

The Street Committee wishes to introduce the following Ordinance to carry out the action recommended at last Council meeting, in regard to curb and gutters on Chestnut Ave.

ORDINANCE NO. 577

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 laying of cement concrete curb and gutter, at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per linear ft. on Chestnut Avenue, between Philadelphia Avenue and Hodges Lane, abutting lots 4, 9 and 10 in Block 97, and lots 7 and 16, Block 96. The cost of said improvement to be assessed against the abutting property owners in the usual manner.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on Feb. 17th, 1936, in the Fire Department Building, at Carroll and Denwood Avenues, convening at 8:00 o'clock P.M. will hear all persons desiring to be heard with respect to the construction herein proposed.

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

Mr. Remsen called attention of the Mayor and Council the fact that ex-Police Department Desk Clerk, Mr. Alex. Robertson, was in a serious condition in the Montgomery County Hospital, and that his family lacked funds to keep him there in order that he might get proper care. After discussion of the matter Mr. Adams moved that Mr. Robertson's salary be continued for one month from the date he was forced to leave on account of illness. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

On motion Council adjourned at 10:55 P. M.

J. William Dodd

Clerk

Mayor.

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEB. 17th, 1936.

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 20th, 1936, were read and approved.

Financial statement for the month of January was presented by the Treasurer and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$ 1,176.51
Interest and penalties-----	124.62
Charges-----	20.25
Special Assessments-----	1,069.01
Building Permits-----	7.00
Electrical Permits-----	10.00
Dog Tax-----	118.00
Fines-----	16.00
Garbage Collection-----	36.00
Total	<u>\$2,577.39</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

12/31/35 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 6,434.78	
Deposits in Jan.	83.17	
	<u>6,517.95</u>	
Withdrawn in Jan.	3,310.91	
1/31/36 On hand		3,207.04
12/31/35 - On hand Takoma Park Bank	3,441.55	
Deposits in Jan.	2,494.22	
	<u>5,935.77</u>	
Withdrawn in Jan.	608.41	
1/31/36 - On hand		<u>5,327.36</u>
1/31/36 - On hand both banks		<u>8,534.40</u>

REVOLVING FUND

12/31/35 - On hand Takoma Park Bank	5,032.41	
No deposits in Jan.		
1/31/36 On hand		5,032.41
12/31/35 - On hand Citizens Bank	5,385.13	
Deposits in Jan. -none		
1/31/36 On hand		<u>5,385.13</u>
1/31/36 - On hand both banks		<u>\$10,417.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	548.40	
Material	41.82	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>135.37</u>	\$ 725.59

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor	98.60	
Garbage-Labor	180.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	42.81	
Street Lights	<u>519.15</u>	840.56

POLICE:-

Salaries	465.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	72.99	
Tels. Coal, Lights	93.85	
Misc. Supplies	<u>2.54</u>	674.38

OFFICE:-

Salaries	475.00	
Printing	3.92	
Tels. and Supplies	<u>43.46</u>	522.38

PLAYGROUNDS:-

Labor-New P. G. Equipment	<u>44.55</u>	44.55
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ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:-

Lee Ave. Sidewalks	78.14	
Boston Avenue Grading	<u>655.28</u>	733.42

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Dog Expense	31.19	
Library Assn.	150.00	
Recording Fees	2.25	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	50.00	
E.E. Blodgett Retirement	25.00	
Rental	55.00	
Alex. Robertson (Contr. 1 Mo. Salary)	<u>50.00</u>	378.44
		<u>\$3,919.32</u>

Bills in amount of \$1383.09 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

From Community League of Takoma Park in regard to marking Town Limits along various highways leading into the Town was referred to the Police Committee.

From Community League of Takoma Park requesting action on the part of the Council to bring to the attention of the Board of Education of Montgomery County the purchase of a school side on the Hodges Tract was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

From the Community League of Takoma Park, in connection with proposed Charter changes, setting forth that the League feels that no such changes should be made effective without a referendum at a special election, especially if there is to be any change in the method of electing the Mayor and Council or in the qualifications of the voters. Referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

Letter from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding the Cedar Creek Poultry Farm, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from A. R. Lind, making claim for \$2.25 account of five pieces of wire screen having been collected in error by the trash collector, was referred to the Street Committee.

