

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SEPT. 8TH, 1934.

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

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt and Sherburne. Mr. D. C. Adamson, Playground Supervisor, and D. E. Robb, Engineer of District of Columbia Playgrounds, upon invitation, met with the Council.

Mr. Orcutt, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee, presented a report for consideration of the Mayor and Council covering the results of the Committees conference with a Committee of the County Board of Education on the municipal site at Phila. and Holly Avenues.

Mr. Orcutt reported that Supt. of Education Broome, Mr. Prettyman, Counsel of the Montgomery County Board of Education, met with himself, J. R. Adams and Corporation Counsel, D. D. Lamond, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 8th, 1934. The County Committee proposed that if the Council should pass an Ordinance establishing the playground on the site, and providing for the use of it by the Board of Education during the school period of nine months, the County would pay into the Town Treasury a sum sufficient, when added to the Town's appropriation, to make up the amount needed to grade and develop the playground. The County officers favored bringing the Town's lot down to one level to provide for a baseball field and field track. The Council Committee did not favor the one level plan because of the prohibitive cost. Mr. Robb, the Engineer, figured that a five foot cut over the highest point, and the spreading out of dirt dug out would make possible a ball field about 300 ft. square, using about two-thirds of the lot. He believed this could be done for \$4000.00. The front third of the lot to be left ungraded. Mr. Orcutt read a draft of the proposed Ordinance suggested by the Board of Education.

Mr. Conger stated that he was not in accord with the report of the Committee. He felt that the cost was out of all proportion to the benefit to be derived, and would be a waste of money. He suggested that a playground could be rented if needed.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the proposed Ordinance be forwarded to the County Board of Education for consideration by them. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously.

In the absence of the Clerk the Minutes were recorded by the Mayor.

On motion the Council adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

*M. Conger*

Frederick P. Lewton  
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Frederick P. Lewton  
Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SEPT. 17th, 1934

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

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

Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 20th and Special Meetings of Aug. 29th and Sept. 8th were read and approved.

Bills in amount of \$1814.23 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment approved.

Financial Statement for the month of August was presented by the Treasurer and approved, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$4722.94	
Less Discounts-----	156.83	\$4,566.11
Interest and penalties-----		52.54
Charges-----		6.75
Special Assessments-----		448.13
Building Permits-----		16.00
Electrical Permits-----		17.00
Excavation Permits-----		11.00
Dog Tax-----		14.00
Tax Overpayment-----		10.92
Vendor Permits-----		31.00
Fines-----		19.50
Impounding Fees-----		10.00
Sale one copy Town Charter-----		.25
Total-----		<u>\$5,203.00</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

GENERAL ACCOUNT

July 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 1,906.84	
Deposits in August	225.67	
Aug. 31st On hand		\$ 2,132.51
July 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	16,269.28	
Deposits in August	4,972.53	
	21,241.81	
Withdrawn in August	4,841.79	
Aug. 31st - On hand		16,400.02
Aug. 31st - On hand both banks		<u>\$18,532.53</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	1,900.61	
No Deposits in August		
Aug. 31st - On hand	<u>          </u>	1,900.61
July 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	11,934.14	
No deposits in August		
Aug. 31st - On hand	<u>          </u>	<u>11,934.14</u>
Aug. 31st - On hand both banks		<u>\$13,834.75</u>
Aug. 31st - On hand Gen. & Savings Accts.		<u>\$32,367.28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-

<u>STREETS:</u>		
Labor	444.25	
Material	555.77	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Misc.	<u>334.25</u>	\$ 1,334.27
<u>SERVICE:</u>		
Trash-Labor	78.60	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	29.48	
Street Lights	<u>487.11</u>	765.19
<u>POLICE:</u>		
Salaries	330.00	
Gas-Oil Auto-Upkeep	127.48	
Telephones & Misc. Exp.	24.25	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
New Station Expense	364.00	
Equipment	<u>33.00</u>	908.73
<u>OFFICE:-</u>		
Salaries	450.00	
Telephones & Supplies	<u>35.35</u>	485.39
<u>PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-</u>		
Salaries	225.00	
Labor	103.00	
Misc. Exp.	.89	
Equipment	<u>7.00</u>	335.89
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:-</u>		
Dog Impounder	27.00	
Dog Impounding Expense	3.80	
Ptg. 200 copies Town Charter	112.50	
Work Balto. Ave. Spring	72.44	
Recording Fee	.75	
Cedar Ave. Culvert	431.95	
Insurance Premium	31.00	
Refund Taxes	10.92	
Refund Elec. Permit	3.00	
Postage	4.00	

