

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 5-1935.

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

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

Mayor Lewton stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the matter of changes in the Town Charter, which according to information received, were being introduced in the Maryland General Assembly, same being sponsored by a political organization of the Town of Takoma Park. The matter was discussed at length, and not having information as to the specific changes in the Charter which were to be sought, Mr. Taft offered the following Resolution:-

"WHEREAS, information has come through the public press, and otherwise, to many of the taxpayers and citizens of Takoma Park, located in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland, to the effect that Legislation will be presented at this session of the Maryland General Assembly which has for its purpose to bring about certain changes in the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, and

WHEREAS, that such agitation seems to be sponsored solely by a certain political organization, and

WHEREAS, information has been received by the Mayor and Council that said contemplated Charter changes are seriously objectionable if said Legislation will in any way interfere with the rights now enjoyed under the present Charter, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park have been requested by citizens and taxpayers to take action, by way of Resolution, opposing and objecting to said contemplated changes, if such changes will in any way hamper or interfere with the present form of Government, or would bring about a greater burden upon the taxpayers, or would interfere with their present right of suffrage.

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that we, the Mayor and Council, of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, at a Special Meeting held on the 5th day of March, 1935, do hereby go on record as being opposed to any changes in the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park that will in any way bring about a greater burden upon the taxpayers by way of taxation, or would in any manner affect the citizens right of suffrage, or change the present form of Government;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to His Excellency, Harry W. Nive, Governor of the State of Maryland, and to the County Senators and Delegates from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Mr. Conger moved that the Resolution as presented by Mr. Taft be adopted by the Mayor and Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

Mayor Lewton advised Council that on Monday, March 4th, Mr. D. W. Avery and himself went to Baltimore to see the State Roads Commission in regard to the proposed improvement of Chestnut Avenue. The State Roads Commission advised that due to certain official changes in the Commission, no definite information as to Chestnut Avenue was available at this time, but the Commission promised that the matter would be gone into at once, and that a definite reply on same would be forthcoming within two weeks.

A letter was read by the Clerk from Louiease Cooley and Lucy E. Cooley, requesting the payment to them of \$7.00 for clothing which was destroyed by dogs on their premises, while said clothing was hanging on a clothes line. Mr. Conger moved that these parties be notified that while the Council regrets their loss, the Town has no money available for this purpose, as our liability in the payment of damage done by dogs in the Corporate limits of the Town is limited to liver stock and poultry, which is the same procedure as pursued by Montgomery County. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

Letter was read from Dr. F. X. Richardson, Town Health Officer, making the following recommendations:-

1. That all communicable diseases occurring in the Town be passed through the office of the Town Health Officer, so that we will know the state of health of the Town at any time.
2. That the Town Health Officer be empowered to supervise quarantine of infectious diseases.
3. That the vital statistics be recorded in the office of the Town Clerk, to prevent the recurrence of an incident similar to the Fairchild incident."

On motion, properly seconded, this communication was referred to the Health Committee for investigation as to the proper steps to put these recommendations in force.

Letter was read from Mr. C. C. McClaine, making application for the purchase of the tax sale certificate, held by the Town of Takoma Park, on the property of I. S. Haskins, Pt. Lot 5, Block 5, Carroll Sub-Division. This letter was referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

Mr. Sherburne, of the Police Committee, stated that he had information from the Telephone Company that a one way "phone could be installed in the Police Station to receive fire calls, at the same time they are sent into the Fire Department, for \$2.75 per month. It was moved, seconded and approved, that

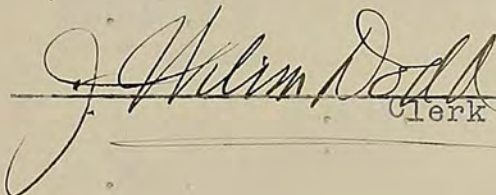
this 'phone, to connect with the Fire Department, be installed at the Police Station, providing the Fire Dept. officials were in accord with same.

