

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 3th, 1934

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P.M.

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

Meeting called in accordance with Provision of the Town Charter to hear challenges and appeals from registration of voters of May 1st and 2nd, 1934.

In the matter of challenge of registration of Mr. Lewis Keith, 403 Flower Ave., after hearing the facts in the matter Council voted that Mr. Keith be not allowed to vote.

In the matter of Geo. E. Gude, after due hearing, Council voted that Mr. Gude be not allowed to vote.

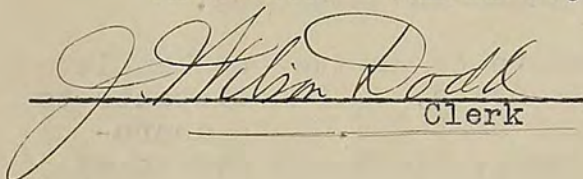
In the case of challenge of registration of Geo. Pryor, after consideration of the matter Council voted that Mr. Pryor be not allowed to vote.

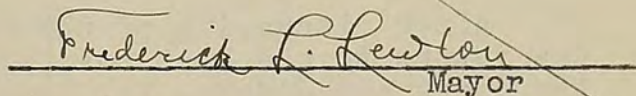
Meeting adjourned at 9:30, and on motion was reconvened at 11:00 P.M.

Mayor Lewton stated that the registration of Mrs. Gertrude Nichols had been challenged and Mrs. Nichols properly notified, but had not appeared before the board, and on motion the Council voted that Mrs. Nichols be not permitted to vote.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the names of Louis Keith, 403 Flower Ave., Geo. Pryor, 119 Sherman Ave., Geo. E. Gude, 8 Sherman Ave. and Mrs. Gertrude Nichols, 312 Elm Ave., be stricken from the Registration List. Motion seconded and approved.

On motion Council adjourned at 11:20 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 3rd, 1934.

Meeting called to order at 9:45 P.M.

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

Mayor Lewton stated that due to the large registration in the Town this Special meeting had been called to discuss the matter of taking care of the large expected vote at the Annual Election on Monday, May 7th, and in doing so to keep within the legal status of the Town Charter. Mr. Karl D. Loos, Corporation Counsel, and Attorneys Preston C. King, Jr., and D. D. Lamond met with the Mayor and Council.

After discussion of the Election Judges, Mr. Remsen moved that the action of the Council in naming four judges at the regular meeting in April be revoked. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that F. B. Blackburn, Jno. W. Coffman, Jr., and N. C. Nelson, be appointed Judges of Election and Robert Lyon appointed Clerk. Motion seconded by Mr. Remsen and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that each of the eight candidates be permitted to name two representatives to be present at the counting of the ballots, one of which may be himself. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Candidates be notified immediately of the plans as to the watchers at the counting of the ballots, and to request that they notify the Town Clerk as to their selection of watchers prior to the election. Motion seconded by Mr. Remsen and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Mayor be authorized to purchase all the necessary material and supplies to provide rails and extra voting booths, and that he hire the necessary men to construct same. Motion seconded and approved.

After discussion of the method to be pursued to handle the voters to the best possible advantage, with assistants to the Clerk and Judges, Mr. Taft moved that \$84.00 be appropriated for the salaries of the Judges, Clerk and necessary clerical assistants. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Clerk of Registration be paid at the rate of \$8.00 per day, and the Registration Officers be paid at the rate of \$5.00 per day. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Conger moved that each candidate be permitted to name one watcher or challenger to be within the polling place during election. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Conger moved that the appointment of Special Officers

to serve on Election Day be left to the discretion of the Mayor. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Special Officers to serve on Election Day be paid \$4.00 per day. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

On motion Council adjourned at 10:55.

J. Wm. Dodd
Clerk

Frederick L. Lewler
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 8th, 1934.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 A. M.

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

The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of election appointed for the purpose of conducting the Annual Election for Mayor and Councilmen for the Town of Takoma Park, on May 7th, 1934. The report of the Judges was as follows:--

Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park, Md.

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 May 7th, 1934 in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building.

After taking the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor, the poles were opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7 o'clock P.M.

The following persons were voted on as Mayor for the term of two years and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

Frederick L. Lewton 1179. E. Clyde Shade 1030.