## MISCELLANEOUS - Continued

Rentals	155.00	
Salaries J.P. Mont. & Pr.Geo.Co.	60.00	
Comp. Corp.Counsel-July-Aug.	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$1,012.36</u>
Total Disbursements for month		<u>\$4,841.79</u>

## COMMUNICATIONS:--

Letter from W. P. Harman in regard to needed repairs to sidewalk in front of his premises at 16 Poplar Ave. To Street Comm.

Communication was read from W. W. McClaine in regard to unfinished house on Lot 2, Block 15, Pinecrest. Referred to Civic Improvement Comm.

Communication from Wm. A. Mellen in regard to laying of sidewalk on Carroll Ave. to driveway into his premises. To Street Comm.

Letter from Margaret Petty Dodge in regard to construction of storm sewer across Dogwood Ave. to connect with sewer built across her land. To Street Comm.

Letter from Walter D. & Bertha B. Lambert offering shrubbery to beautify triangle at the corner of Philadelphia and Maple Aves. To Civic Improvement Comm.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Mayor and Council, calling attention to the fact that this date was Constitution Day and gave a short talk on the framing of this Document.

Mr. J. R. Magness addressed the Council in regard to the condition on Valley View Ave., and called attention to a petition which had been presented some time ago for the paving of that street. Mayor Lewton advised that this petition would be looked up and returned to the Street Committee for further consideration.

Mr. H. C. Heffner asked the cooperation of the Mayor and Council in the observance of Fire Protection Week, and was advised that Council would render any aid possible. Mr. Heffner also stated that a drinking fountain was much needed in the center of the Town and asked consideration of the Council with the view of placing one outside the Fire Department Building.

Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., stated to the Mayor and Council that he would like to join in Mr. Heffner's suggestion that the Mayor and Council aid in the General Fire Prevention week program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Adams, Chairman, stated that several quotations had been received on the Town Insurance, most of which expired on Sept. 20th, and moved that the Finance Comm. be given authority to act on this matter. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, reported that bids were received for the installation of a hot water heating plant in the police station and carefully analyzed by the Committee as regards the number of feet of radiation, number of radiators, capacity of boiler, etc., and recommended that the contract be awarded to J. B. Henderson, at a price of \$347.00.

The Acme Iron Works was awarded the contract to install three iron cots at a total cost of \$35.00.

A bed and mattress was purchased for the dormitory and a new G. E. Radio, for the reception of police broadcasts.

Accompanying the police report was a schedule outlining the work done by the police during this past month, and a schedule of the bids submitted for the heating plant and for furnishing and installing of the steel bunks.

Committee recommended that a new motorcycle battery be purchased at once.

Committee requested authorization to proceed with the finishing of the police station at a figure not to exceed \$200.00. Motion seconded and approved.

It was moved that the report of the Police Committee be received and the recommendations be adopted. Motion approved.

Motion was made that the Committee be authorized to spend not exceeding \$200.00 for the improvement and completion of the Police Station. Motion seconded and approved.

Mr. Sherburne presented three bills amounting to \$56.25 covering the purchase of cot for Dormitory, Radio and cots for cells. Mr. Adams moved that these three bills be approved for payment and included in those approved earlier in the evening.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr. Conger:--

Whereas Elbert E. Blodgett has completed thirty-nine years of honorable service as a member of the Town's Police force, and had in addition during part of this period filled other official positions in the Town Government diligently and faithfully.

Therefore, be it resolved that Special Police Officer Elbert E. Blodgett, upon his own request, be retired from active service, with such pay and allowances as may, upon the recommendation of the Police Commissioner, be approved by the Mayor and Council.