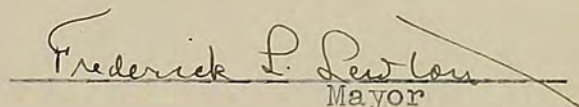
Communication was presented from Mr. M. C. Merrill, 800 Carroll Avenue, asking that parking on Carroll Avenue be limited to one side of the street, especially between Elm Ave. and Grant Ave, as the present practice of parking on both sides of the street was a dangerous one. On motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Adams, this communication was referred to the Police Committee for further consideration.

The matter of discrimination against the residents of Takoma Park, Md., in connection with the recent District of Columbia Telephone rate reduction and refund, was discussed at length, and Mr. Adams moved that a protest by the Mayor and Council be addressed to the proper body, in regard to the discrimination against residents of Maryland, when said residents of nearby Maryland are served through the same exchange as the District of Columbia., Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

The matter of necessity of a Notary Public in the Town Office for the execution of Town legal papers was discussed, and Mr. Remsen moved the payment of the bond and oath fee necessary for the Notary commission of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, in lieu of which all Town legal papers are to be executed by him free of charge. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

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


 Clerk


 Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 18-1935.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Council Orcutt unable to attend on account of illness.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Feb. 18th and Special Meeting of March 5th, were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for the month of February was presented and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:--

General taxes-----	\$ 2,850.42
Interest and penalties-----	295.88
Charges-----	19.50
Special Assessments-----	548.97
Building Permits-----	8.00
Electrical Permits-----	4.00
Excavation Permits-----	9.00
Dog Tax-----	92.25
Vendors Permits-----	5.00
Fines-----	51.50
Share State Business Franchise Tax-----	2.50
Total	<u>\$ 3,887.02</u>

BANK STATEMENT:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Jan. 31st, - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 3,624.68	
Deposits in Feb.	210.77	
Feb. 28th, - On hand		<u>\$ 3,835.45</u>
Jan. 31st, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	12,671.36	
Deposits in Feb.	3,676.25	
	<u>16,347.61</u>	
Withdrawn in Feb.	4,104.22	
Feb. 28th, - On hand		<u>12,243.39</u>
Feb. 28th, - On hand both banks		<u>\$16,078.84</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Jan. 31st, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	1,929.11	
No Deposits in Feb.		1,929.11
Jan. 31st, - On hand Citizens Bank	12,113.15	
No deposits in Feb.		<u>12,113.15</u>
Feb. 28th, - On hand		<u>14,042.26</u>
Feb. 28th, - Total funds available both banks		<u>\$30,121.10</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-

STREETS:		
Labor	\$ 511.90	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	125.91	
Material	41.28	
Tools and Supplies	<u>50.57</u>	\$ 729.66
SERVICE:-		
Trash-Labor	101.10	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	42.27	
" Supplies	2.25	
Street Lights	<u>483.55</u>	799.17
POLICE:		
Salaries	465.00	
Clóthing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	98.18	
Telephones	17.55	
Coal and Lights	34.82	
Printing	13.00	
Misc. Supplies	11.45	
Equipment-Typewriter	<u>25.00</u>	705.00
OFFICE:		
Salaries	450.00	
Telephones and Supplies	58.55	
3000 Stamped Envelopes	72.24	
Mont. Co. Transfers	<u>4.00</u>	584.79
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:		
Labor	15.60	
Account New Playground Contract	<u>1033.00</u>	1,048.60
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Recording Fees	3.00	
Dog Impounding Expense	4.00	
Salary A. L. Wilson, J.P.	50.00	
Comp. Corporation Counsel	100.00	
Retirement Pension-E.E.Blodgett	25.00	
Rental	<u>55.00</u>	<u>237.00</u>
Total		<u>\$4,104.22</u>

Bills in amount of \$1350.23 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment was approved.

Treasurer submitted a report to the Mayor and Council showing the state of finances for the Town for the remaining four months of this fincal year.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from the Board of Trustees of the Fire Department in regard to telephone in the Police Dept. to connect with the Fire Dept? was read and referred to Police Committee.

Letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, accompanied by a copy of letter from Mr. Austin F. Shure, Engineer of Rights of Way of the State Roads Commission, in connection with the New Hampshire Ave., extension project, was read and ordered filed.

Letter from the Parent Teachers Association of the Takoma Park Elementary School, with recommendations in connection with the new Municipal Playground was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from M. C. Swingle asking that the Council declare old building on lot at 109 Tulip Avenue a nuisance, and that the owner be notified to move same, was referred to the Police Committee.

Letter from Robert Lohr asking that Boston Avenue, in the rear of the Takoma-Silver Springs High School be cut through to Chicago Avenue, was referred to the Street Committee.

Letter from Bertha M. Lambert complaining of the parking of cars in front of the Takoma Motor Co., on Carroll Ave. was referred to the Police Committee.

Letter from H. W. Petty in regard to the opening and grading of that part of Holly Avenue West of Philadelphia Avenue, which is at the present time not open, referred to the Street Committee.

Communication was read from Mr. Austin F. Shure, Engineer of Rights of Way of the State Roads Commission, in regard to the relocation of Ray Road in connection with the New Hampshire Avenue project.

Mr. A. D. Keefer, Mrs. Grace M. Pope and Mr. L. B. Howard, all of Takoma Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council and urged the pavement of that part of Takoma Avenue, Northeast of Philadelphia Avenue, and were asked by the Mayor to place their requests before the Council in writing.

Mr. L. R. Grabill presented a petition from the Takoma Park Maryland-D.C. Citizens Assn., the North Takoma Improvement Association and the Takoma Park Horticultural Club, asking the Town to appropriate sufficient funds to beautify the triangle park at Piney Branch Road and Eastern Ave., and stated that in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars would be needed. The matter was referred to the Civic Improvement and Finance Committees. Dr. Jordan also addressed the Council on this petition.

, Mr. Merritt Lockwood, who is developing a tract of land

on the White Oak Road asked the approval of the Mayor and Council to change the name of Chestnut Avenue to Piney Branch Road. Mayor Lewton advised Mr. Lockwood that the matter would be taken under consideration. Mr. Walter Pritchard at this time stated that the Community League of Takoma Park had gone on record over a year ago approving this change.

Mayor Lewton at this time called attention to the fact that this evening had been set aside as a hearing for property owners on Cedar Ave. in connection with the paving of a portion of that Street. There was no opposition voiced in connection with this project.

Mr. Walter Griffin addressed the Council and requested that some prompt action be taken in connection with the opening and grading Jackson Avenue at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue.

In accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter it is necessary that three assessors be appointed at this time for one year, and on motion of Mr. Conger that the Mayor appoint three assessors to assess newly constructed property and adjust other assessment complaints, same being seconded by Mr. Adams and approved, the Mayor forthwith appointed Mr. Jno. D. Miller, Milton Bollman and L. R. Gpabill, as assessors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Adams, Chairman, stated that he had received a financial statement from the Fire Department, and due to the fact that same was quite lengthy, the Committee had not had time to thoroughly study same, and that the Committee would like to have more time to go over the statement before making a report. Mr. Adams also stated that the Committee finds that funds are available for the sidewalk program as proposed by the Street Committee at the February regular meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, presented the following report:--

In order to comply with the State Roads Commission's wishes, your Committee recommends that the parking on Chestnut Avenue be restricted to one side of the street. The Police were directed to make a canvas of every resident on the street to ascertain their desires in the matter. The result showed that five favored "No Parking" on the West side of the Street, and Eight "No Parking" on the East side of the Street, while the remainder voted for the desire of the majority. We therefore recommend that the Council approve the recommendation for "No Parking" signs to be placed on the East side of Chestnut Avenue.

After having conferred with a member of the State Police Force, having read the State law regarding parking on State Highways, and having read the communications on file in our office, we are convinced that the Town has the authority to regulate traffic on State Highways within the Town, and recommend that signs be erected on one side of Carroll Ave.,

from Elm to Ethan Allen Avenue, on whichever side of the street seems satisfactory to the majority of the people, after having made a canvas of all of the people living on Carroll Avenue between these two points. These signs to read "Fifteen Minute Parking". We believe that this will remedy the situation complained of, in the request for "No Parking" on one side of the street, as contained in the written protest received at the last monthly meeting.