Letter from Wallace Memorial Union Presbyterian Church requesting tax exemption on property at 312 Ethan Allen Ave., purchased by the Church as a parsonage was referred to the Finance Committee.

Application of Elmer Earl Seek for position as Desk Clerk at Police Station, along with petition signed by 29 residents of the Town asking that favorable consideration be given Mr. Seek was referred to the Police Committee.

Letter from Takoma Motor Company expressing appreciation to the Town for the prompt removal of snow from the business section of the Town during the recent heavy snow storm.

Letter from Glen Bagley DeWitt requesting that the Town pass an ordinance compelling people to put ashes or cinders on slippery sidewalks in front of their property was referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

Letter from Howard W. Jackson, Mayor of Baltimore, Md., to Mayor Lewton, asking that news be spread to the various civic organizations that the National Flower and Garden show will be held in Baltimore at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore March 14th to 22nd inclusive, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Corporation Counsel Lamond, accompanied by two letters from the Capital Transit Company in regard to the removal of the car tracks at the intersection of Carroll and Laurel Avenues was referred to the Police Committee.

Letter from the Works Progress Administration asking for information in regard to the Town and Civic Organizations in the Town, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mayor Lewton stated that this evening had been set aside for hearing on the proposed construction of Curb and Gutter on Chestnut Avenue, between Philadelphia Ave. and Hodges Lane.

Mr. Dean Judd and Mr. Dwight Smith addressed the Mayor and Council and opposed the construction of this curb and gutter.

Mr. Geo. M. Rowan spoke in favor of this improvement, as well as Mr. Milton Bollman, who stressed the fact that something should be done at this point to prevent the dirt from the roadway washing into Philadelphia Avenue, which at times made it impassable and inconvenient for the children going to and from school.

Mrs. Geo. Robertson, President of the Parent Teachers Association of the Takoma Park Elementary School appeared before the Mayor and Council, and requested that some action be taken to give the children additional police protection during the hours that the children are going to and from school. Mrs. Powers, the school Principal, Mrs. G. A. Cook and Mrs. E. A. Collier also addressed the Council in connection with this matter.

Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Raley, residents of Prince George Avenue addressed the Council regarding the killing and dressing of poultry by Mr. Eldon Dovell at 13 Prince Georges Avenue, stating that at times, especially in the summer, it made the conditions there very unpleasant.

Mr. F. S. Harris addressed the Council in support of the communication from the Community League of Takoma Park regarding the placing of signs at the various entrances to the Town. Mr. H. C. Heffner, Justice of the Peace, also stated to the Council that he thought this would be a good move, as people arrested for speeding and brought to him for trial had often stated that they were not aware of the fact that they were in the Town Limits.

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Orcutt, Mr. Milton Bollman, Wm. McAinsh and Jos. Austin, Sr., were appointed as a board of assessors to assess newly constructed property and adjust assessment complaints.

POLICE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, presented a consolidated Police report for the month of January, and called attention to the serious illness of Officer Lane, being confined to the Washington Sanitarium with pneumonia. Mr. Sherburne moved that as soon as Officer Lane improved that the Mayor and Council send flowers to him. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Regarding the request of the Parent Teachers Association for additional police protection at the school, Mr. Sherburne stated that the Police Department was greatly handicapped due to the fact that at times the officers were compelled to go to Rockville to testify in connection with arrests they had made, and that this often took the best part of the day. Mr. Sherburne suggested that the present police justice law be amended in order that we might have a police justice come to Takoma Park to try these cases, enabling our officers to stay on duty in the Town at all times. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Sherburne moved that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to read the present law and draft a bill that might correct that condition so that it might be submitted at the next session of

the General Assembly. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

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

No report of any importance can be made by the Street Comm., Snow removal and taking care of icy streets, ask collection and minor repairs to streets were made.

Council having in regular manner advertised for a hearing on the question of curb and gutter on both sides of Chestnut Avenue, from Philadelphia Avenue to Hodges Lane, and having listened to the opinions of several interested citizens the Committee wishes to call Councils' attention to these facts.

