

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
DEC. 3RD, 1935

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

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

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing proposals for amendments to the Town Charter, and stated that he would turn the meeting over to Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Taft outlined in detail the purpose of the meeting and made an effort to determine those present who had amendments to offer, in order that as much time could be allotted to each speaker as possible.

Mr. H. C. Heffner presented proposed amendments by the Community League, Mr. E. Bond Smith in regard to amendments sponsored by the Young Mens Democratic Club. Mr. Byrne Austin addressed the Council, as well as Mr. Angier, Mr. Walter Pritchard, Mr. H. P. Ware, Dr. Llewellyn Jordan and Mr. Rufus Shenk.

Mr. Taft stated that he had received a communication from Mr. J. H. Bilbrey regarding Fire Department legislation, which would be given consideration.

After discussion of various amendments Mr. Taft informed those present that each proposed amendment would be given careful consideration, and before any definite action was taken a meeting would be called, to which meeting a representation of each organization offering amendments would be invited, as well as those individuals offering amendments.

Mr. John Hueiss, Court Reported, made notes of the various proposals offered, a transcript of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion the Council adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

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Clerk

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Mayor

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
DEC. 16-1935

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 18th and Dec. 3rd, were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS:-

General taxes-----	\$1,834.43	
Less Discounts-----	6.43	\$1,828.00
Interest and penalties-----		46.87
Charges-----		23.75
Special Assessments-----		424.89
Building Permits-----		58.00
Electrical Permits-----		16.00
Dog Tax-----		1.25
Vendor Permits-----		2.00
Fines-----		14.00
Tax Redemption Certificates-----		58.84
Deposits on Sidewalks-----		20.00
		<u>\$2,493.60</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Oct. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$8,098.81	
Deposits in Nov.	388.17	
	8,486.98	
Withdrawn in Nov.	945.40	
Nov. 30th - On hand		\$ 7,541.58
Oct. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	5,192.86	
Deposits in Nov.	2,105.43	
	7,298.29	
Withdrawn in Nov.	3,838.33	
Nov. 30th - On hand		3,459.96
Nov. 30th - On hand both banks		<u>11,001.54</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Oct. 31st - on hand Takoma Park Bank	4,958.04	
No deposits in Nov.		
Nov. 30th - On hand		4,958.04
Oct. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	8,294.84	
No deposits in Nov.		
Nov. 30th - On hand		8,294.84
Nov. 30th - on hand both banks		<u>\$13,252.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-Streets:-

Labor	\$ 524.40	
Material	183.37	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep & Supplies	<u>137.92</u>	\$ 845.69

Service:-

Trash-Labor	110.40	
Garbage-Labor	180.00	
" Gas-Oil- Auto Upkeep-Sup.	100.01	
Street Lights	<u>512.99</u>	903.40

Police:-

Salaries	482.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	36.65	
Telephones & Lights	30.80	
Supplies	<u>3.64</u>	593.09

Office:-

Salaries	475.00	
Telephones and Supplies	40.95	
Postage	24.88	
Advt.-Auditors Report	<u>49.00</u>	589.83

Assessable Improvements:-

Lincoln Ave. Curb & Gutter	96.94	
Holly Ave. Grading	449.44	
Valley View Paving	253.59	
Baltimore Ave. Sidewalks	397.51	
Lee Ave. Sidewalks	109.48	
Chestnut Ave. Grading	<u>22.40</u>	1,329.36

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Dog Expense	15.95	
Library Association	150.00	
Insurance Premium	171.91	
Recording Fees	4.50	
Social Service Mont. County	25.00	
Expense Bldg. Inspector	15.00	
Justice Peace Salaries	60.00	
Rental	55.00	
Retirement-E. E. Blodgett	<u>25.00</u>	<u>522.36</u>

Total		<u>\$4,783.73</u>
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Bills in amount of \$1671.95 were presented by the Finance Committee for payment and payment was approved.

Communications:-

Letter from E. B. Fetty of the American Legion expression appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their support of the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Sons of the American Legion.

Report of canvass on the re-zoning of Flower Avenue from Sligo to Jackson Avenues, from Residential A to Residential B, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter of appreciation from Mr. Geo. W. Davis, Chairman of the Social Service League of Montgomery County, expressing appreciation for the donation to the league from the Town.

Letter from Mr. Richard M. Ham, Director of Safety of the District of Columbia Motor Club, in regard to repairs to Highland Avenue, was referred to Street Committee.

Letter from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in regard to the re-zoning of Lot 5, Block 55, Application of Mr. R. A. Lutes, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Dr. W. A. Hooker, Chairman of the Takoma Park Citizens Association Memorial Committee, in regard to the erection of a monument to Benj. F. Gilbert, founder of the Town of Takoma Park, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from the Suburban Sanitary Commission in regard to location of the sewer in Dogwood Ave., was referred to the Street Committee.

The Mayor at this time stated that this evening had been set aside for a hearing on the construction of curb and gutter on Baltimore Ave. and also on Heather Avenue. No property owner addressed the Council in regard to the Baltimore Ave., curb and gutter. Mr. Wm. Hutton a property owner on Heather Ave. addressed the Council in connection with the Curb and Gutter as advertised on that street, and was in favor of the improvement.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to the New Hampshire Avenue extension, and various other matters. Dr. Jordan also stated that he would like to have Council fix a date for the demonstration of the voting machine between this and the next meeting of Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Adams, Chairman, offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE No. 569

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

Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the grading of Holly Avenue, authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 542, passed and adopted May 20th, 1935, said assessment being fixed at 60¢ per linear ft., be and the same is hereby approved.

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Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall be due and payable within ninety days from this date, provided, however, that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days of the approval thereof, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable likewise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further that payment in any amount may be made between the said annual payments if so desired. Interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum will be charged on deferred payments, said interest beginning thirty days from date of levy.

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

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Conger chairman, moved that a street light be placed on pole No. 720-981, at the corner of Lincoln and Jackson Avenues. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, presented a consolidated monthly report of the activities of the Police Dept., and same was ordered filed.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, made a lengthy report on the planting of trees in parkings along streets in the Town (report in full in Civic Improvement Comm. File in Clerk's Office), which matter had been referred to his Committee, and stated that while the Committee is in hearty agreement as to the desirability of planting shade trees in certain parts of the Town, where practicable, Committee recommends that the matter be deferred until the Spring of the coming year. On motion, properly seconded, the report of the Civic Improvement Committee was approved and ordered filed.

ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:- Mr. Taft, Chairman, reported that Committee had investigated the matter of refund on Special Assessment of Miss Irene Koehl, as referred to his Committee, and recommended the refund. Mr. Taft therefore moved that refund of \$18.00 be made. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

In regard to the East-West Highway matter which was referred to his Committee at last regular meeting, Mr. Taft stated that the matter had been taken up with the State Roads Comm. and advised that the Commission did not wish to take over the maintenance of these streets until a representative could come to Takoma Park and go over the streets in question, and that arrangements were being made whereby the proper Town officials and State Roads Commission officials could set a date to go over these streets.

In reference to the matter of procuring a strip of land along Laurel Avenue from the General Conference Corporation, for the widening of Laurel Avenue, which had been referred to his Committee, Mr. Taft, stated that at the present time the Trustees of the Corporation are pretty well scattered, and it

was preferred that this matter be held up awaiting the return of the full Board.

In regard to the Street Railway situation, Mr. Taft, stated that the Corporation Counsel was working on this matter at the present time in order to determine the status of the matter, and just what are the rights of the Town.

At this time Mayor Lewton stated that he had been asked if the Town did not have a "Poor Fund" to be used for the care of needy deserving families, and suggested that the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee take up with the Corporation Counsel the matter of whether the Town has a legal right to appropriate money for such a purpose.

STREET COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Remsen, Chairman, made a report on the activities of the Street forces for the month, and stated that the sidewalk on Baltimore Ave. had been completed and that all driveways had been put in good shape, but that further adjustments would have to be made when curb and gutter was constructed on this street. Mr. Remsen also reported the completion of sidewalks on Lee Avenue as authorized, and also the construction of 150 ft. of sidewalk on Heather Avenue. Street forces are now busy on the filling of cracks on concrete streets, and considerable time has been spent on the removal of leaves. Ash collection has taken three days of each week, and that clean ashes have been used in rebuilding the surface of streets not yet paved with hard paving.

Mr. Remsen also reported that Chestnut Avenue, between Philadelphia Ave. and Hodges Lane has been cut down to grade by steam shovel. and needs only scraping and surfacing with cinders or other suitable matter so as to make it safe for driving. Mr. Remsen stated that the grade of this street is so steep that it is essential that curb and gutters be installed as soon as possible to protect the work already done, and Committee recommended that the Clerk be instructed to prepare an Ordinance advertising this contemplated work, and that a hearing be held. Meanwhile that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to make an approximate estimate of cost and that the Clerk take the matter up with the Finance Committee of Council.

At this time Mr. Remsen brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council the deplorable condition of Chestnut Avenue from Takoma Ave. to Saratoga Ave., and after a lengthy discussion of the matter it was moved, seconded and approved, that a letter in regard to this matter be addressed to Dr. Homer Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, and that a copy of same be sent to his Excellency, Governor Harry W. Nice, Mr. Nathan Smith, Chief Engineer of the State Roads Commission, and also to the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington.

In reference to the construction of Curb and Gutter on Heather Avenue, as advertised, on which a hearing was held this evening, Mr. Remsen offered for adoption the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 570

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

Section 1. That the Street Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct cement concrete Curb and Gutter on the North side of Heather Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 568, passed and approved Nov. 18th, 1935, and that the Supt. of Public Works be authorized to proceed with this work and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of this work. *1.61*

Section 2. That assurance is made that the curb and gutter be laid to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this curb and gutter be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement. *See p. 103*

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

This Ordinance having been passed, Mr. Remsen recommended that the Clerk notify the Finance Committee of the allocation of funds to cover this work, and that the Supt. of Public Works be advised of the passing of this Ordinance. Mr. Remsen also recommended that this work be held over until next spring, and that sufficient grading of roadway be done at this time to prevent damage to new sidewalk.

Referring to the letter of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Mr. Remsen stated that no final report could be made on same until the matter of location of Dogwood Ave. was definitely settled.

Mr. Remsen made a lengthy progress report on the Dogwood Avenue line situation, stating that members of the Council and property owner met in this regard, and after going over the ground it was decided by all present that Mr. Roland Jones, Engineer, representing the Town, be instructed to engage with a surveyor, representing the owner, in a re-survey to establish the distance existing between the marker on the Northwest corner of Tulip and Cedar Avenues and the North property line of the Williams property, and to so mark this point as it will represent the North line, distances from Tulip Avenue to be determined from deeds on file in Rockville. Mr. Remsen stated that Mr. Roland Jones was instructed to obtain data necessary to accomplish this survey, and to push it to an early completion. Also that it was the decision of all parties

present, including the representative of the owner, that this final survey will conclude any further debate between the owners and Council over the disputed South line of Dogwood Avenue.

Referring to the matter of construction of culvert under Dogwood Avenue, Mr. Remsen stated that he would at this time refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Conger, the report of the Street Committee, with recommendations therein were approved.

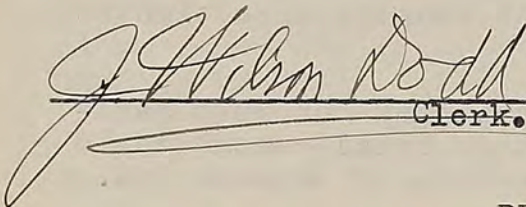
In reference to the letter of Dr. W. A. Hooker, representing the Takoma Park Citizens Assn., in regard to creating a memorial for the Founder of the Town of Takoma Park, Mr. Orcutt moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as heartily endorsing this movement. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

Mr. Adams stated that he had been solicited, as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Town, for an advertisement for the year book of the Blair High School, and moved that we repeat the one-half page ad, as given last year, at a cost of \$12.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In regard to demonstration of the voting machine, Mr. Taft moved that this demonstration be held on the evening of Jan. 20th, 1936, immediately after adjournment of the regular Council meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

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Clerk.

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Mayor

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JAN. 20-1936

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

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen and Sherburne. Councilman Orcutt was absent due to illness and Councilman Taft was out of Town.

Minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 16th, 1935, were read and approved.