We further recommend that the "One Hour Parking" signs at Laurel and Carroll Avenues, and the "No Parking Between Signs" be reworded to read "One Hour Parking, 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. On Week Days" and "No Parking Between Signs on Week Days", respectively, thus permitting parking during non business hours.

Mr. Sherburne also presented a consolidated monthly report of the activities of the Police Department.

Committee also recommended the purchase of a new for use of the dog catcher.

At this time Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., of 136 Carroll Ave., addressed the Council and protested any parking restriction on Carroll Ave. between Elm Ave. and Ethan Allen Avenue.

On Motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Taft the recommendation of the Police Committee in regard to the parking restriction on one side of Chestnut Ave., was approved.

In connection with the recommendation of the Committee as to parking on Carroll Ave., between Elm and Ethan Allen, Mr. Conger moved that a pole of the property owners on Carroll Avenue be taken and reported back to the Council at next meeting for final action. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

On motion properly seconded the changing of the wording on the "No Parking" Signs at Carroll and Laurel Avenues was approved.

Mr. Adams moved the purchase of a net for use of the Dog Catcher, cost of same not to exceed \$10.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

STREET COMMITTEE:- Mr. Remsen, Chairman, presented the following report:-

During the past month the Subt. of Public Works was called upon to replace a wooden cover over a street drainage manhole on the South side of Philadelphia Avenue, near Chicago Ave. This manhole was built by the contractor for the street work involved in the extension of the East-West Highway through Takoma Park. This cover is continually removed and a dangerous condition exists right at the edge of the sidewalk paving. The State office at Hyattsville has been notified by the Town Clerk under authorization of Street Committee, not

only in regard to this matter but also to the unsanitary condition of the corner lots at the Southeast corner of Philadelphia Ave., and Chicago Avenue. The change of the street grades and the raising of the sidewalk drains water on this property.

The Street Committee recommends that a letter from the Mayor and Council as a whole be addressed to the Hyattsville office, and to the office of the State Roads Commission in Baltimore, urging that these two matters be attended to immediately, and if this cannot be done by the State forces, that authority be given to the Town to perform this work, and that any expense of performing same be paid to the Town from State funds.

On motion of Mr. Conger, second by Mr. Adams, the recommendation of the Street Committee as above was approved.

The Street Committee wishes to recommend, and if recommendation meets with the approval of the Council, the restoration of the Dead End street sign at South end of Holly Avenue, and that this sign be sufficient in size to be readily seen from at least 100 ft. up the street, and be placed near light pole opposite line between 229 and 231 Holly Avenue. Also under this recommendation a heavy and substantial barricade be rebuilt on that part of Holly Avenue just above the present wooden steps, and that this barricade be so painted as to be plainly visible for a distance of 100 ft.. This sign and barricade should be built immediately. On motion, properly seconded, recommendation in regard to barricades on Holly was approved.

The Mayor and Council having held a hearing on this date relative to the paving of Cedar Avenue, as described in Ordinance read at last meeting, and the said hearing having shown that it is the desire of a majority of the property owners abutting said street to have same paved to the extent of curb and gutter and pavement, now, therefore, the Street Committee wishes to introduce the following Ordinance for consideration:-

ORDINANCE NO. 534

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

Section 1. That, under authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertisement and hearing as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of that portion of Cedar Avenue, as set forth in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 533, passed and approved Feb. 18th, 1935, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent as the Mayor and Council may determine, within the terms of said Ordinance. p. 141

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one-third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the Town; said cost to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots or otherwise.