First, when Saratoga Avenue was projected through Takoma Park, Mrs. Dean Judd appealed to Council for aid in getting Hodges Lane connected to the same. Property owners on Hodges Lane, who were connected with County affairs, out voted this step, disregarding recommendations of the Council. Mrs. Judd was advised by Council to close Chestnut Avenue and insist on Hodges Lane being cut into Saratoga. Against her own best judgment ill advise of neighbors made her disregard this closing and consent to Hodges Lane being made a dead-end street. The County obtained this concession by paving Hodges Lane, and then proceeded to dig Saratoga Avenue twelve feet deep through the hill. On several occasions Mrs. Judd has appeared before Council requesting improvement of this street. The Mayor and Council then asked that we be allowed to close the street and plant the end of the street with poplar trees to hide the unsightly rear. Mrs. Judd again said she did not intend to close the street, but asked for some improvement. In view of these reiterated requests of Mrs. Judd alone the rough grading was completed last Fall only with the understanding that some permanent improvement would be made as soon as possible in order to protect the expenditure of money in improving the street by grading. The Committee feels certain that curbs and gutters and a crowned roadway will be part of a permanent improvement necessary if that portion of Chestnut Avenue is to be maintained as a street, and that all objections are outweighed by the consent of property actually facing Chestnut Avenue, and by the reasons advanced for the removal of a public nuisance at Philadelphia Avenue.

Therefore, the Committee wishes to recommend that proper Ordinance be drawn covering this project of curb and gutter, and that when so prepared it be brought before Council for vote. Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of this recommendation, and upon being seconded by Mr. Sherburne, same was adopted.

Mr. Remsen called attention to the broken railing on the bridge in North Takoma, and the Clerk was authorized to write to the proper County authorities and call attention to the condition of this railing and ask that same be repaired, and that the balance of the railing on the bridge be inspected.

, Regarding the letter of Mr. A. R. Lind requesting reimbursement to the extent of \$2.25 for five screens taken away with the trash collection in error, Mr. Remsen stated that this request had been approved by the Supt. of Public Works, and moved that Mr. Lind be reimbursed in the amount asked. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

In regard to the letter from the Wallace Memorial Church, referred to the Finance Committee, Mr. Adams, Chairman, stated that the Committee would like further time to consider this exemption matter.

At this time the Mayor called upon the two Special Committees, (the Library and Fire Department). Mr. Adams of the Library Committee stated that he had a financial statement from the Library, which seemed to be in order. Fire Dept. Committee had nothing to report.

Mr. Taft of the Judiciary Committee stated, in regard to a letter which had been turned over to him by the Mayor from the State Roads Commission, asking for an extension of option on land for New Hampshire Avenue extension right of way, that the letter did not specifically set forth the land on which the extension was desired, and requested that this information be obtained before the extension was granted.

Mr. Remsen called to the attention of the Council that since the last meeting Mr. Alex. Robertson, former desk clerk at the Police Station, had died, and moved that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Robertson. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

Supt. of Public Works Fischer brought to the attention of Council the fact that he had discontinued garbage collection from a residence on Westmoreland Avenue as said resident had thrown garbage on the back of one of the collectors, due to his inability to get frozen garbage from the can. Mr. Fischer stated fully the facts in the matter, and his action ~~in the~~ **matter** was unanimously upheld by the Council.

Mr. Sherburne stated that a short time ago Sgt. Thomas had attended a State Police meeting in Baltimore in connection with the new teletype system to be installed in the State, and asked Sgt. Thomas to advise Council just what he learned at this meeting.

Sgt. Thomas reported that this system was to be installed by the State, and in all police stations in the state giving twenty-four service the machines would be installed free of charge, the only expense to the station being the furnishing of paper and ribbon for the machine. Sgt. Thomas stated that if the Council was interested in the matter he would suggest that application be made to the state for one of these machines for the Station in Takoma Park.

Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., spoke to the Council as to the merits of this matter, and stated that he thought the Town would be very fortunate to get one of these machines without expense to the Town.