The following persons were voted on as Councilmen from that portion of the Town lying within Montgomery County for the term of two years and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

Albert W. Harned - 1001. Calvin W. Hassell - 988.
Peter Remsen - 1182. Royal G. Sherburne - 1163.

The following persons were voted on as Councilman from that portion of the Town lying within Prince George's County for the term of two years and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

Harold W. Orcutt - 1079. Charles N. Thomsen - 988.

The total number of votes cast was 1200.

It appears from the votes cast that the following candidate for Mayor received the highest number of votes cast and was duly elected Mayor to serve for a period of two years from June 4th, 1934:-- Frederick L. Lewton.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates from that portion of the Town lying within Montgomery County received the highest number of votes cast, and were duly elected as Councilmen to serve for a period of two

years from June 4th, 1934:--

Peter Remsen,

Royal G. Sherburne.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidate from that portion of the Town lying within Prince Georges County received the highest number of votes cast and was duly elected as Councilman to server for a period of two years from June 4th, 1934. -- Harold W. Orcutt.

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

Very respectfully yours,

F. B. Blackburn, Chairman,
Jno. W. Coffman, Jr.
N. C. Nelsen.
Judges of Election.

Attest:-- Robt. M. Lyon,
Clerk.

Mr. Conger moved that the election results be received as submitted, and that the election of the following officials be approved, published and declared elected:-

For Mayor:-

Frederick L. Lewton,

For Councilmen:-

Peter Remsen,

Royal G. Sherburne,

Harold W. Orcutt.

Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sherburne made a motion duly seconded by Mr. Taft and unanimously adopted that the Mayor and Councilgo on record as acknowledging receipt of the ballot box containing all of the ballots cast and counted at the election as well as a package of ballots entitled "#Soiled and Not Voted Ballots" and also a package marked "Rejected and Defective ballots", said ballot box having been duly locked and sealed with a strip of paper containing the names of the judges of Election pasted over the slit in the ballot box and the key hole of said box as well as the edge of the lid of said box, also the receipt of an envelopes duly sealed with the names of each of the Judges of Election written thereon containing the tally sheet indicating the precise result of said election, and lastly a sealed package with the names of the Judges of Election endorsed thereon containing the unused ballots remaining after the close of said election.

The aforesaid ballot box and packages having been duly received into the custody of the Mayor and Council, the Council upon motion properly seconded and carried thereupon adjourned at 4:30 A.M.

J. Nelson Dodd
Clerk

Frederick L. Lewton
Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 21st, 1934.

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

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

Mayor Lewton stated that the evening had been set aside for the hearing of complaints in regard to new assessments, and also as a hearing on construction of Curb and Gutter on Eastern Ave., between Ash and First St.

Mr. Emil Hayesman addressed the Council and asked that the assessment of \$1200. placed on house on his property be taken off as the house was not properly constructed and that it would be necessary to rebuild same completely. His request was referred to the Finance Committee.

There were no protests on the Curb and Gutter construction on Eastern Ave. Mr. G. M. Titttrington, Mr. W. C. Law, J. R. McDaniel and Mrs. S. E. Miller made inquiry as to the method to be pursued to take care of the drainage on Eastern Ave. in connection with the Curb and Gutter work. Mr. Remsen of the Street Committee advised that this matter would be worked out as far as possible to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16th and Special Meetings of April 17th, May 3rd and May 8th, were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS:

General taxes-----	\$ 1,574.61
Penalty and Interest-----	568.36
Charges-----	222.50
Special Assessments-----	1,491.36
Building Permits-----	25.00
Electric Permits-----	8.00
Excavation Permits-----	1.00
Dog Tax-----	151.50
Dog Impounding Fees-----	14.00
Fines-----	94.60
Repairs to Private Driveway-----	5.00
Montgomery County Bank Tax-----	608.61
" " Security Tax-----	589.82
Sale of one copy of Town Ordinances-----	.75

Total receipts for Month----- \$5,355.11

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor	<u>70.50</u>	70.50
FIRE DEPARTMENT:*	<u>150.00</u>	150.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:-</u>		
Recording fees	7.50	
Dog Impounding Fees	27.60	
Salaries J.P. Mont. & Pr. Geo. Co.	60.00	
Compensation Corp. Counsel-3 months	150.00	
Rental	55.00	
Board of Assessors	<u>75.00</u>	<u>375.10</u>
Total Disbursements for month		<u>3,160.82</u>

Bills in amount of \$1065.09 were presented by the Finance Committee and approved for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from Review & Herald Concert Band in regard to donation for the coming Summer Season. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from Mrs. Ethel Persons, 43 Kennebec Ave., complaining on increase in her assessment. Referred to Finance Committee.