On motion, properly seconded, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Lewton stated that he came across some old records of the year 1915 showing that the new position of Supt. of Public Works was created, and that Mr. Blodgett, after thirteen years of service on the Council, had been appointed to the position. Mayor Lewton spoke of the efficiency of Mr. Blodgett, and commended him very highly.

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Conger, Chairman, recommended that the lights on the poles on Carroll Ave. North of Flower Ave. be changed from 250 c.p. globes to 100 c.p. globes-Poles No. 7068, 7070, 7468, 7470, and also recommended that the lights on the poles on Flower Ave. Northwest of Erie Ave. be changed from 250 c.p. globes to 100 c.p. globes- Poles 74677, 72009, 72011, 72014, 72016, 72072, 72074. On motion, properly seconded the recommendation was approved.

Mr. Conger stated that joint Committees which had been appointed to confer with the Fire Department over the rental, etc. of the Town Council Room, had not been able to meet until recently owing to the absence of another member of the Committee, but that Committee met recently and drew up a tentative plan to submit to the Fire Association, which had been handed to the President of the Fire Association a few days ago, and the Committee expects to hold a conference with the Trustees of the Fire Association as soon as the Association has had time to consider the plan and make their proposals, if any.

Mr. Conger stated that he had not received any report from the Fire Department as to their activities during the past month.

STREET COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Remsen, Chairman, stated that before he read his general report he wished to thank Dr. Jordan for the close touch he has kept upon the Chestnut Ave. Project. Mr. Remsen stated that he had also gotten in touch with Mr. Austin Shure, State Engineer, and was advised that the plans were in the hands of the Government for approval before advancing the funds, and that Mr. Shure had promised to send him a copy of the plans in order that he could have them for Council meeting, but that same had not arrived. Mr. Remsen stated he understood these plans were being carried out along the lines of the last lay-out which had been submitted to Council, width over all 44' - width of Street 36' and width of Sidewalks 4'. Grades approximately as shown on plans given consideration by the Citizens. Mr. Remsen stated that he hoped the new plans would put the matter in such shape that there will be no further delay.

Regular street work has been carried out during the month. The condition at the end of Brashears Ave. as reported by Mr. Carrusillo has been remedied. The Committee has investigated the drainage condition existing on Valley View Ave. where private culvert leaves Mr. Spears and is carried on Town property to Maple Ave. Recent rains have caused overflow on the private

properties South of Valley View. The Committee recommends that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to excavate and examine the present drainage system from the West side of Maple where same was reconstructed some time ago and that when exposed, if this drainage system be found inadequate, the same be reconstructed throughout its length to the junction with the private culvert on the Spears property. Should it be found that this reconstructed culvert does not relieve the situation existing in the private culvert, that then proper steps be taken to obtain necessary easements in order that this culvert can be reconstructed, and the cost of this portion of the work be assessed in the usual manner against adjoining property owners.

The request for relief of storm water conditions as set forth by Mr. Fruend has been given careful consideration. Certain proposals for diverting the storm water from Buffalo Avenue around into Albany Avenue involve excavation of twenty feet in depth, and would involve a considerable sum of money. An alternate scheme for diverting overflow water through private property to the street line of Albany Avenue is now being considered. This will require proper survey and easements. The Committee intends to obtain necessary grades for study immediately, and if found practicable, will submit to Council a proposal to relieve this situation, provided proper easements can be obtained.

Cedar Avenue culvert has been completed and functioned satisfactorily during the recent heavy rains. Holly Avenue between Philadelphia and the end of the concrete has been cleared of trees and is now ready for grading. A heavy cut will have to be made at the top of the hill, necessitating the hiring of a steam shovel. The contractor doing the work on Takoma Avenue has completed the grading and is ready to commence pouring concrete. The Union Paving Company of Washington, D.C. has made some progress on the East-West Highway, but many complaints have been made of the condition around the Philadelphia Avenue grade school due to incomplete conditions.