Section 3. Assessments for the Special Improvement herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment therefor by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and on being seconded by Mr. Sherburne, same was adopted by a yea and nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

The Finance Committee having reported that funds are available for sidewalk construction as outlined in recommendation of February report, the Street Committee wishes to recommend an Ordinance covering a hearing on this work, and Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 535

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of cement concrete Sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per lineal ft. on the following Streets:-

West side of Philadelphia Ave. from Takoma Ave. to Chestnut Ave., abutting lots 29, 30, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 73, T.P. L & T. Sub-division, Lots 2 and 4, Block 72-B, T. P. L. & T. Sub-division, lot 23, Block 80-A, T.P.L & T. Sub-division.

East side of Philadelphia Ave. from Takoma Ave. South, for approximately 450 ft. abutting lots 8, 9, 10, 35, 36, 37, 38, Block 72-A, T.P.L.& T. Sub-division.

West side of Philadelphia Ave. from Chestnut Ave. to Maple Ave. abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 83, Barclay Sub-division, Lots 7 and 8, Block 84, Petty Sub-division, lots 11, 12, Block 85, Petty Sub-division, lots 6, 7, Block 86 Petty Sub-division.

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South side of Cedar Ave. abutting lots 39, 40. Block 5, Gilberts Sub-division, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 86, Petty Sub-division.

North side of Cedar Ave. abutting lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, Block 85, Petty Sub-division.

South side of Baltimore Ave. between Philadelphia and New York Avenues, abutting Lot 9, Block 80, T.P.L. & T, Sub-division, lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, Block 80-A, T.P.L. & T. Sub-division. North side Balto. Ave. abutting lots 1,3,4,Blo. 72-B, Lot 26, Block 73, T.P.L. & T. Sub-Division.

The cost of said improvements to be assessed against the abutting property owners.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on April 15th, 1935, at the Fire Department Building, convening at 8:00 o'clock P.M., will hear all property owners desiring to be heard with respect to the construction of the work herein proposed.

Mr. Adams seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a yea and nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay - none.

The Ordinance covering the paving of Cedar Avenue having been adopted, the Street Committee wishes to authorize the Town Clerk to assemble necessary data and specifications covering this paving project, and having prepared same to advertise this project in the regular and established manner in the public press, with the view, if possible, of receiving bids for same at the next regular Council meeting to be held in April.

The Street Committee wishes to make the following preliminary report:-- At a previous meeting the Street Committee asked for authority and funds to recheck certain lines defining a strip of land, which according to a plat filed in 1923 intended to dedicate to the Town of Takoma Park this strip of land as a public street to be known as Dogwood Avenue. A survey and check of these lines as shown on the plat referred to above has now been made. Preliminary examination of the plat and other surveys and data indicates that the lines as they now exist on the plat indicate a 40 ft. public width of street. However, further examination shows that lines established by early sub-divisions and sale of lots, all of which are recorded in Rockville, and all of which properties lie South of the South property line of Dogwood Avenue, seemingly definitely define and establish this South line, whereas dedication occurred North of this line. If such be the case, it is the opinion of the Street Committee, that the street cannot exist as shown on the plat as a 40 ft. right of way, without additional dedication of land by property owners interested, as the width of the street is materially reduced to approximately 30 ft. As this is apparently a very narrow right of way for a street, it seems that further study and consideration should

be given to the matter. Therefore the Street Committee recommends that a letter be addressed to all those parties signing original 1923 plat calling attention to this plat being possibly in error, and advising that development of properties abutting this street should be done only with the above facts in mind. Further study will be made of this matter and a final report made at the earliest possible date.

Committee reported that now as the Winter is about past, repairing and resurfacing of dirt and concrete streets is being pushed with all possible speed. Committee also reported that work of the Union Paving Company on Philadelphia Avenue still incompletd, but assurances had been given that this would be completed this month.

On motion properly seconded the report and recommendations of the Street Committee were approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Adams, in the absence of Chairman Orcutt, expressed his appreciation for the Committee to the Parent Teachers Assn. of the Takoma Park Elementary School for their interest in the construction of the new playground, and stated that the letter received by them would be given every consideration.

