REGULAR MEETING MAYOR AND COUNCIL OCT. 19, 1936

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M.
Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger,
Duehring, Orcutt and Waters. Councilman Taft was out of Town.

Mr. Axtell moved that the reading of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Sept. 21st, 1936, be dispensed with and approved, as these minutes were open to the taxpayers, and any one desiring to see same could do so by applying at the Clerk's office. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

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

RECEIPTS:- General Taxes Less Discounts Interest and Penalties Special Assessments Building Permits Electrical Permits Pog Tax Fines Pr. Geo. County Road Tax Sidewalk Deposits Comm. Tel. in Police Station	- 53.32 \$2,466.99
Deposits in Sept. Withdrawn In Sept. If. to Revolving Fund Sept. 30th - On hand	620.66 892.62 512.68 108.66 404.02 000.00 6,404.02
Withdrawn in Sept.	392.67 648.03 040.70 10.25 030.45 000.00
REVOLVING FUND Aug. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank Tf. from General Acct. Sept.30th - On hand	096.98 000.00 7,096.98
Sept.30th - On hand both banks	465.90 000.00 7,465.90 \$14,562.88

DISE	URSEMENTS:-			
TITOT	STREETS:-			
	Labor	494.58 269.20 138.26		
	Material	269.20	14	1
	Gas-0il-Auto Upkeep-Suppl	ies <u>138.26</u>	\$	902.04
	SERVICE:-			
	Trash-Labor	91.70 180.00		
	Garbage-Labor	180.00		
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	-Sup. 66.30		700 90
	Street Lights	461.80		799.80
	POLICE:-			
	Salaries	465.00		
	Clothing Allowance	40.00		
	Supplies Telephones and Lights	4.52 32.15		
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	51.93		
	Equipment	51.93 78.40		671.00
	OFFICE:- Salaries	1.80.00		
	Tels. & Supplies	480.00 25.46		
	Printing & Postage	50.50		
	EQUIPMENT	50.50 89.10		645.06
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	PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-	112 50		
	Labor	112.50		
	Expense-Supervisor	2.00		182.55
	ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS	361.74		361.74
	MISCELLANEOUS:-			
	Library Association	125.00		
	Montgomery Transfers	125.00 4.00		
	Recording Fee	-75		
	Police Court Expense Audit	7•92 135•00		
	Insurance Premium	54.05		
	Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00		
	E.E.Blodgett-Retirement	25.00		
	Comp. Corporation Counsel-			
	Dog Expense Bldg. Inspector Exp.	15.00 15.00		
	Rent	_ 55.00		556.72
		Total	4	,118.91

COMMUNICATIONS: -

Letter from Mr. Carl A. Hoglund regarding parking situation in the Town, and referring particularly to Park Ave.
Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Chief Police Officer, Lane, asking that Mayor and Council comment Officer C. E. Thomas in connection with arrest of three parties wanted by the Dept. of Justice on white slavery charges. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Harden C. Waters, Sec'y. of Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept.

in regard to agreement with the Department for the fiscal year of 1936. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from T. E. Bowen regarding the barricade at Spring Park. Referred to Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Walter Irey, President of the Takoma Park Citizens Association, regarding the condition of Westmoreland Avenue and nearby streets. To Municipal Works Committee.

From Harden C. Waters, Sec'y. Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. regarding repairs to bridge across Sligo Creek leading to the Powell and other adjoining properties. To Municipal Works Committee.

From C. P. Bollman regarding the dangerous condition of side-walk on West side of Elm Avenue from Carroll Avenue to the second house below the Ford Motor Company. To Municipal Works Committee.

From Merrit Lockwood regarding the changing of the name of Chestnut Avenue to Piney Branch Road. Referred to Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From property owners on Hancock and Sheridan Avenues asking that repairs be made to these streets. To Municipal Works Committee.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council in regard to the New Hampshire Avenue project through Takoma Park, the indiscriminate parking of cars in Takoma Park, the street car and bus situation, and the proposed changing of the name of Chestnut Avenue to Piney Branch Road.

Mr. Merritt Lockwood addressed the Council regarding the changing of the name of Chestnut Avenue to Piney Branch Road, as well as the New Hampshire Avenue project.

Mr. Frank S. Harris addressed the Council regarding the transit problem, and asked that the Council take steps to call a public hearing in order to get an expression from the people as to their desires in the matter. Mayor Adams stated that he thought it well to have such a meeting.

FINANCE COMMETTEE: -- Mr. Conger, Chairman, referred to the matter of reassessment of all real property in the Town brought up for consideration at the last regular meeting, and tabled, and moved that three assessors be appointed to reassess the value of taxable real property in Takoma Park, Maryland, for tax purposes, and that the assessed values as determined by the County authorities of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, respectively, be taken as the bases for such reassessment, with such modifications as may be determined by the Mayor and Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: - Mr. Axtell, Chairman, reported the paving of Cockerille Avenue as practically completed.

In regard to the condition of Westmoreland Avenue, Committee recommended that the street be filled in and given a hard surface treatment.

Regarding the matter of water flowing down over the parking on Elm Avenue, Committee recommended that this be filled with broken concrete and given a top surface of cold pack.

Committee recommended that the bridge over Sligo Creek, referred to in letter of Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept., be put in passable condition by installing three or four inch plank, with timber side rails.

Regarding the paving of Allegheny Avenue, between Second Street and Highland Lane, Mr. Axtell stated that the Committee could do nothing regarding this paving this year, and recommended only the necessary maintenance of that street at this time.

Regarding the request of Mr. H. K. Hobart for the paving of Valley View Avenue, from the end of its present paving to Willow Avenue, Committee recommended that for the present a cinder surface be placed on this street, and that the paving of same be delayed until the water and sewer connections were installed in the contemplated houses to be built on this street. Also that the large tree which is now in the street right-of-way should be removed, in order to eliminate the danger of accident to people travelling over this street.

Mr. Conger moved that the report of the Municipal Works Committee, and the recommendations in same, be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

In regard to the plan of proposed grade of Roanoke Ave. sent by the Washington Suburban Sanitary District for approval, and referred to the Municipal Works Committee, Mr. Axtell moved the approval of this grade. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Regarding the petition of property owners for the grading of Birch Avenue, from Philadelphia Avenue to Dogwood Avenue, Mr. Axtell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE NO. 597

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

Section 1. The owners of lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 84, and lots 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12, Block 85, Petty Sub-Division, having duly waived all legal requirements as to advertising and hearing, the Mayor and Council, under authority granted by the Town Charter, are of the opinion that the health, safety and comfort of the public require the grading of Birch Avenue, abutting the above lots, and hereby authorize this work to be done, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help necessary to carry out this work.

Section 2. That assurance is made that the proper grade is established, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of this grading be assessed in the regular manner against the property abutting the improvement.



Mr. Conger seconded the adoption of this ordinance, and same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea- The Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt and Waters. Voting Nay, none.

In regard to the request of V. J. Richter and David Agey for the construction of a culvert in the rear of their property on Cedar Avenue to take care of the storm water. Mr. Axtell reported that this matter had been studied by the Committee, but at the present time Committee was not prepared to make a definite recommendation. Mr. Richter and Mr. Agey being present, Mr. Axtell extended an invitation to them to address the Council if they so desired, and both of these gentlemen availed themselves of this opportunity to lay before the Council their complaint regarding the unsanitary condition created by stagnant water remaining in this stream from After discussion, Mr. Axtell moved that the time to time. matter bereferred to the Corporation Council for an opinion as to the responsibility of the Town. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION: - Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, reporting on the re-zoning application of Mr. C. W. Slade for the re-zoning of lots 1 to 3, both inclusive and lots 7 to 14, both inclusive, in Block 105, from Residential "A" to Residential "B", stated that a hearing had been held in connection with this matter, and after hearing those in favor of and those opposed to, Committee recommends to the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Council recommend to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, that the said application be disapproved, and that a copy of this report, together with the action of the Mayor and Council thereon, be transmitted to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. (Report in full filed in the Clerk's Office) Mr. Axtell moved the adoption of the report and approval of the recommendation. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Regarding the application for re-zoning made by Mr. R. L. McCary, Mr. Orcutt stated that a hearing had been held in connection with this application, and that after the hearing Committee was not in full accord as to definite recommendation, and that Mr. Taft, knowing that he would be out of Town and could not attend this meeting of Council, requested that the Council defer action on this matter until he gets back, if there should be any disagreement after hearing full report of Committee. In view of this request, Mr. Conger moved that the report be dispensed with until Mr. Taft returned. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:- In connection with the letter from the Chief Police Officer, regarding commendation for C. E. Thomas, Mr. Duehring moved that the Clerk be instructed to write Police Officer C. E. Thomas commending him for the handling of the case as set forth in the letter of Chief Police Officer Lane. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

Mr. Duehring stated that the Police Department had been very active in the suppression of speeding in the Town, but that a great deal of speeding was still going on, and that the Police Department would continue their efforts to reduce it to a minimum.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE: -- On recommendation of Chairman Waters, a trash receptacle was ordered placed at the corner of Eastern and Laurel Avenues.

Regarding the transit problem, Mr. Waters stated that he had been working with the Citizens Association on this matter. That he personally was opposed to the removal of the tracks at this time. The matter of holding an open meeting regarding this transit problem was discussed at length, and Mayor Adams asked Mr. Waters to assume the duty of first getting the heads of the various Association Committees together for a discussion of the matter, after which plans could be made for a public hearing. Mr. Waters stated that he would be glad to do this, provided Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., who had addressed the Council in the discussion of this matter, would help him.

Mayor Adams stated that a complaint had been made to the authorities regarding the necessity for the Carroll Avenue bus to back-up in making the turn at Eastern and Laurel Ave. to get to the bus stop for passengers for the outgoing trip, and that pending action by the Council he had given permission to the Transit Company to route the bus via Tulip and Willow Avenues on the return trip. Mr. Conger moved that the action of the Mayor in this matter be confirmed, and that the Transit Company be permitted to route its bus via Tulip and Willow Avenues. Mr. Duehring seconded the motion and same was approved.

There being no further business Council, on motion, properly seconded, adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Indered

Clerk

Mayor