Petition of four residents of Hancock and Sheridan Ave., in regard to unsanitary condition at corner of Hancock and Sheridan Aves., due to lack of sewer. Referred to Civic Committee.

Letter from Municipal Betterment Committee of the Community League asking the Council to appoint a Committee to confer with the Fire Dept. officials to the end that there may be established a closer degree of cooperation between the Fire Dept. and the Mayor and Council. Referred to Fire and Light and Finance Committee.

Letter from Edw. Saari in regard to bad condition existing in the Town Park at Prince Georges and Elm Aves. Referred to Civic Imp. Committee.

Letter from Edw. Saari complaint of assessment placed on his property. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from the Parole Officer of the Maryland State Penitentiary in regard to application of Augustus Wm. Johnson for parole. Referred to the Ordinance & Judiciary Committee with instructions to confer with Supt. of Public Works.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council in regard to delay of the State Roads Commission in the construction of Streets in the Town. Dr. Jordan spoke at length on this subject. Mr. F. S. Papot rose to a point of order stating that Dr. Jordan had already taken up his allotted five minutes, whereupon the Council on motion properly seconded extended Dr. Jordan's

time three minutes.

Mr. F. S. Papot addressed the Council in regard to installing a street light on Baltimore Ave. between New York and Phila. Aves., and was advised by the Mayor that instructions had already been given the Power Co., and that a light would be installed there within a very few days.

Mr. L. Alberti of 409 Takoma Ave., expressed his appreciation to Mr. Remsen and Supt. of Public Works Fischer for their promptness in leveling off soil in front of his property, and asked that some action be taken to correct the bad condition existing at Takoma and Boston Aves.

Dr. A. J. Moyer thanked the Mayor and Council for the work already accomplished in regard to cleaning up in the rear of the stores on Laurel Ave. owned by Mr. H. L. Thornton, and stated that further corrections could be made and presented a petition signed by 26 residents of that section. Mr. Moyer also asked if something could not be done to have the old truck parked on the vacant lot at the Corner of Eastern and Laurel Aves., removed, stating that same had been there for sometime and was very unsightly. Mrs. Dorothy Moyer also addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to the conditions existing in the same vicinity.

Mr. N. C. Jones of Cedar Ave., asked the Council to take as prompt action as possible on whatever improvements they contemplated making on Cedar Ave. Mr. I. W. Johnson addressed the Council on the same subject.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Mayor and Council for some improvements in front of his property on Park Ave. extended.

Mr. Wallace of Blair Road spoke to the Mayor and Council concerning his property on Blair Road, and was advised that the Town had no jurisdiction over same as it was not in the Corporate limits of the Town.

Mrs. Anna M. Shadle asked that some permanent improvements be made on Cockerille Ave., between Spring & Lake Ave., as the condition of the street was working a hardship upon her in the way of rental and disposal of her properties on that Street. Mrs. Shadle also asked that the Mayor and Council consider extending Cockerille Ave., through to Elm Ave.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan again arose and advised that Mayor and Council that in his remarks about the delayed street construction it was not his intention to cast any aspersions on the State Roads Commission or the County Authorities.

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Conger, Chairman, presented a summary of the activities of the Fire Department for the month. On motion report was approved and ordered filed.