The petitions of residents of Valley View Avenue have been recognized and on file for some time. Intention to relieve this paving condition has been in the minds of Council for some time and it was so stated to their representatives. The question then of a continuation of Valley View through to Willow Avenue was brought up by the property owners beyond the end of present street. Council being desirous of continuing this through to Willow Avenue delayed action in order to allow property owners above to come to agreement in regard to proposed width.

The Street Committee now wishes to recommend that as no further action seems to be contemplated by those owning property above the end of the present street, that immediate steps be taken, if funds are found available by the Finance

Committee, to install proper curbs and gutters and surface the street, within the lines as now laid out. Should the Finance Committee find that approval of this can be granted, that the Street Committee be empowered to proceed with the work.

The letter addressed to Mayor and Council from Mrs. Dodge regarding the building of the culvert under Dogwood Avenue will be given consideration. The correspondence will be examined and action taken by Committee at a later date. Letter is returned to file.

The request of Mr. Mellen for a continuation of sidewalk from Carroll Avenue to his driveway will be given consideration. Extracts from minutes of past meetings will be made in order that new members of Council may become familiar with past actions of Council in this case. Street Committee will then ask for a definite disposition of this request at a later meeting. Letter will be returned to the files.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, offered the following report:--

With further reference to the problem of providing for a new public playground, brought about by the construction of the East-West Highway across the present playground, at the corner of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues, your Committee begs to report the following progress since the last regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, and to make the following recommendations.

Your Committee feels that, if the Town is to provide a new playground site for the use of its citizens, including a baseball field, in season for use next Summer, to meet the substantial loss of the Maple Avenue playground, steps should be taken with that end in view without delay.

Through the good offices of the Town Supervisor of Playgrounds, Mr. Adamson, the District of Columbia Playground Engineer, without cost to the Town, has made a study and survey of the three and one-half acre site, owned by the Town, at the Corner of Philadelphia and Holly Avenues, and has presented to your Committee a preliminary profile plan for the construction of a playground on a one level grade, leaving a frontage on Philadelphia Avenue of approximately a depth of 130 feet, and providing for the grading and levelling of said lot beyond said line approximately 130 feet from Philadelphia Avenue, so as to lay out a suitable playground, including a baseball field, at an estimated cost of about \$5500.00. The final profile plans will be furnished by the engineer within about a week.



A sub-Committee of the Montgomery County Board of Education, at its request, has had two conferences with your Committee, and has presented to your Committee the needs of said Board of Education for a site for a school playground for use by the pupils of the Takoma Park Elementary School on Philadelphia Avenue. This Sub-Committee expressed a desire to purchase this three and one-half acre lot, owned by the Town, located Northwesterly of said School; but your Committee felt that it was not for the best interests of the Town to recommend the sale of this lot of land, by reason of the fact that the Town is faced with the immediate necessity of providing for its inhabitants a Town playground, and your Committee has not felt that it is advisable that the Town purchase or acquire any new land for a playground site, when it already owns land suitable for that purpose.

Thereupon, the said Sub-Committee of the Board of Education submitted to your Committee the proposition that, if the Town would lay out, establish and equip a public playground upon this three and one-half acre tract, and would enter into an agreement with said Board of Education to permit said playground, when completed, to be used as a school playground jointly with its use as a Town playground, the said Board would pay to the Town the sum of \$4000.00 towards the cost of the laying out, establishment and equipment of said playground.

Pursuant to this proposal, your Committee drafted a proposed Ordinance, providing, in substance, for the laying out, establishment and equipment of a public playground by the Town, upon the said land of the Town at the corner of Philadelphia and Holly Avenues, at an estimated cost of \$5500.00, and that, when completed, such playground should be jointly used by the inhabitants of the Town as a public playground and by the pupils of said Takoma Park Elementary School as a school playground, in accordance with such contract as may be mutually agreed upon, provided that said Board of Education should pay to the Town the sum of \$4000.00, to be applied towards the cost of laying out, establishment and equipment of such playground by the Town. This proposed Ordinance was approved by the Counsel of the Board of Education, as well as by the Town Corporation Counsel, and the proposed method of financing the work was approved by the respective Counsel of the Board and the Town.