After discussion of the matter Mr. Sherburne moved that the Council go on record as heartily approving the project, and that request be made to the State for the installation of a police teletype machine in the Town station without cost to the Town, except for the paper and ribbon used in the operation of same. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:30

12:45 P.M.


Clerk

Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 7th, 1936

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

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

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called primarily for the final consideration of Charter Amendments as presented by various Civic Organizations and individuals.

Mayor Lewton stated that Mr. F. S. Harris of the Community League had asked for a few minutes time of the Council to take up the subject of a Civic Information meeting, which is to be held at the Fire Department Building on Saturday evening, March 21st, 1936. Mr. Harris outlined the purpose of the proposed meeting and stated that he would like to have one or two members of the Town Government address the meeting on the subject of Government of the Town of Takoma Park. Mayor Lewton advised Mr. Harris that the matter would be taken up by Council and that he would be advised of the outcome.

The Clerk read an opinion from Corporation Counsel Lamond in regard to the Town appropriating money for relief purposes. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel was to the effect that the Council is empowered by proper Ordinance to appropriate Town monies to supply the necessities of life to residents of the Town, and thus promote good government by eliminating the possibility of increase in crime due to the lack of life necessities.

Clerk read a letter from Robt. R. Miller advising the Mayor and Council that his resignation as Justice of the Peace in Prince George's County had been accepted by the Governor on Dec. 5th, 1935, and that he was therefore unable to serve the Town further as a Justice of the Peace for the Prince George's County section of the Town.

Mr. Taft, Chairman of the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, asked Councilman Orcutt to make a report on the progress of the Charter Amendments, due to the fact that he, Mr. Taft, had been absent from the last meeting regarding these amendments. Mr. Orcutt reported that at the last meeting of the Committee 6 amendments were approved, and a draft of these amendments were read to Council. After a lengthy discussion of these amendments, and with few minor changes, same were unanimously approved by the Council. These amendments concerned the qualification of voters; prohibiting the Mayor and Councilmen from entering into any contract concerning the Town from which they would receive profit; Semi-Annual payment of general taxes; public improvements; extending the police powers in connection with arrests for State and County offenses and sale of property for delinquent taxes. Copy of the final draft of these amendments are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the Corporation Counsel be requested to draft a bill embodying the six amendments in the form in which they were approved by the Council this date, and that he cooperate with the other organizations in having the same filed in the Maryland General Assembly. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and approved.

Mr. Orcutt also moved that the Police Justice Bill as drawn up by the Corporation Counsel be submitted for enactment, and that Mr. J. Bond Smith, President of the Young Men's Democratic Club, be advised of the final action of the Council in connection with the Charter Amendments, as well as the Police Justice Bill.

Council on Motion adjourned at 12:05 A. M.

J. Adam Bond
Clerk

Mayor

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 16-1936

meeting called to order at eight P.M.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 17th, and Special Meeting of March 7th, 1936, were read and approved.

Financial Statement for the month of Jan., 1936, was presented by the Treasurer and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$2,862.59
Interest and Penalties-----	282.41
Charges-----	15.25
Special Assessments-----	1,494.65
Building Permits-----	33.00
Electrical Permits-----	9.00
Dog Tax-----	77.00
Fines-----	11.00
Total	<u>\$4,784.90</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Jan. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 3,207.04	
Deposits in Feb.	<u>1,191.86</u>	
	4,398.90	
Withdrawn in Feb.	<u>3,047.70</u>	
Feb. 29th - On hand		\$1,351.20
Jan. 31st - On hand	5,327.36	
Deposits in Feb.	<u>3,593.04</u>	
	8,920.40	
Withdrawn in Feb.	<u>701.08</u>	
Feb. 29th- On hand		<u>8,219.32</u>
Feb. 29th- On hand both banks		<u>\$9,570.52</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Jan. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	5,032.41	
No deposits in Feb.		
Feb. 29th- On hand		5,032.41
Jan. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	<u>5,385.13</u>	
No deposits in Feb.		
Feb. 29th- On hand		<u>5,385.13</u>
Feb. 29th- On hand both banks		<u>\$10,417.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-

<u>STREETS:</u>		
Labor	693.60	
Material	69.77	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>164.03</u>	\$ 927.40
<u>SERVICE:-</u>		
Trash-Labor	99.20	
Garbage-Labor	180.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	97.10	
Street Lights	<u>519.19</u>	895.49
<u>POLICE:-</u>		
Salaries	465.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Tels. Lights- Coal	67.28	
Gas-Oil	46.20	
Misc. Expense	<u>1.15</u>	619.63
<u>OFFICE:</u>		
Salaries	475.00	
Tels. & Supplies	<u>53.53</u>	528.53
<u>PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-</u>		
Material-New Playground	<u>48.87</u>	48.87
<u>ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:-</u>		
Chestnut Ave. Grading	147.16	
Boston Ave. Grading	30.00	
Chestnut Ave. Curb-Gutter	<u>6.86</u>	184.02
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:-</u>		
Recording Fees	3.00	
Library Association	150.00	
Dog Expense	2.94	
Tax Sale Advertising	4.90	
Montgomery County Atlas	125.00	
" " Transfers	4.00	
Pr. Geo. County	10.00	
Justice Peace Salary	50.00	
Comp. Corp. Counsel Jan. & Feb.	100.00	
E.E. Blodgett Retirement Pension	25.00	
Rental	55.00	
Expense Bldg. Inspector	<u>15.00</u>	544.84
Total		<u>\$3,748.78</u>

Bills in amount of \$989.52 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from H. F. Taff, President of the Takoma Park Bank, asking that "One Hour" parking signs be placed on the North side of Carroll Avenue, in front of the Takoma Park Bank, was referred to the Police Committee.

Letter from Mrs. J. R. Magness, Chairman of the Playgrounds Committee of the P. T. A., thanking the Mayor and Council for the construction of the New Playground, and asking that something be done to eliminate the muddy condition of the field, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Petition from three property owners on Prince George's Ave. complaining of a nuisance at No. 13 Prince George's Avenue, due to the slaughter of chickens by Mr. Eldon Dovell, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Mr. Walter G. Slappey requesting information as to whether the alley in the rear of his property on Boyd Avenue is a public alley, and complaining of said alley being blocked by lumber, constituting an eyesore and a fire hazard, was referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee. ✓

Letter from Mr. H. K. Hobart asking that the grade of Boston Avenue, as recommended by the County Engineer on Nov. 1st, 1932, be changed, and offering to dedicate lots 33 and 34 in Block 72-A, to facilitate the taking care of the drainage, in case the grade was changed, was referred to the Street Committee.

Letter from the National Clean-Up, Paint-Up Campaign headquarters, relative to a clean-up and paint-up campaign, in order to relieve unemployment, and offering to send full file of suggestions for inspiring this campaign, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mr. W. H. McClennon of the Community League of Takoma Park, addressed the Council in regard to the present Bill in the Maryland General Assembly in regard to the purchase of school sites in Montgomery County, and called attention to the fact that Takoma Park had been entirely ignored in the Bill, and stressed the fact that something should be done immediately to contact the proper officials in order that Takoma Park may have proper recognition in regard to school site for future needs. This matter was discussed at length by the Mayor, Council, Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, J. W. Coffman and H. C. Heffner, and as Mr. Orcutt, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee, stated that he had a report to make on this matter in his general report, action on same was deferred until later in the meeting.

At this time Dr. Jordan paid tribute to Councilmen Adams and Orcutt for their help in framing the Charter Amendments, which are now before the General Assembly of Maryland.

Mr. Harry Dodge, asked if a report was to be made tonight on the Cedar and Dogwood Avenues survey, and was advised that this matter would be covered in the Street Committee report.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moyer of Eastern Ave. addressed the Council in regard to the unsightly condition of the vacant lot at the corner of Laurel and Eastern Avenues, and Mayor Lewton advised them that he would ask the Civic Improvement Committee to contact the owner, Mr. H. L. Thornton, and see if something could not be done to keep this lot clean.

Mr. F. S. Harris again addressed the Council in regard to the Civic Information night to be held at the Fire House on Saturday evening, March 21st, and expressed the hope that the meeting would be well attended and that all Town officials would be present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:- Mr. Adams, Chairman, laid before the Council financial statements from the Library Association and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department.

The matter of tax exemption to the Wallace Memorial Church on property purchased on Ethan Allen Avenue to be used as a parsonage, which had been referred to the Finance Committee at last meeting, was discussed at length as to the legality of said exemption, and on motion, properly seconded and approved, was referred to the Corporation Counsel for investigation of the law and opinion thereon.

ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:- Mr. Taft, Chairman, presented the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 578

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, the Clerk is hereby directed to call a meeting of the citizens of the Town for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and candidates for Councilmen to be voted on at the annual election on May 4th, 1936. Said meeting of citizens will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building on Monday, April 20th, 1936, convening at 8:00 o'clock.

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

Mr. Taft also presented the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE NO. 579

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 4th, 1936. Said election will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for a Mayor and three Councilmen. The Mayor and three Councilmen elected to serve for a term of two years, beginning with the first Monday in June, 1936.

Section 2. The poles for said election will be opened at 6:00 o'clock A. M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

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

In reference to the letter of Mr. Glen Bagley DeWitt, Mr. Taft stated that the Committee felt that while they disliked to have the streets icy, an ordinance compelling property owners to out ashes, or some other substance, on slippery walks would be unfair and difficult to enforce.

In regard to the new Police Justice Bill, for the appointment of a police justice in Takoma Park, Mr. Taft stated that he understood the bill had been drafted and would be presented to Senator Prescott tomorrow, or the following day, but that as the bill dealt with turning over to the County certain funds collected under this bill, and the payment of part of the salary by the County, suggestion has been made that the County Commissioners be consulted in regard to the Bill, and that in order to do this some quick action must be taken, and Committee recommended that a Committee be appointed to take this matter up with the Montgomery County Commissioners immediately in order to get their reaction, and solicit their approval. After discussion of the matter Mayor Lewton appointed Mr. Taft and Mr. Sherburne as a Committee to confer with the County Commissioners in regard to the Police Justice Bill.

The fact that the next regular meeting of the Council falls on the same night as the Town Caucus was called to the attention of the Council, and after discussion of the matter Mr. Sherburne moved that the next regular meeting of the Council be held on April 20th, the regular meeting night, after the adjournment of the Caucus. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In regard to the letter of Mr. H. F. Taff, President of the Takoma Park Bank, Mr. Sherburne moved that the "One Hour" parking signs be placed as suggested by Mr. Taff. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT:- Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, reported as follows:-

On March 2nd, Mayor Lewton made a temporary appointment of Ralph Harries as desk clerk in order to relieve one of our regular officers so as to comply with the requests of the Parent Teachers Association and other civic groups for more police protection for our children at Carroll and Denwood, Saratoga and Philadelphia and Philadelphia and Maple Avenues.

We can continue this protection for the balance of the fiscal year for the small sum of \$175.00. This money is not available in the regular police budget of the Police Department.

Our appropriation for the last year was \$8903.00, and was cut to \$7280.00 for the present fiscal year. The Town is required to set aside 10% of the estimated revenue for the year as a reserve to take care of emergencies such as have arisen in this case and we believe the emergency warrants the expenditure of this sum.

Equipped as we have been since the procurement of the second desk man at the station the Police Department is in better shape than it has been at any time during the life of the Department to give adequate protection to the people of the Town of Takoma Park.

Sergeant Thomas has been taking a course of instruction from one of the Department of Justice men in scientific fingerprinting and the classification of same, and is ready to install such a system at the Takoma Park Police Station.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the appointment of Ralph Harries as desk clerk at the Police Station be made permanent for the balance of the fiscal year, at a salary of \$50.00 per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Sherburne presented a consolidated report of the police activities for the past month, and also gave a summary of the fines collected by the Town and County on arrests made by Takoma Park Officers.

On motion properly seconded, the report of the Police Committee was approved.

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

With reference to the communication from the Community League of Takoma Park, referred to your Committee, requesting action relative to securing the Hodges Tract as a school site, your Committee recommends that the Mayor and Council advise the Montgomery County Board of Education and the County Commissioners of said County, that the Mayor and Council are strongly in favor of the acquisition of this tract of land as a school site, and of the acquisition of same for such purposes in the near future, before the said tract will have been developed and thus rendered more expensive to acquire.