Mr. Adams stated also that the petition offered by Mr. L. R. Grabill in regard to the beautification of the triangle at Piney Branch Road and Eastern Ave. would be given consideration at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Adams moved that money be appropriated for the usual yearly Spring Clean-up, to take place at such time as can be made convenient by the Superintendent of Public Works. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Matter of cars parking on sidewalk in front of the Takoma Motor Company was discussed, and Mr. Sherburne moved that the Supt. of Public Works paint white lines at this point to designate the curb line. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In reference to Senata Bill No. 299, presented by Senator Prescott in the Maryland General Assembly, regarding certain changes in the Town Charter, Mr. Sherburne offered the following Resolution:--

RESOLVED, that we the duly elected Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby strenuously object to the passage of Senate Bill No. 299, for the following reasons:-

WHEREAS, this Bill No. 299 is being sponsored by a small Political Club, many of the members of which are not advised of the contents of the Bill, and had no voice in its formulation, and

WHEREAS, the original draft of the bill contained a provision for the abolition of the Town Charter of Takoma Park, and,

WHEREAS, the present provisions of the bill are of a nature not for the best interest of the Citizens of Takoma Park, and

WHEREAS, it is not of an emergency nature as is set forth in the 4th Section, page 14, of the Bill, and therefore should not become a law as such, and

WHEREAS, in former amendments in the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, the sponsors have submitted the amendments to the Mayor and Council for review and for presentation to the interested taxpayers at a public meeting in said Town, where those affected might be heard in regard thereto before submitting said amendments to the General Assembly for passage, and since none of these courtesies have been extended either to the Council or to the majority of the citizens affected, we do hereby vigorously oppose its enactment into law at this session of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Town is at present paying to the Volunteer Fire Department \$3800.00 for fire protection, and the present bill would allow the Volunteer Fire Department to use the taxpayers money for the purchase of buildings, fire equipment and other expenses as set forth in said proposed legislation without any provision for the Town to be represented on the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Fire Department, as has been provided in similar proposed legislation at this session of the General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the present bill makes no provision for any hold-over members, either Mayor and Council, but provides for a complete new slate of Town Officers in 1936, and every two years thereafter, and

WHEREAS, many splendid citizens of the Town, who now hold their legal residence in other States, because of their Government connections, would be disfranchised in Town elections, because said proposed bill makes a requirement for voting in Takoma Park, Maryland, unlike any other Municipality in Montgomery County, or in the towns immediately adjacent to the National Capital City, and

WHEREAS, we are unalterably opposed, as have been former Mayors and Councils, to the adoption of the Ward System in Takoma Park, it being an expensive method of procedure in local elections, and

WHEREAS, the provision making it mandatory upon the Council to proceed with the pavement of streets and the construction of sidewalks upon the petition of two-thirds of the abutting property owners, would in times like the present depression be a real hardship on many of our taxpayers, on account of the necessary increased tax rate,

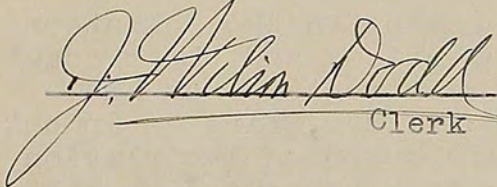
THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby request that because of the extreme importance of the contemplated proposed changes in the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, that in case the Bill should be further pressed for passage, that a clause be added to same

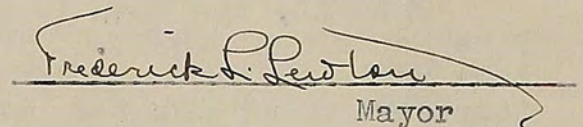
giving the taxpayers as a whole a referendum on same, at which time they can voice themselves for or against the carrying out of the provisions proposed in the Bill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Senate Committee to which it has been referred, composed of Senators Prescott, Sasscer and Higgins, and also that a copy be presented to the Chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation and to the Chairman of the Prince George's County Delegation.

After discussion of the matter, Mr. Sherburne moved the adoption of the Resolution, and on being seconded by Mr. Remsen, same was adopted unanimously.

There being no further business Council on motion adjourned at 10:50 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor