

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 3rd, 1935.

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

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Conger, Orcutt, Remsen and Taft. Mr. Adams and Mr. Sherburne were unable to attend due to other previous engagements.

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting had been called for the **organization of the Council**, and the swearing in of the newly elected Councilmen, discussion of the budget for the coming fiscal year, and the fixing of a tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1935.

At this ^{time} newly elected Councilmen Conger and Taft were administered the oath of office by Mayor Lewton.

Mayor Lewton inquired of the Finance Committee if its Committee had any recommendations to make as to tax rate for the fiscal year 1935, and Mr. Conger, speaking for the Finance Committee, in the absence of Chairman Adams, stated that the Committee recommended the adoption of a 95¢ tax rate, an increase of 10¢ over the previous fiscal year. There was quite a lengthy discussion as to the necessity for the increase, it being the general opinion that a number of Streets in the Town were badly in need of repair, and the only way same could be accomplished would be from additional revenue. Mr. Conger stated that from his observation some of the streets in the Town were in very bad condition and needed immediate attention, and that he was in favor of the increased tax rate to take care of same, and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 543

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

Section 1. That a general tax of Ninety-five Cents (95¢) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of meeting any and all general expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1935.

Mr. Remsen seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a majority Yea vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Conger and Remsen, voting Nay Councilmen Orcutt and Taft.

Mr. Orcutt stated, in voting against the Ordinance, that he was in favor of a 90¢ tax rate, believing that the people of the Town were not ready for a 10¢ increase.

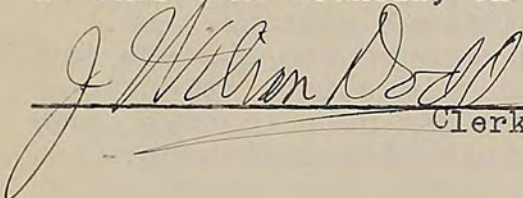
Letter was read from the Law Department of the State Roads Commission asking that the Mayor and Council pass an ordinance turning over to the State Roads Commission the bed of Chestnut Avenue from Saratoga Avenue to Takoma Avenue, so far as is necessary for the purpose of highway improvement, and to approve the plans for the construction of the road. Forwarded along with the letter was draft of an Ordinance which the State Roads Commission desired the Mayor and Council to pass.

After considerable discussion of the matter Mr. Conger moved that the proposed Ordinance be returned to the State Roads Commission with the statement that the plan and specifications referred to in Section 1 of said Ordinance were not enclosed, and request that a copy of same be furnished, and that when furnished with a copy of same, the Council will take under consideration the passage of an Ordinance in revised form, a copy thereof to be sent to the State Roads Commission.

Also that the State Roads Commission be asked to furnish Council a certified list of the names of property owners along Chestnut Avenue, who have signed releases to the State Roads Commission.

Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

There being no further business that could be taken up at this time Council, on motion, adjourned, at 10:45 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 10th, 1935.

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

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

Councilman Adams, being unable to attend Council meeting on June 3rd last, was at this time administered the oath of office as Councilman by Mayor Lewton, for his newly elected term.

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting had been called to give consideration to the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1935, appointments for the next fiscal year and other important business.

Mr. Orcutt, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee called to the attention of the Mayor and Council that the opening of the playground season was drawing near, and he considered the appointment of Supervisors important at this time.

Application for the appointment of Supervisor was read from Ralph Harries, as well as applications for playground positions from Miss Norma Lewton, Miss Louise Stanley and Peter Remsen, Jr.

Mr. Orcutt stated that the Committee at this time recommended the appointment of two full time supervisors, one for the boys and one for the girls, and that any other appointments be deferred until the matter of additional instructors could be worked out, and Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Ralph Harries as Chief Supervisor, and Miss Norma Lewton as Supervisor, both to serve full time during the playground season. Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation, and same was seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Letter was read from the Law Department of the State Roads Commission in further reference to proposed Ordinance to be passed by the Mayor and Council conveying to the State Roads Commission the roadbed of Chestnut Avenue, from Takoma Avenue to Chestnut Avenue, for the purpose of improvements, and after a lengthy discussion of the matter, the following Ordinance was proposed:-

ORDINANCE NO. 544

AN ORDINANCE approving the construction of certain street and highway improvements by the State Roads Commission in the Town of Takoma Park, and to the extent necessary for such improvement, and to the extent that title thereto is vested in the Town of Takoma Park, granting to the State Roads Commission

or any successor agency of the State, the public easement in the streets and alleys necessary for such purpose, and relinquishing to the State of Maryland jurisdiction and control over the streets and alleys in the Town of Takoma Park to the necessary extent for said improvement, and as provided in the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland with respect to the State Roads Commission.

WHEREAS the State Roads Commission proposes to take over a part of the street and highway system of the Town of Takoma Park consisting of a thoroughfare known as "Chestnut Avenue" from the end of Saratoga Avenue to Takoma Avenue, as a part of the highway system of the State, and to improve the same under its contract No. M-271-4-38 approved by H. D. Williar, Jr., Chief Engineer, on March 28, 1935, and in connection therewith desires to have this Ordinance passed by the Town of Takoma Park.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Takoma Park that the plans of the State Roads Commission for the improvement of Chestnut Avenue through the Town of Takoma Park, as shown on the plans of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, entitled "State Roads Commission Contract M-271-4-38, approved by H. D. Williar, Jr., Chief Engineer, on the 28th day of March, 1935", be and the same are hereby approved.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Takoma Park that the public easment in and to the bed of Chestnut Avenue from the end of Saratoga Avenue to Takoma Avenue, be and the same is hereby granted to the State Roads Commission and to any successor agency of the State of Maryland, to the full extent of the title thereto which is vested in the Town of Takoma Park, and so far as may be necessary for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the said improvement, in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland relating to said Commission; provided, however, that the approval of said plan mentioned in Section 1 hereof, and the grant to the State Roads Commission of the public easment in said Chestnut Avenue described in Section 2 hereof, shall be contingent upon the agreement by the State Roads Commission of Maryland to construct in connection with said improvement of Chestnut Avenue, all of the roadway pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalks in all respects as shown by the "Typical cross section of improvement" on a sheet of details signed by H. D. Williar, Jr., dated Sept. 8th, 1934, and bearing the approval stamp of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, and to be considered a part of the necessary plans for Contract M-271-4-38, otherwise this Ordinance shall be null and void.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be taken or construed to deprive the Town of Takoma Park of the police power over the said Chestnut Avenue, the Town hereby reserving to itself the full power and right to at all times enact and enforce all such traffic and parking rules and regulations as the Mayor and Council may from time to time pass, enact or ordain, and all other police powers now vested in said Town of Takoma Park.

Section 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

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

Mr. Adams of the Finance Committee stated that the Comm. had investigated the complaints on assessments made by the Board of Assessors, and made the following recommendations.

In the case of W. N. Brouner, Committee recommended, and Mr. Adams so moved, that the additional assessment of \$500. be reduced to \$100. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In regard to the complaint of C. H. Kelley in connection with his property on Maple Avenue, Committee recommended that no additional assessment be placed on this property, as the additional work done was maintenance. Mr. Adams moved that the increase be removed. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In reference to the complaint of Mr. Geo. W. Davis of Davis Avenue, in view of the fact that this dwelling would not be completed for sometime, Committee recommended, and Mr. Adams so moved, that the improvement be not assessed at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

In reference to the complaint of Mr. Lloyd W. Biddle as to assessment placed on new dwelling being constructed by himself and Mr. Cap Finn, Committee recommended that the assessment of \$3000. as placed on same by the Board, be reduced to \$2400. Mr. Adams so moved, same being seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Adams stated that the matter of the killing of chickens belonging to Mr. Harry Twing, by dogs, had been investigated by the Police, and the officer reported that it was evident that the chickens had been killed by dogs, and the Committee recommended that Mr. Twing be reimbursed to the extent of \$1.25 per chicken for the 12 chickens destroyed. Mr. Adams so moved and same being seconded by Mr. Sherburne was approved.

Mr. Adams moved the reappointment of the present Town Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

Mr. Remsen moved that the present encumbent be retained as Supt. of Public Works for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Orcutt moved that Mr. E. B. Fetty be reappointed Electrical Inspector for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Mr. Adams moved the appointment of Mr. Roy Frye as Building Inspector for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Mr. Orcutt moved the reappointment of Mr. Donald D. Lamond as Corporation Counsel for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

After a lengthy discussion in regard to the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1935, Mr. Adams of the Finance Committee, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 545

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 960 of the Town Charter the following Budget is hereby approved and adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1935.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Receipts based on 95¢ tax rate--.

General Taxes-----	\$47,020.75
Permits-Interest-Miscellaneous-----	700.00
Dog Tax-----	450.00
County Road Tax-----	1,000.00
Mont. County Bank Shares and Security Tax-----	900.00
Surplus-----	2,000.00
Fines-----	300.00
	<u>\$52,370.75</u>

ALLOTMENTS FOR ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS

OFFICE:-

Salary Clerk and Treasurer-----	\$ 2,700.00
Salary Supt. of Public Works-----	2,400.00
Electrical Inspector-----	300.00
Building Inspector-----	300.00
Telephones & Office Supplies-----	550.00
Postage-----	80.00
Printing-----	350.00

POLICE:-

Salaries and Extra Officers-----	5,700.00
Clothing Allowance-----	480.00
Telephones-Equip. & Misc. Expense-----	300.00
Gas-Oil and Auto Upkeep-----	600.00
Lights and Coal-----	200.00

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS-----	1,000.00
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STREETS-----	\$15,000.00
Garbage and Trash-----	3,700.00
Street Lights-----	6,000.00
Corporation Counsel-----	600.00 ✓
Auditor-----	125.00 ✓
Insurance Premiums-----	1,000.00 ✓
Fire Protection-----	3,800.00 ✓
Assessors*Registration and Election Officers-----	225.00 ✓
Justice of the Peace Salaries-----	720.00 ✓
Office Rent-----	660.00 ✓
Pension-E. E. Blodgett-----	300.00 ✓
Miscellaneous-----	43.68
10% Reserve-----	<u>5,237.07</u>
Total-	<u>\$52,370.75</u>

Section 2. Salaries herein provided may be paid monthly or semi-monthly as the recipient may desire. Rentals shall be paid at the end of each month. All bills where possible to discount same, may be paid within the discount period.

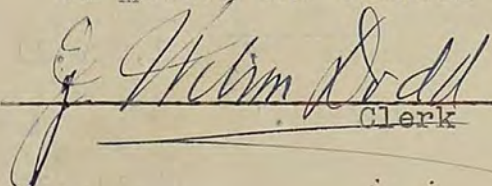
Mr. Conger seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a yea and nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

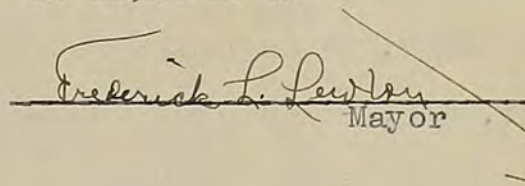
A letter was read by the Mayor from Mr. Walter Irey, President of the Takoma Park Citizens Association, stating that the General Committee for the coming Fourth of July Celebration was now functioning, and requested the support of the Mayor and Council in connection with same.

Mr. Adams moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as endorsing the movement, and that the Chairman of the Police Committee be empowered to make such arrangements as is necessary for police protection and traffic regulations. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Remsen laid before the Council a circular which had been handed to him, signed by Dr. R. C. Williams, Health Officer for Section 4, regarding the Prevention of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, same being transmitted by the bite of infested ticks. This circular was referred to the Health Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned at 12:10 A. M.


Clerk


Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 17th, 1935.

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 May 20th, and special meetings of June 3rd and June 10th were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS:-

General taxes	\$ 100.43
Interest and Penalties	24.23
Charges	13.50
Special Assessments	224.70
Building Permits	29.00
Electrical Permits	21.00
Excavation Permits	2.00
Dog Tax	25.25
Vendor Permits	4.50
Fines	95.00
Montgomery County Security Tax	570.39
Bank Share Tax	363.06
Road Tax from Prince Georges County	1115.05
	<u>\$2588.21</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Apr. 30th, - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 4,912.52	
Deposits in May	<u>1,386.03</u>	\$6,298.55
May 31st, - On hand --		
Apr. 30th, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	9,414.25	
Deposits in May	<u>1,202.18</u>	
	10,616.43	
Withdrawn in May	<u>4,854.82</u>	
May 31st, - On hand		<u>5,761.61</u>
May 31st, - On hand both banks		<u>\$12,060.16</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Apr. 30th, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	1,929.11	
No deposits in May	-----	
May 31st, - On hand		1,929.11
Apr. 30th, - On hand Citizens Bank	12,113.15	
No deposits in May	-----	
May 31st, - On hand		<u>12,113.15</u>
May 31st, - On hand both banks		<u>\$14,042.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	\$ 343.40	
Material	684.09	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-supplies	<u>182.56</u>	\$ 1,210.05

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor	103.25	
" Expense	8.82	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	64.38	
Street Lights	<u>474.80</u>	821.25

POLICE:

Salaries	465.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	73.73	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Telephones-Lights-Misc. Exp.	<u>38.34</u>	617.07

OFFICE:-

Salaries	450.00	
Tels. Office Supplies-Postage	<u>44.77</u>	494.77

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

Labor	31.20	
Misc. Exp.	30.83	
New Playground Construction	<u>1255.24</u>	1,317.27

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Notary Oath & Bond Fee	10.50	
Advertising-Special Work	43.50	
300 Town Maps	44.00	
Donation Social Service League of Montgomery County	25.00	
Salary Just of Peace	50.00	
Retirement Pension E.E. Blodgett	25.00	
Rent	55.00	
Election Expense	87.57	
Registration Expense	45.00	
Recording Fee	2.25	
Dog Expense	<u>6.59</u>	394.41
		<u>\$ 4,854.82</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:-

From A. P. Carson requesting "No Parking" signs placed in alley leading from Flower Avenue, between lots 21 and 22, Block 49 was referred to Police Committee.

From W. H. McClennon, Sec'y. of Community League of Takoma Park offering the aid of the League in securing any P. W. A. funds that the Mayor and Council may attempt to procure, was referred to Finance Committee.

From W. H. McClennon, Sec'y. of the Community League of Takoma Park requesting the Mayor and Council to organize a Committee, to be composed of the Mayor and Council, and such local organizations as may be interested, to draw up proposed amendments to the Town Charter, to be submitted at the next session of the Maryland General Assembly, was referred to Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

From N. C. Nelson of 8 Jefferson Ave., asking the improvement of Jefferson Ave., was referred to Street Committee.

From the Clerk to the County Commissioners advising that the Commissioners would be glad to give consideration in the next budget of increased sanitary inspection in Montgomery County, and also the appointment of a full time nurse for Takoma Park.

From Margaret Petty Dodge, offering to pay \$100.00 toward the construction of a storm sewer across Dogwood Ave. at Cedar Ave. was referred to Street Committee.

Letter from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, along with application of W. L. Smith of 205 Spruce Ave., for the re-zoning of his property from Residential "A" to Residential "B". was referred to Ordinance & Judiciary Committee.

Letter from the Pioneer Press soliciting an advertisement for the July issue of booklet entitled "The Takoma Enterprise", was referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from C. H. Main, President of the Takoma Park Boundary Citizens Assn. asking the support of the Mayor and Council in their efforts to have Eastern Avenue extended through Takoma Park, was referred to Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Mrs. V. L. Lake asking that "No Parking" signs be placed in front of her property in order to prevent cars from parking in front of her driveway entrance, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Resolution was read from the Young Men's Democratic Club of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, adopted at its regular meeting of June 6, 1935, protesting against the increase in tax rate in the Town of Takoma Park, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Clerk at this time proceeded to read another Resolution adopted by the Young Men's Democratic Club of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, which had been adopted by that organization at its regular meeting on June 6, 1935, but was interrupted by Councilman Orcutt who stated that the Mayor and members of the Council had read, and were familiar with this Resolution, and that he could see no reason for the Mayor and Council to concern themselves with a matter that is solely an attack upon members of the Seventh Day Adventist Religious faith, and is in no sense a municipal matter, and Mr. Orcutt moved that this Resolution be not read, and upon being properly seconded the motion was approved.

Mayor Lewton stated that this evening had been set aside for a hearing of property owners in connection with the paving of Beech Avenue, and called upon any one desiring to be heard in the matter. No one addressed the Council in connection with this matter.

Mr. Harry Dodge addressed the Council and asked that the matter of donation of \$100.00 by Mrs. Dodge be given consideration at once, and was advised by the Mayor that the Street Committee report would no doubt cover the matter.

Mr. Irvine Johnson addressed the Council, and stated that the Board of Trustees of the Fire Dept. had asked him to go before the Council and ask an appropriation of \$125.00 to defray the expenses of five delegates to the Maryland State

Volunteer Fire Dept. Convention at Oakland, Md. Mr. Johnson stated that it was necessary that the Department be represented at the convention due to some important insurance matters to be discussed. Dr. Llewellyn Jordan and Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr. also commented favorably on this request.

Mr. J. Bond Smith addressed the Council at length in protest of the recent increase of 10¢ in the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1935. Mr. DeGrasse, C. J. Gardner, Mrs. Anna M. Shadle, Mrs. Cora Robertson and Mrs. F. D. B. Austin, also addressed the Council in regard to the tax increase.

Mr. D. L. Turner of Phila. Ave. addressed the Council in regard to damage to the sidewalk in front of his property and asked that same be given attention.

Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft, addressed the meeting in regard to the attack of Mr. J. Bond Smith upon the Mayor and Council, and explained to those present in a comprehensive manner why the increase was necessary. Councilmen Orcutt, ^{Sherburne} and Remsen in their address stated that they exceedingly regretted the fact that Mr. Smith had left the meeting before the Council had had a chance to answer his attack.

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Finance Committee moved that \$15.00 be appropriated to the Pioneer Press for a one page ad in the booklet The Takoma Enterprise. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In reference to the request of Mr. Irving Johnson of the Fire Dept. Mr. Adams moved that \$125.00 be appropriated to the Fire Dept. to defray the expenses of the Delegates to the Convention. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

POLICE Committee:-- Mr. Sherburne Chairman reported the change in the rooms in the Police Station had been completed, and that the holding court at the Police Station in the evenings was found to be more convenient. Also that the new police car, just purchased had been put in active service, and equipped with siren and radio. In connection with the coming Fourth of July Celebration, Mr. Sherburne stated that plans were being formulated to take care of traffic in order to prevent any confusion.

Mr. Sherburne stated that as the fiscal year would begin before the next regular meeting Committee recommended that the following persons be sworn in as Special Police Officers for the ensuing year. Bliss Electrical School, A. B. Joseph; Washington Sanitarium, Mr. Lawhead, Frank Grau, Stewart Gay, E. Russell and Jos. Sangster. Also E. E. Blodgett, Dr. F. X. Richardson and members of the Town Council. The usual monthly consolidated report was also submitted by Committee.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the report of the Police Committee be accepted and recommendations approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMM:- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, reported that the complaint of Edward Saari in connection with the Bog in the Town Park at Elm and Prince Georges Ave. had been investigated, and felt that the complaint was well taken, and recommended that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to construct an open water course through said section in said park to carry the water across the park into the Town drain across Elm Ave., and that the park be cleaned up and the underbrush cut down and removed.

Committee recommended the purchase of playground equipment and supplies at a total cost not to exceed \$60.00.

Committee also recommended that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to clean up decayed leaves in Spring Park, and also that the pools in Spring Park and North Takoma Park be cleaned out, and that two tables, with benches attached be constructed in Spring Park.

Committee acknowledged with thanks the donation by the local Post of the American Legion, to the Town of a flag for the new playground, and of a dozen baseballs, and recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to acknowledge, on behalf of the Town, these donations, and to express to the local Post of the American Legion the Town's appreciation of these donations.

On motion, properly seconded, the report of the Civic Improvement Committee was ordered received and the recommendations approved.

ORDINANCE & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:- Mr. Taft, Chairman, read a proposed Ordinance conveying the roadbed rights in several Streets in the Town to the State Roads Commission. Question was raised by Mr. Remsen as to the status of Takoma Avenue in this connection. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that the proposed Ordinance in the form just read by Mr. Taft, be submitted to the Attorney General of Maryland in response to his request, as the form which the Council will consider passing, subject to the possible elimination of Takoma Ave., for relinquishing the Town's rights in the streets mentioned. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

In the matter of re-zoning application of W. L. Smith at 205 Spruce Ave., requesting that his property be re-zoned from Residential "A" to Residential "B", Mr. Adams moved that the Council go on record, and so advise the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as opposing any such re-zoning. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:- Mr. Conger, Chairman, read a report from Chief Leo Moffett of the Fire Dept., in connection with the activities of the Dept. since last meeting of Council. Mr. Conger also presented a financial statement of the Fire Dept. covering period from May 21st, to June 15th.

STREET COMMITTEE:- Mr. Remsen, Chairman, reported that no action could be taken at the present time on letter of Mr. N. C. Nelson, in regard to improvement of Jefferson Ave., and requested that Clerk make a card record and hold for further action when advisable. Mr. Remsen reported that a number of streets had be resurfaced where the condition was bad, and that this work would be continued. Also the sidewalk construction on Phila. Ave. between Takoma Ave. and Saratoga Ave. had been completed, and that work had been done by Town forces. Also that the contractor had completed the curb and gutter, and driveway approaches on Cedar Ave. and that the laying of the concrete street would start immediately. Considerable time was spent by the street force on the road way to the school grounds, and considerable work done on the playground.

Mr. Remsen reported the usual trash, ash and garbage collection as being carried out, and also that the various complaints referred to the Street Committee at the last meeting had been attended to, with the exception of the painting of street signs, and the barricade at present dead end of Holly Avenue, South of Dogwood Ave. These matters Committee reported would be attended to immediately.

In reference to the opening of bids on this date for the grading of Boston and Holly Avenues, Mr. Remsen stated that no bids had been received, due to the fact that additional engineering data was necessary in connection with these streets before a comprehensive bid could be made, and that as soon as this data was ready a new date would be set for the opening of bids.

In reference to the letter of Dr. Jordan and Mr. Louis J. Carusillo, in regard to Brashears Ave., Mr. Remsen referred to past records in which Brashears Ave. was discussed, and stated that these records show that no action can be taken without incurring excessive expense, not included in budget, and also referred to a report of former Corporation Council on this matter. Also that survey of cuts and fills indicate no excess dirt, and therefore no action can be taken on this matter.

In reference to the matter of definite street line on Dogwood Ave. committee recommended that the Clerk call a meeting of Council next week, and endeavor to have all parties present interested in this matter.

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

Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 546

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

Section 1. That, under the authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due

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 advertisement and hearing as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of Beech Avenue, running between Sycamore and Woodland Avenues, as set forth in Section 1, of Ordinance No. 541, passed and approved on May 20th, 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.

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 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. Orcutt seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Orcutt, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay, None.

In reference to request made in the Resolution of the Young Mens Democratic League to examine the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Conger moved that the request of the Young Mens Democratic League be denied, but that the members of the Committee, like any other taxpayer of the Town, be given any information in regard to the affairs of the Town by the Clerk or members of the Council at such time as is convenient to the members of the Council or Clerk. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

In regard to the request of Mrs. Virginia L. Lake for relief from people parking opposite her driveway, Mr. Sherburne moved that signs to read "No Parking Between Signs" be erected to protect the privacy of this driveway. Motion seconded and approved.

There being no further business Council on motion adjourned at 11:45 P. M.

William Dodd
 Clerk

Frederick L. Lewton
 Mayor