BANK STATEMENT:

Mar. 31st,	On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 262.43	
	No deposits during March		
	Withdrawn in March	<u>125.56</u>	136.87
Apr. 30th,	On hand		
Mar. 31st,	On hand Takoma Park Bank	8,074.22	
	Deposits in March	5,355.11	
		<u>13,429.33</u>	
	Trans. to Sav. Account	1,432.82	
		<u>11,996.51</u>	
	Withdrawn in March	3,035.26	
Apr. 30th,	On hand		<u>8,961.25</u>
Apr. 30th,	On hand both banks.		<u>\$9,098.12</u>

SAVING ACCOUNT:

Mar. 31st,	On hand Takoma Park Bank	453.86	
	Trans. from Gen.Acct.	<u>1,432.82</u>	
Apr. 30th,	On hand		1,886.68
Mar. 31st,	On hand Citizens Bank	11,757.79	
	No deposits in March		
Apr. 30th,	On hand		<u>11,757.79</u>
Apr. 30th,	On hand both banks		<u>\$13,644.47</u>
Apr. 30th,	On hand both Savings and General Accounts		<u>\$22,742.59</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:STREETS:

Labor	409.20	
Material	153.04	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>163.58</u>	725.82

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor	99.00	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	45.83	
Street Lights	<u>486.00</u>	800.83

POLICE:

Salaries	315.00	
Telephones & Supplies	20.06	
Gas-Oil AutoUpkeep	65.94	
Clothing Allowance	<u>30.00</u>	431.00

OFFICE:

Salaries	410.00	
Postage & Printing	131.87	
Telephones & Supplies-----	46.70	
Auto-Building Inspector	15.00	
Real Estate Trans. Mont. Co.	<u>4.00</u>	607.57

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Boyer, Chairman, advised that in the matter of sanitation 46 cases had been investigated and corrections made as far as possible. There still remained to be corrected

A - A tenement house without sanitary facilities or water near Spring Park, owned by Mr. Bonifant.

B - No sewer lines or connections for residents of the 200 block of Sheridan Ave. Committee recommended that vigorous action be taken to induce the Sanitary Commission to install sewer line at the earliest possible moment.

Committee reported that the Playgrounds had been used as much as possible with the funds available. There still remained in the budget about \$200.00, and Committee recommended that this be added to the budget for the coming fiscal year and recommended a budget of \$2100.00.

Mr. Boyer stressed the fact that nothing was more important to the Town than adequate and properly cared for parks and playgrounds, and stated that there was nothing more needed at this time than intelligent guidance of the Summer activities of the children in the community, and with these ideas in mind the Committee made the following recommendations.

A - A three months program of supervised playground work.

B - Two full time supervisors, one to have charge in general and to personally direct the games, arts, dancing and apparatus play of the younger children. The assistant to have direct supervision of athletics, ball games, track work, volley ball and other open air activities for the elder children. One other assistant on part time.

C - The areas to be used to be the remainder of the present playground, the area West of the School Building, and the new field so kindly loaned to us by Mr. Hodges.

Committee recommended the appointment of Miss Edith I. McCulloch for this position, stating that she was very well qualified to handle same.

Mr. Boyer moved that Miss McCulloch be appointed as Supervisor of the Playground activities. Mr. Adams stated that Mr. Boyer's term as Councilman would soon expire, and no doubt another Chairman would be appointed to the Civic Improvement Committee, that he did not think it wise to tie the hands of the new Chairman by the acts of this Council, and that in the meantime the Council could have time to investigate the qualifications of Miss McCulloch. After considerable discussion

it was moved and seconded that the report of the Civic Improvement Committee be accepted and that the recommendations be considered for future action. Mr. Boyer stated that he hoped that the Mayor and Council would take prompt steps to investigate these recommendations so that the plans can be started as early as possible.

Mr. Remsen moved that as this would be the last regular meeting of the Council that Mr. Boyer would attend, that the Mayor and Council extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Boyer for his efficient work as a Councilman, and that the Clerk be authorized to write him a letter thanking him for his services during the past year. Motion seconded and approved.

ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:-- Nothing to report.