The matter of the Cedar Creek Poultry Farm, situated in the rear of 222 Cedar Avenue, has been before the Council on other occasions, and has been investigated by the Health Officer of the Town. Your Committee is advised that several hundred chickens are purchased, raised and sold for the market at this place, and that offensive odors emanate from this place to the detriment of the surrounding neighborhood. Section 11 of Article 7 of the Police Regulations of the Town very plainly prohibits the keeping within the "densely populated sections" of the Town any domestic fowl, unless there has been filed with the Town Clerk the written consent of a majority of the occupants in the block or square where such fowls are to be kept, and unless a permit therefor is obtained from the Health Officer of the Town. Your Committee is advised that no such consent has been filed, so far as the records disclose, and that no permit has been issued, with respect to this poultry farm. It would seem that this place is within a densely populated section of the Town. It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that the Health Officer of the Town be directed to notify immediately the owner or owners of said poultry farm to comply with the requirements of said Section 11 of Article 7 of the Town Police Regulations on or before April 1st next, and that in the absence of such compliance, he present the facts with respect to this poultry farm, and the failure of the owner thereof to comply with said Police Regulations to the Corporation Counsel for appropriate action in the premises.

The matter of the request of the Hon. Howard W. Jackson, Mayor of Baltimore, to cooperate in making the National Flower and Garden Show, now being held in Baltimore, a success, and to spread the news as to said show through the various civic organizations of the Town has been given the attention of your committee. Pursuant to Mayor Jackson's request your Committee has requested the Town Clerk to notify the several civic organizations and the Horticultural Club of the Town accordingly.

Pursuant to the request of the State Director of the Works Progress Administration of Maryland for data to be inserted in the Maryland Guide, your Committee respectfully recommends that the Town Clerk be requested to forward to the Federal Writer's Projects Program Administration, Baltimore, Maryland, the following documents:- (a) A copy of the Semi-Centennial Celebration Program, Town of Takoma Park; (b) A copy of the Town Charter, and (c) A copy of the 1933 Takoma Park Directory, containing various historical matters.

A few months ago, one, R. A. Lutes, filed with the Mayor and Council a petition to rezone lot 5, Block 55, Gilberts Sub-Division, whereupon your Committee, after reference to it of said petition, held a public hearing thereon, at which hearing no person appeared in opposition, and two persons appeared in favor of said petition. Thereupon the Mayor and Council recommended approval of the petition. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, however, disapproved of said petition, upon the ground that the approval of said petition would result in "spot" zoning, and suggested to the petitioner that he apply for a rezoning of the lots fronting on Flower Avenue between Hudson and Houston Avenues. The said R. A. Lutes has now filed

an application for the rezoning from Residential "A" to Residential "B" of "the property known as Block 55, Gilberts Sub-Division, Takoma Park". This latter application has been duly referred to your Committee. An inspection of the plat of the Town shows that Block 55 extends from Flower Avenue to Sligo Creek, and contains lots 1 to 52 inclusive, and comprises all of that area bounded on the East by Flower Avenue, on the South by Houston Avenue, and the West by Sligo Avenue, and on the North by Hudson Avenue. It is not clear from this description just what area the petitioner seeks to have rezoned, and it, therefore, is recommended that the said application be returned to the petitioner, R. A. Lutes, with request that he particularly designate in his petition the exact lots, and the exact area or part of said Block 55, which he seeks to have rezoned, and that he be notified that, upon the submission of a particular description of the area sought to be rezoned, the matter will be given prompt attention.

There was orally presented to the Mayor and Council at the last regular meeting, a complaint against the alleged maintenance, at the premises No. 13 Prince George's Avenue, of a business of keeping, slaughtering and sale of poultry in considerable numbers, to the detriment of the neighboring dwelling houses. In order that your Committee may be properly advised as to the facts in the premises, it is respectfully recommended that the Town Health Officer be requested to investigate the matter of said complaint fully and immediately, and to submit his report thereon to the Committee on Civic Improvements.

Mr. Remsen moved that the report of the Civic Improvement Committee be approved, and same was approved upon being seconded by Mr. Adams.

