid out of the public funds of the Town(not to abut any extensive park or other Town property); Where it does not abut tax sale property upon which the assessment may not be collectable.

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It is requested that in submitting these estimates of cost, each project be considered as a separate unit, in order that one or more may be eliminated, if necessary."

Upon motion the report of the Finance Committee was approved and recommendations accepted for consideration.

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Conger, Chairman, gave a report of the activities of the Fire Department during the past month, and presented a financial statement of the Department showing a balance on hand as of April 10th of \$255.58. Committee reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Harden Waters in regard to fires at the Town dump, and that same had been given attention. Mr. Conger also stated that his attention had been called to the fact that a motion picture show was held at the Washington Missionary College on April 14th, 1934, and that regulations in regard to fireproofing had not been complied with, and recommended that a letter be written to the College requesting that these regulations be met before using the machine further. Committee recommended the installation of a Street Light on Baltimore Ave., midway between New York and Phila. Aves. On motion properly seconded the report and recommendations of the Fire and Lights Committee was approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, gave a summary of the activities of the Police Dept. during the month, and advised that a shed had been built in the rear of the Municipal Building for the impounding of dogs, and submitted a sketch of further proposed improvements to the shed. Mr. Sherburne stated that he had written to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Comm. in regard to the removal of the water pipe over the North Takoma Bridge over the tracks of the B & O Railroad, and had received a reply from the Sanitary Commission advising that the letter would be brought to the attention of the Commission and that they would advise further in the matter. Mr. Sherburne also presented to the Council a resolution from the Community League asking the aid of the Mayor and Council in securing a sidewalk on Blair Road from the North Takoma bridge to Georgis Ave.. Upon motion, properly seconded, the report of the Police Committee was approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Boyer, Chairman, stated that minor delinquencies had been called to his attention, and brought to the attention of the Council that there was still considerable time in which playground work was not carried on, and recommended that organized playground work be started on June 18th, 1934 and continued until Sept. 15th, 1934, under the guidance of an experienced Supervisor.

Mr. Sherburne stated that Mr. Roger Hodges had offered the use of ground owned by him at Saratoga Ave. and Hodges Lane to be used as a ballground during the Summer, and on motion properly seconded the offer of Mr. Hodges was accepted.

Mayor Lewton expressed his appreciation to Mr. Hodges for his kind offer, and it was moved and seconded and approved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Hodges.

Mr. Boyer moved that organized play on the Playground be started June 18th, 1934 and continued to Sept. 15th, 1934, under experienced supervision. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

STREET COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Remsen, Chairman, reported the usual street work carried out during the past month, a number of broken sidewalks repaired, and stated that this plan will be carried out until all bad places have been repaired. Sidewalk and steps have been placed along the fire house to the side door, and it is hoped that this walk can be continued in the street directly in the rear as a pedestrian walk and rain water runoff. The Committee reported that the State Roads Commission have received bids for the paving of Philadelphia Ave. and the extension of the East West Highway along the line of Ethan Allen Ave. Street Committee has been informed that it is hoped to include that portion of Takoma Ave. from Albany Ave. to Baltimore Ave. It is understood that final award of this contract has not been made. The Engineer Officer of this District, Mr. Duncan, at Hyattsville, has promised that work on some of the projects will be started in the near future to cover the allotment of funds which the Town has coming from the road tax.

The request of Mr. Hutchinson for investigation of street drain condition in front of his property has been temporarily attended to and drain has been thoroughly cleaned. It is now contemplated to move the outlet further away from the driveway and build an overflow basin with wide outlet and standard manhole cover.

The request of citizens of Poplar Ave. for extension of that street has been given consideration. The preliminary study of this route will be augmented by a survey. The Street Committee will negotiate with Mr. Jackson, Surveyor, for the running of the proper surveys to provide accurate information. When this date is available the committee will bring in a report for consideration of the Council as a whole.

The Street Committee through its Supt. of Public Works and the Town Clerk, have prepared the proper application for securing aid in the form of funds from the new Emergency Work Administration, and if same is approved will give work to at least 20 men for two months.

The request of Davis & Platt, Inc. for the laying of a sidewalk in front of Lot 5 in Block 97, in accordance with the Town regulations and under Town supervision, is hereby granted.

The Street Committee wishes to offer the following recommendation, and if an Ordinance is necessary that the Clerk prepare same, and set a date for a public hearing on

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the construction of Curb and Gutters on Eastern Ave. between Ash Ave and First Street, for a distance of about 950 ft. The estimated cost of this work will be approximately \$950.00, and it is proposed to use the Town forces and unemployed labor where possible.

The Street Committee wishes to instruct the Clerk to write to the property owners involved in the question of storm water drainage between Cedar and Maple Ave., asking their cooperation in clearing up this situation by granting the proper easements, and enclose proper papers providing proper easements over their property for the Town use and that these easements be prepared by the Law and Legislative Committee and submitted to the Corporation Counsel for approval before mailing.

The request of last month for slag on Jackson Ave. will be attended to immediately as a carload of slag has just been received. Grading and scraping as requested on Albemarle, Greenwood and Davis Ave. has been done. The items of concrete work on Chestnut and Baltimore Aves. will be attended to this week.

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

ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Taft, Chairman, offered the following Ordinance for approval:-

ORDINANCE 240 531 L

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

Section 1. That in accordance with provisions of Section 3 of the Town Charter the Clerk is hereby directed to call a meeting of the citizens for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Candidates for Councilmen to be voted on at the annual Town Election on May 7th, 1934. Said meeting of citizens will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building on Monday evening, April 23rd, convening at 8:00 o'clock.

On an Aye and Nay vote the above ordinance was approved, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Boyer, Conger, Remsen Sherburne and Taft voting Aye, voting Nay, none.

Mr. Taft offered the following ordinance for approval.

ORDINANCE 241 531 M

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Town Charter a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 7th, 1934. Said election will be

held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Aves. at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for a Mayor and three Councilmen. Two of the three Councilmen to be elected to be from that portion of the Town lying in Montgomery County, and One Councilman to be elected from that portion of the Town lying in Prince Georges County. The Mayor and three Councilmen elected to serve for a term of Two years, beginning with the first Monday in June, 1934.

Section 2. The poles for said election will be opened at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

On an Aye and Nay vote the Ordinance was adopted. Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Boyer, Conger, Remsen Sherburne and Taft voting Aye. Voting Nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Taft, properly seconded, the appointment of Robert Lyon as Registration Clerk, and Jno. W. Coffman, Jr., and F. B. Blackburn as Registration Officers was approved.

Mr. Taft moved the appointment of Robert Lyon as Clerk to Election, and F. B. Blackburn, Rose S. Rutledge, Jno. W. Coffman, Jr., and N. C. Nelson as Judges of Election. Motion seconded and approved. Regular meeting in May was set to hear appeals on increased assessments.

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

J. Wilson Dodd
Clerk

Frederick L. Lewton
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
~~April~~ May 17th, 1934.

Meeting called at 7:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of going into the matter of securing additional land for school purposes in Takoma Park, Md., and after considerable discussion, resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council to be presented to the Civic Federation of Montgomery County by the Federation Delegates from Takoma Park, said Resolution

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reading as follows:--

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK AT SPECIAL MEETING OF
APRIL 17th, 1934.

Whereas additional land is required for school purposes in the Town of Takoma Park.

And whereas the County Commissioners for Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Board of Education have for the last two years expressed their willingness to purchase said additional school land in Takoma Park.

And whereas the School Board purchased a school site near Four Corners from the North Washington Realty Company for \$51,389.30, on September 12, 1933.

And whereas we are advised that there was no necessity for the purchase of this site at this time.

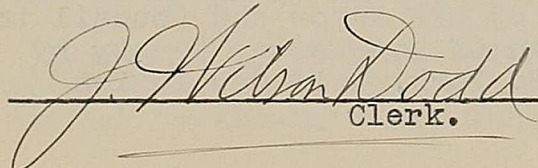
And whereas we are further advised that there was no investigation made by the School Board of the value of said land before its purchase.

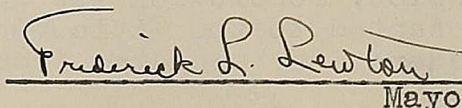
And whereas the money expended for this site could have been used for the purchase of needed additional school land in Takoma Park.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, that our Delegates to the Civic Federation of Montgomery County request the Civic Federation to investigate the purchase of this site near Four Corners and report to the Federation on the necessity of the purchase of this site at this time; what if any investigation was made by the Board of Education as to the necessity of the purchase; how the price paid for the land was arrived at by the Board of Education; the assessment of the land purchased; and all other information relative to this purchase which is shown by the minutes of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners of Montgomery County.

In reviewing the matters of interest which have been accomplished during the past two years in the Town of Takoma Park, Mr. Remsen moved that the Mayor be authorized to list and describe the various items of public interest which have been undertaken and accomplished during the past two years, and that he be authorized to publish same through daily papers, with the consent of the Council to place their signatures under same. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

On motion the Council adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


Clerk.


Mayor.