POLICE COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, gave a summary of the arrests during the past month, and reported other activities of the Department. Mr. Sherburne stated that he had some recommendations to make, and would make each in the form of a motion in order that they may be voted on separately.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to paint lines in the center of Carroll Ave. at Laurel Ave. and also at the curve in Carroll Ave. at Grant Ave. That white lines be painted on the electric light pole at the corner of Carroll and Grant Aves. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that Elm Ave. be made a "one way street" from Carroll Ave. to Ash Ave., as this Street is one of the most dangerous streets in the Town and that a "STOP" sign would make the intersection even more hazardous. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne stated that the information contained in the literature of the International Associations of Chiefs of Police has been very helpful to our force and moved that we continue our membership in same. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Mayor communicate with the office of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County requesting them to meet with the Town Council at a special meeting to be held in the Town Offices at the convenience of the two bodies, to discuss ways and means of cooperation to the mutual benefit of the Town of Takoma Park and Montgomery County, and that the same procedure be followed regarding a meeting with the Commissioners of Prince George's County. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne spoke of the work done during the past year by the Police Force and especially in regard arrests in the matter of compulsory insurance for taxi cabs. Mr. Sherburne stated that in a decision in regard to this matter it was point-

ed out that the Taxi drivers who paid at the rate of one dollar per day liability to protect their customers should be protected to the extent that those operating across the line should not be permitted to operate in Maryland unless they paid the same amount. Mr. Sherburne stated that at the present time the State Officers were enforcing this law.

STREETS COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Remsen, Chairman, stated that during the month the regular street work was carried out, and that the program of work to be done with the money received from gas tax was started by tarring the resurfacing Streets. Many sidewalks were repaired and this work will be carried out until completed. Ash collections have been discontinued, but Street Committee wishes to advise that if there is any one who has a quantity of ashes uncollected a written notice to the Supt. of Public Works would be appreciated. During the past month the Supt. of Public Works has been able to employ several men from the E.W.A. rolls. Thirteen names were furnished, but none of these were from Takoma Park, and upon inquiry the Clerk was informed that there were no names on the relief rolls from Takoma Park. Mr. Remsen stated that this was a very unsatisfactory state of affairs if there are citizens in this community who should receive welfare relief. The Street Comm. recommended that citizens of the Town be given preference even though not on the relief rolls of the County.

Committee reports that on several occasions citizens on the East side of Cedar Ave., South of Phila. Ave. have complained of certain drainage conditions existing from the upper Town culvert under Cedar Ave. to the lower stream near Phila. passing under Cedar. The minutes of the last meeting show that efforts were to be made again to secure certain easements necessary for the construction of a culvert to relieve this situation. Again it has been impossible to secure such easements. The Street Committee wishes to thank the Clerk at this time for his efforts to secure these easements. The storm of this date indicates that the drainage system as laid by Mr. Nelson is inadequate, causing a clogging of the Town's culvert under the roadway causing a consequent overflow which passed off the street onto property of Mr. Papot. As Mr. Nelson seems unwilling to grant an easement, and as Mr. Papot has signified his willingness to negotiate any papers necessary to relieve this situation, the Street Committee therefore wishes to have Council set aside, if necessary, any previous action in the minutes and consider the following proposition:-

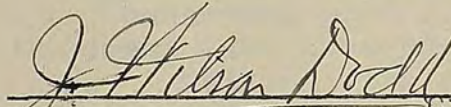
That the Street Committee prepare an estimate of cost for extending the present culvert on the public property past the property of Mr. Nelson, and to such a point as may be determined by the Committee opposite the property of Mr. Papot, and that this cost be submitted to the Finance Committee for its approval. That from that point when easement is granted

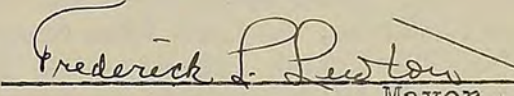
by Mr. Papot it be carried across his property and joined with the present culvert carrying both streams as built by Mr. Papot. Further that the entire cost of culvert built along property of Mr. Nelson be assessed in an equitable manner, similar to regular street improvements, against his property, and that in consideration of the easement granted by Mr. Papot, and because of the fact that part of the culvert constructed by Mr. Papot will no doubt be utilized to carry the water through the properties noted above, that an equitable adjustment of cost be worked out with Mr. Papot.

Further, that the easements, etc. shall be duly recorded, accompanied by marked drawings and that if the cost as determined is approved by the Finance Committee that the Street Comm. be authorized to proceed immediately with the work.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the report and recommendations of the Street Committee were approved.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 9:50 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 28TH, 1934.