In connection with the Flower Avenue zoning matter, Mr. Adams moved that this petition be referred back to Mr. Lutes for correction, not only by himself but those who are a party to this petition, and that it be resubmitted, and that the Civic Improvement Committee be authorized to hold a hearing, with power to act and report to the Park and Planning Commission, in order to prevent any further delay in the matter. Motion seconded by Mr. Remsen and approved.

In reference to the matter of purchase of a school site in Takoma Park, Mr. J. W. Coffman suggested from the floor that it might be well for the Mayor to designate some one to contact Dr. E. W. Broome in connection with this matter.

Mr. Taft suggested the appointment of a Committee to contact the proper authorities in this matter, and call to their attention the expression by letter of the various candidates made before the election in regard to the school site matter.

After discussion of the matter, Mr. Conger moved that the Mayor designate a Committee to contact Supt. Broome of the Board of Education, and also the County Commissioners, in regard to the purchase of additional school site in Takoma Park. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

Mayor Lewton thereupon, stated that he thought Mr. Taft and Mr. Sherburne, who had been appointed as a Committee to confer on the Police Justice Bill, would be the proper Committee to contact the County Officials, while in Rockville.

STREET COMMITTEE:- Mr. Remsen, Chairman, made the following report:- Since the snow has disappeared and the frost has come out of the ground the dirt and semi-hard surface streets presented, in many cases, a bad condition, and steps are now being taken to repair these streets with the utmost speed. Scraping these streets with the road scraper has been started and if weather permits, and we have no more rain or snow, will be completed this week.

The extension of Valley View Avenue to Willow Avenue, through the Hobart Sub-Division, has been graded by the contractor, and is now ready for water, sewer and gas installation.

Eighteen new street signs have been installed, mostly on the South of Carroll Avenue, and these signs seem to be in favor by the public. In regard to the suggestion of erecting signs on the various highways entering the Town, such signs would cost in the neighborhood of \$95.00. Owing to the fact that the Lions Club, and perhaps other clubs and associations could be interested in furnishing these signs, no definite report can be made on this matter at this time. If the above organizations cannot be induced to furnish these signs at their expense, the installation of these nine signs will have to be postponed until some future time, when money can be definitely appropriated for that purpose.

A memorandum from Mr. Jones, who was authorized to make certain surveys on Cedar Avenue, with object of locating intersection of Dogwood Avenue with Cedar Avenue, states that both he and Mr. Starkey have resumed survey activities since the Winter weather has subsided. He states that a final report can be expected this week.

The request of the Street Committee that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance covering the proposed curb and gutter on Chestnut Avenue, from Philadelphia Ave. to Hodges Lane for reading at this meeting, has been given further consideration by the Committee. Certain items of expense involved by exemptions, etc. develop that the cost per ft. of installation may be more than that as advertised in public advertisement. The Committee therefore recommends that the Ordinance be held in abeyance, and that no action be taken until it can be ascertained if paving, with curb and gutter, can be laid at some future date during the next fiscal year. This action will necessitate re-advertising and re-hearing of this matter.

The matter of Boston Avenue change of grade should be worked in conjunction with the Civic Improvement Committee. The offer of dedication to the Town of lots 33 and 34, in square 72-A, for park purposes, might be found desirable. If such is the case the revision of grade will no doubt be desirable for the proper development of this tip of ground. It will be of advantage also in preventing the establishing of a gas station,

or devoting it to other commercial use. While they are considering this matter, the Street Committee would ask that Mr. Jones be authorized to prepare a new profile, using the Town profile of Mar. 2nd, 1928, as a base, and show the intersection with the grade of Philadelphia Avenue as now established. As the petitioners are desirous of action, both Committees will endeavor to reach a recommendation at an early date.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the Street Committee report, and upon being seconded by Mr. Conger, same was adopted.

Condition of Mississippi Avenue, at the intersection of Maple Ave. in Sligo Park, was called to the attention of Council, and due to the fact that this is in the Park area, Mr. Adams moved that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Park and Planning Commission relative to the necessary improvements at this point. Motion seconded by Mr. Remsen and approved.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

in record

J. Nelson Dodd
Clerk.

Mayor.