The Mayor and Council having authorized and instructed your Committee to forward to the said Board of Education a copy of the proposed Ordinance, providing for the agreement above outlined, your Committee on Sept. 10th, forwarded to the Board a copy of such proposed Ordinance. On Sept. 13th, your Committee from Supt. Edwin C. Broome a communication advising that this proposed Ordinance had been submitted to the Board of Education, at its meeting on Sept. 11th, and that the Board had approved the program above outlined, and had

authorized the payment to the Town of the sum of \$4000.00 to be applied towards the cost of the laying out, establishment and equipment of such playground, and had authorized said Sub-Committee to enter into a contract with the Town to accomplish such purposed.

The situation as it now stands may, therefore, be summarized as follows:-

1. The Town, having been deprived of the main use of its playground, including the baseball field, by the construction of the East-West Highway, must secure a new site for a public playground for the Town.

2. The Town owns this site at the Corner of Philadelphia and Holly Avenues, which, by the expenditure of the estimated sum of \$5500.00, may be developed as a playground.

3. The Town has available the sum of \$2000.00, paid by the State Highway Commission to the Town for the taking of a right of way across the present playground, for the laying out of a new public playground.

4. The Board of Education has an equal need for a site for a school playground for the Takoma Park Elementary School, and is desirous of using this tract of land as such school playground jointly with its use as a Town playground.

5. In order to secure this joint use of such site as a school playground, the said Board of Education has offered to pay to the Town the sum of \$4000.00, towards the construction of such playground, which sum of \$4000.00, together with the sum of \$2000.00 now available for such purposes, would seem to provide sufficient funds, in view of the estimated cost of \$5500.00 furnished to your Committee, to accomplish this work.

Your Committee has given careful study to this playground problem, and is persuaded that some new playground should be laid out this fall, and that it would be neither wise nor prudent to purchase or acquire any new land for that purpose, when the Town already owns this site suitable for that purpose. Your Committee is of the opinion that the offer of the Board of Education is a generous one, and that the respective problems of the Town and the Board of Education for playground space are largely identical, as the same children are involved in each case, and is also of the opinion that the development of such a one level playground upon this site, leaving sufficient frontage on Philadelphia Avenue as a site for any future Municipal Building, would greatly improve and beautify this Town owned land, which is now in a wild and undeveloped state, as well as provide an adequate playground space for a public playground and a school playground.

Due to the fact that the profile plan of this proposed development has not been fully completed, your Committee does not feel that it can intelligently recommend that any definite final action be taken at this time with respect thereto; however, your Committee respectfully recommends that, if the completed plans of the engineer show that such playground can be laid out, established and equipped within the estimated cost of \$5500.00, as has been preliminarily indicated, the offer of the Board of Education to donate the sum of \$4000.00 towards the cost of such work be accepted, that the said sum of \$2000.00 be appropriated for that purpose, and that such a playground be constructed upon such site, as herein outlined, as soon as may be possible, in order that a proper and adequate playground may be available for use for the Summer of 1935.

In accordance with the instructions of the Mayor and Council, your Committee has interviewed Dr. Daniel H. Kress with respect to the appointment of a Health Officer for the Town. Dr. Kress advises your Committee that it will not be convenient for him to accept such an appointment and that he recommended the appointment of a younger man for such position. Your Committee respectfully recommends the appointment of Dr. Francis X. Richardson as Health Officer of the Town.

Mr. Remsen moved that the recommendation of the Civic Improvement Committee with respect to the Public Playground be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Conger moved that the report be amended to read that "such part of said sum of \$2000.00 as may be necessary be appropriated". Amendment accepted, and motion approved as amended.

On motion, properly seconded, the appointment of Dr. Francis X. Richardson as Health Officer of the Town was approved.

Mr. Orcutt moved the appropriation of \$15.00 be made for membership in the Montgomery County Civic Federation. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

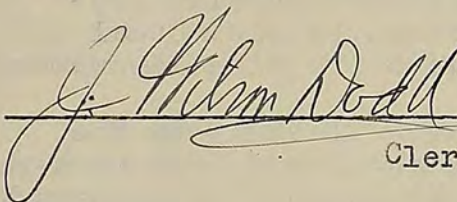
Mr. Orcutt at this time stated that Dr. Kress had advised him that he would be very glad to cooperate with the Town Health Officer and recommended that the Vital Statistics of the Town should also be handled by the Health Officer.

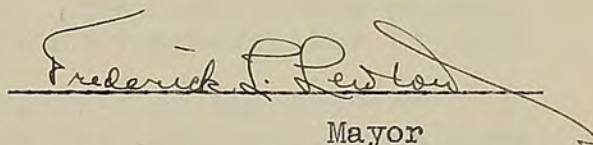
Mayor Lewton stated that a Special Committee had been appointed to represent the Town at a conference at Rockville on Wednesday night next to be held by incorporated Towns to discuss the matter of road tax derived from Gasoline sales,

and also another Committee to study the needs of the Supt. of Public Works in regard location of a proper site for the storage of equipment, and that no doubt a report would be made by these Committees at a later date.

Dr. Jordan, addressing the Mayor and Council, stated that a meeting would be held shortly of the North Takoma Improvement Club, to get an expression as to how the triangle at Takoma Ave. and the Piney Branch Underpass should be improved, and advised that he was quite sure that this improvement would certainly be finished by November 1st.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SEPT. 25th, 1934.

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

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

Meeting called to hear report of the joint Committees of Fire and Judiciary and Ordinance in connection with the meeting held with the Trustees of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Conger stated that the joint Committees had had a meeting with the Volunteer Fire Department Trustees, and Mr. Conger presented a verbal minority report.

Mr. Taft, a member of the Committee, presented the following written majority report of the Committee:--

The majority of the Joint Committees respectfully submits the following report and recommendations with respect to the question of proposed agreement with the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department.

It will be generally conceded that the Volunteer Fire Department is rendering a valuable public service in protecting and safeguarding the lives, property and interests of all of the inhabitants of the Town from the dangers and

ravages of fire, and that it is a proper and wise expenditure of public funds for the Town annually to appropriate a reasonable sum of money to assist the Fire Department in the performance of this public function. Heretofore, the Town had liberally contributed to the support of the Volunteer Fire Department in the performance of this public function and the rendering of this public service, and funds have been allocated by the Town for the purpose of fire protection for the current fiscal year, of which the sum of \$200.00 has been paid over to the Fire Department. We are clearly of the opinion that this allocation should not be made available for and be expended for the purposes for which it was allocated, namely, to secure to the citizens adequate fire protection, and that some practical agreement should be arrived at without delay, whereby the method and manner of the payment of this fund by the Town to the Volunteer Fire Department, and its expenditure by the Fire Department for fire protection within the Town, shall be defined to the mutual benefit and satisfaction of the Town and the Fire Department.

To this end we have given most careful study to the problem in question, and respectfully recommend that an agreement be proposed by the Town to the Volunteer Fire Department substantially based upon the following proposals.

1. That the Town agree to pay over to the Volunteer Fire Department the total sum of \$3600.00 in four payments of \$900.00 each, payable on Sept. 30th, 1934, Dec. 31st, 1934, March 31st, 1935 and June 1st, 1935, all of said funds to be expended by the Volunteer Fire Department solely for fire protection purposes, and that the said payments shall constitute a full satisfaction and acquittance of any and all pre-existing obligations on the part of the Town with respect to the use and occupation of the Fire Department building or any part thereof.
2. That the Volunteer Fire Department agree to expend all of said funds solely for fire protection purposes, including the cost and maintenance of the fire fighting apparatus and equipment, and the reasonable operation thereof, provided, however, that no part of said funds shall be paid by said Volunteer Fire Department for or on account of the indebtedness of said Fire Department building or any interest thereon.
3. That the Volunteer Fire Department agree to render and submit to the Town, on each of the following dates, viz: Dec. 1st, 1934, March 15th, 1935, May 15th, 1935 and June 15th, 1935, a true itemized account showing the several purposes for which all of said funds have been expended.
4. That the Town reserve the right to deduct from any of such payments the amount of any items which may be shown by any of such prior accounts to have been expended for other than fire fighting purposes.
5. That the Volunteer Fire Department agree to grant to the Town, rent free, the uninterrupted and exclusive right to

use and occupy the Community Hall in the Carroll Avenue Fire Station, at such times as may be designated for the holding of meetings of the Mayor and Council, Town Caucuses, Municipal Registration of Voters, Municipal Elections, and all public hearings and meetings called by the Mayor and Council, the Volunteer Fire Department to furnish the necessary heat, light, tables and chairs for all such meetings at its own sole cost and expense.

6. That the Volunteer Fire Department agree with the Town that it will set aside, reserve and allocate the free use of said Community Hall, on each Saturday evening, for all such civic and semi-public meetings as shall be sanctioned by the Mayor, to the end that said Community Hall shall be used exclusively as a civic center on each Saturday evening.

7. That the Volunteer Fire Department agree that it will not grant or permit the use of said Community Hall for any public dance or dances on such Saturday evenings.

We are of the opinion that such an agreement as is herein outlined would solve the present problem to the mutual satisfaction and benefit of both the Town and the Volunteer Fire Department, would provide for the proper assistance of the Town to the Volunteer Fire Department in securing adequate fire protection to the inhabitants of the Town, and would secure for the use of the citizens of the Town upon each Saturday evening a much needed Civic and Community Center for the Town.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend that an agreement, in substance, in accordance with the proposals herein outlined, be approved by the Mayor and Council and submitted to the Volunteer Fire Department for its approval.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Sherburne moved that the majority report of the Joint Committees be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried.

Mayor Lewton stated that a list of Delegates and Alternates should be sent to the Montgomery County Civic Federation, and due to the fact that Mr. J. R. Adams, one of last year Delegates, would be unable to attend the meetings with any degree of regularity, it would be necessary to select another delegate in place of Mr. Adams. Mayor Lewton stated that he would contact Dr. C. C. Galloway, and if Dr. Galloway was willing to serve, he would like to list him as one of the Delegates to serve the coming year. Mr. Adams moved that Mayor Lewton select another Delegate, and that when selection was made that the Clerk send the list of Delegates, along with check for membership fee, ~~be sent~~ to the Civic Federation. Motion seconded and approved.

The matter of various items of insurance for the Town was brought up by Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Finance Comm. who stated that the Committee had secured quotations on the Town insurance, and Mr. Adams moved that the bond of the Town

Clerk and Treasurer, in the amount of \$20,000, and the Work-  
mens Compensation insurance by placed with Lampson and Co.,  
and that the Fire and Theft insurance on the Town automo-  
biles, Fire and Tornado insurance on the new Police Sta-  
tion, and the Fire insurance on the office furniture in  
the Police Station and also in the Town Clerk and Treasurers  
Office, by placed with R. L. Houston Jones. Motion second-  
ed and approved.

Mr. Adams moved the appropriation of \$25.00 to pay for  
the time of the substitute during the absence of the Town  
Clerk and Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and  
approved.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the Town appropriate the sum  
of \$25.00 permonth in payment of retirement pension for  
Elbert E. Blodgett, commencing this date, Sept. 17th, 1934,  
payable on the last day of each month. Motion seconded and  
approved.

Mr. Marion W. Malone sent a communication to the Mayor  
and Council asking that a permit be granted to the Socialist  
Party of Washington to hold two open air meetings on Oct. 6th,  
1934, in Takoma Park. Mr. Adams moved that the matter be  
referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee with power  
to act. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

The Clerk presented application from the Washington Gas  
Light Company to install a gas pressure gauge at some con-  
venient place in the vicinity of Carroll and Laurel Avenues.  
Mr. Adams moved that the Gas Company be given permission  
to install the gas pressure gauge, the location of same to  
be approved by the Mayor. Motion seconded and approved.

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

J. William Dodd  
Clerk.

Frederick L. Lewton  
Mayor.