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

Mayor Lewton stated that he had gone to Rockville on May 4th and had taken the Oath of Office before the Clerk of the Court,, and at this time administered the Oath of Office to the Councilmen elect, Mr. Orcutt, Remsen and Sherburne.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Outgoing Councilman Boyer met with the Mayor and Council.

At this point Mayor Lewton appointed his Committees for the coming year; as follows:--

FINANCE: --

J. R. Adams, Chairman,
A. L. Conger,
M. C. Taft.

POLICE:--

R. G. Sherburne, Chairman,
Peter Remsen,
H. W. Orcutt.

STREETS:-- Peter Remsen, Chairman,
R. G. Sherburne,
A. L. Conger.

FIRE AND LIGHTS:-- A. L. Conger, Chairman,
M. C. Taft.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT
AND

HEALTH:-- H. W. Orcutt, Chairman,
J. R. Adams.

ORDINANCE AND

JUDICIARY:-- M. C. Taft, Chairman,
H. W. Orcutt.

Mr. Conger moved that Mr. Sherburne, as Chairman of the Police Committee be vested with the title of Police Commissioner. Motion seconded by Mr. Remsen and approved.

Mr. Adams of the Finance Committee stated an investigation had been made of the complaints in regard to increased assessments, and in the case of Mrs. Ethel Persons Mr. Adams moved that the increase of \$200.00 be taken off. Motion seconded in approved.

In the case of increase of assessment of Emil Hayesman on Domer Ave., it was found that this improvement was not in use and could not be used until entirely rebuilt, and it was moved and properly seconded that the increase of \$1200.00 be removed. Motion approved.

In the case of complaint on assessment from Mr. Edw. Saari, Mr. Adams stated that this had not been fully investigated, and a report would be made later.

In regard to the letter from the Review and Herald Band for donation to help out in expenses for the coming Summer season, Mr. Adams moved that \$75.00 be donated to the Band. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Adams moved that J. Wilson Dodd be reappointed Clerk and Treasurer for the coming year. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne laid before the Mayor and Council a sketch of a proposed new building for the Police Department, which has been under consideration for some time, and after discussion of the matter Mr. Conger moved that the sum of \$2500.00 be appropriated for the construction of a police station, and that plans and specifications be prepared by the Police Committee, together with recommendation of a site upon which to construct same, and that completion thereof be completed by July 1st, next. Motion seconded and approved. *afforded*

Mr. Conger read a communication from Takoma Park Post #28 American Legion asking the approval of the Mayor and Council

for the Post to sponsor a Fourth of July Celebration in Takoma Park. Mr. Conger moved that the Council approve the request of the American Legion to sponsor a Fourth of July Celebration. Mr. Remsen offered an amendment to the motion that the Legion be notified of the approval of the Council and highly commended for their actions. Amendment accepted, and motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

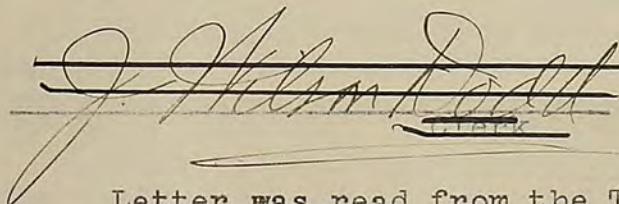
Mr. Conger of the Fire and Lights Committee stated that he had attended a meeting of the Fire Department, and had talked over with them the matter of the Town assuming control of certain parts of the building for the coming year, the Town paying for same a stipulated amount. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Remsen moved that the report of Mr. Conger on the proposed arrangement for the Town taking over certain space and rental powers of the Fire Association be received, and that the matter be referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary and Fire and Lights Committees for investigation and report back to the Council at next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Matter of Budget for the coming fiscal year was discussed and due to necessity of investigating further some items in the budget same was tabled until a later meeting.

Mr. Adams moved that a tax rate of 85¢ per \$100.00 be adopted for the coming fiscal year of 1934. Motion seconded and approved.

Matter of report of the Civic Improvement Committee on Playgrounds presented at the regular meeting on May 18th, which was held up for approval pending further investigation of the recommendations in same, was discussed at length, and motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the recommendations of the Civic Improvement Committee in regard to Parks and Playgrounds subject to correction of the budget.

Mr. Remsen of the Street Committee requested that the Clerk write to the proper parties to determine the status of the improvement of Chestnut Ave., from the Fern Street Under-pass to the East-West Highway.



 Mayor

Letter was read from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept., recommending to the Mayor and Council the name of Ed Lee for Fire Marshall, and also a letter from the Dept. in regard to the recent fire at the Phila. Ave. Elementary School and asking that fire hydrants be placed closer to the School. Referred to Fire and Lights Committee.

Applications were read from Miss Norma L. Lewton and Miss Louise Beville applying for position as assistant director of Playgrounds. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Takoma Park Parent Teachers Association in regard to establishing ample playground facilities in the Town. To Civic Improvement Comm.

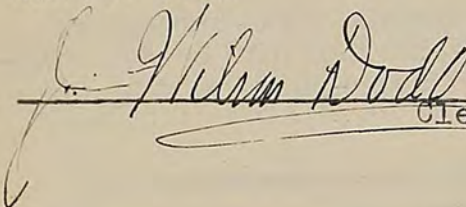
Letters from the Mothers Club and Mrs. Miriam Robertson recommending a program for the building up of playgrounds over a number of years. To Civic Improvement Committee.

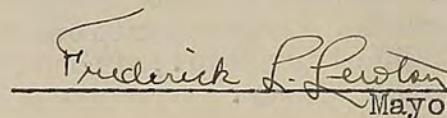
Letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce of Takoma Park, Md.*D.C. protesting the making of Elm Ave. a one way street from Carroll to Ash Ave., and suggesting that a "STOP" sign be tried out at the Cor. of Carroll and Elm Aves., instead of the one way street method. Also a petition from 18 business and property owners in regard to the same matter. Earlier in the meeting Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., addressed the Council in regard to this matter. On motion the subject was referred to the Police Committee for further investigation.

Mr. L. E. Froom of 209 Albany Ave., addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to a bad drainage condition in the rear of his property and asked if some steps could not be taken to correct same.

In reference to the matter of drainage on Cedar Ave., referred in the Street Committee Report of the last regular meeting to the Finance Committee, Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that the Committee had approved same in principal and it was referred back to the Street Comm.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 11:55. P.M.


 Clerk


 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 31st, 1934.

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

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

Mr. Conger of the Finance Committee stated that the Committee had investigated the complaint of Mr. Edw. Saari on increase in his property assessment, and moved that the assessment of \$400.00 on the land remain as originally assessed, but that the improvement be reduced to \$1600.00, making the total assessment \$2000.00. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Remsen Chairman of the Street Committee stated that the Council having had a hearing on the installation of Curb and Gutter on Eastern Ave., between Ash and First St., at the meeting of May 21st, 1934, and that the protests, if any, were in the minority as recorded in the minutes by the Clerk, therefore, the Street Committee wishes to present the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. ~~842~~ 531A

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

Section 1. That Street Committee be authorized to proceed with the construction of Curb and Gutter on Eastern Ave., between Ash Ave. and First St., East side, as advertised, immediately, and that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to proceed with the work with the Town forces, and that if additional help is necessary that same be obtained from the unemployment lists on file in the Town Clerk's Office *Apr. 55*

Section 2. That proper survey be made to insure proper grades. That the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand Dollars. That if funds will allow, the construction of Curb and Gutter be continued on the District Side of the line.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this Curb and Gutter be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement.

Mr. Remsen moved that the Ordinance be adopted and on an Aye and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Aye, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Conger, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting nay, None.

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting was also called for the purpose of discussing donation to the Fire Department for the coming year, and after a lengthy discussion the joint Committees composed of the Ordinance and Judiciary and Fire and Lights Committees, ^{Offered} a resolution to be placed before the Trustees of the Fire Department, as follows:--

WHEREAS The Mayor and the Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, are of the opinion that the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., is performing a valuable public service to all of the inhabitants of the Town in safeguard the lives and property of said inhabitants from fire, and that in the performance of such public service the said Fire Department should receive the support of the Town; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council deem there is a pressing need in the Town for a Civic Center and the construction of a separate building for that purpose is impracticable under the present conditions, and that in the meantime, the use of the Fire Department building, in addition to its use by the said Fire Department for fire fighting purposes, as such a civic center, should be brought about; and

WHEREAS The Mayor and Council are of the opinion, after careful and deliberate study, that it is clearly for the best interests of all of the inhabitants of the Town, as well as of the said Fire Department, that all space in the Fire Department building on Carroll Avenue, exception these portions thereof now occupied by said Fire Department as a fire-engine room and sleeping quarters and that portion thereof now occupied and used as a kitchen by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department, be transferred to the temporary control of the Town, and, under its jurisdiction be made available and be secured for use as a Civic Center, for use by the several civic, historical, patriotic and fraternal organizations of the Town, to the end that the highest possible efficiency of said Fire Department and the establishment and maintenance of such a civic center be accomplished; and

WHEREAS The Mayor and Council are further of the opinion that ~~under~~ such temporary arrangement, the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in said Fire Department Building for the use of all the inhabitants of the Town, would be for the public good; and

WHEREAS the existing agreement whereby certain portions of said Fire Department building are now, and heretofore have been, hired by the Town for the carrying out of certain of its corporate municipal functions therein, will expire June 30, 1934; and

WHEREAS the accomplishment of the foregoing objects appears to be for the best interests of all of the inhabitants of the Town, as well as for the best interests of the said Fire Department:

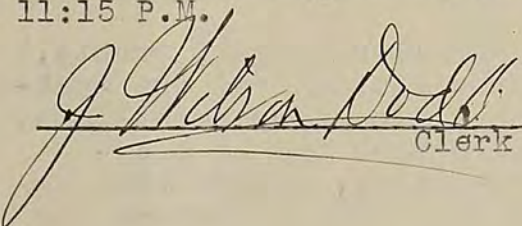
NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, in meeting assembled, that in order to effectively accomplish the foregoing objects for the public welfare upon the proper execution by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., through and by its proper officers thereunto duly authorized, and the delivery to the Town of a lease in form satisfactory to the said Mayor and Council, leasing to the Town of Takoma Park, for a period of one year,

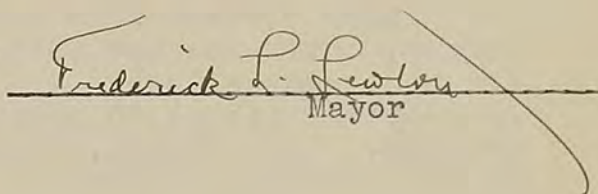
beginning July 1, 1934, with the option of renewal to both parties, all portions of the Fire Department building on Carroll Avenue exception those portions thereof now occupied by the said Fire Department as a fire-engine room and sleeping quarters, and that portion thereof now occupied and used as a kitchen by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department, such lease space to be devoted to the public used of providing a necessary place for public meetings and hearings by the said Mayor and Council, a place for use as a Free Public Library for the inhabitants of the Town, and a place of meeting for the use of the several civic, patriotic, historical and fraternal organizations of the Town, including the Community League, the Red Cross of America, the Takoma Park Post of the American Legion and its Auxiliary, the Takoma Park Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, the Woman's Club, the Council of Mothers and Children, and the Citizens' School Committee, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Horticultural Club, the said Fire Department and its several Auxiliaries, and all kindred organizations and also all Town political organizations and clubs, the Mayor and Council, in consideration thereof, will further increase the appropriation towards the support and maintenance of the Fire Department heretofore made by the Town in the amount of \$3,600.00, to the amount of \$5,000.00, effective July 1, 1934.

It is to be expressly understood that in making the foregoing proposals, it is not contemplated that there should be any restrictions upon the free use of said building or the community rooms therein by the said Fire Department or by its auxiliary association and upon proper notice. Nor that the carrying out of the foregoing uses of said building as a civic center, should in any wise, handicap or retard the construction of a hose tower and additional recreation rooms and sleeping quarters in and upon said building which may be determined upon by said Fire Department.

It was moved, properly seconded and approved that the Joint Committees, Ordinance & Judiciary and Fire and Lights, present said resolution to the Trustees of the Fire Department, for their consideration and report back to the Mayor and Council.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 11:15 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor