

and amended, by striking out Sections 1 to 15, both inclusive, of said Article 4, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following 29 Sections, to be and constitute the Rules and Regulations governing the control and operation of taxizabs, taxis, and automobiles for hire, in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

(29 Sections printed and inserted in printed regulations of the Town of Takoma Park).

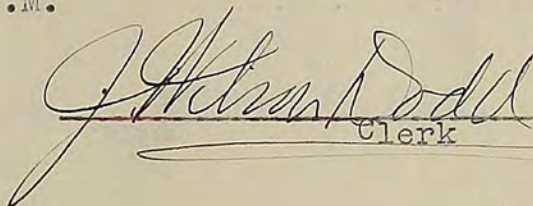
Mr. Waters seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, The Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters. Voting Nay - none.

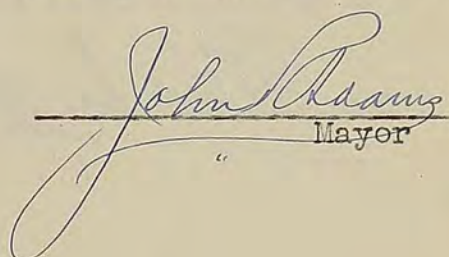
Mr. Orcutt advised Council that contract between Prince George's County Commissioners and the Town of Takoma Park, Md., was now in the hands of the School Board, same being for the construction of Playground area at the Ray School, in Prince George's County. Mr. Orcutt advised that he believed this contract would be properly executed in the next few days, and that work on the playground could be started.

Mayor Adams was authorized to write a letter to the Maryland Legislature, approving the communication sent to that body by the Montgomery County Municipal League in connection with the Bill now before the Legislature regarding the Gasoline Road Tax. This motion was made by Mr. Conger and seconded by Mr. Taft.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 10th, 1937

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

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Meeting called for the purpose of discussion of the general reassessment of all property in the Town, and the advisability of postponing same due to the recent act of the Maryland Legislature postponing all reassessments in State and Counties until the year 1939. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Assessors have heretofore made a new assessment of all property within the limits of the Town, which said new assessment or reassessment was ordered and made in the belief that a general State and County reassessment of property was to be made during the year 1937; and

WHEREAS, the said Assessors have duly filed their report of said new assessment or reassessment with the Council, and notices of such new assessment or reassessment have been given as required by law; and

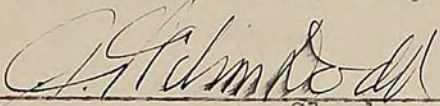
WHEREAS, since the filing of said report of the new assessments, and since the mailing of the notices to all increased or diminished assessments to the owners of the properties affected, the Legislature of Maryland, on to wit, April 5th, 1937, has passed an act postponing all general State and County reassessments of property until the year 1939, thereby indicating a legislative intent that all general reassessments of property shall be postponed until the year 1939;

NOW, THEREFORE, in harmony with such legislative declaration for the postponement of all such general reassessments of properties, and in view of such postponement, it is hereby ordered that the report of the Town Assessors of such new assessments or reassessments of property be not adopted, and that due notices of this action be given to the public; and it is hereby further ordered that the Assessors be and they are hereby directed to make and file with the Council their report of the usual revision of the present assessments, as is provided by law, including all new property subject to taxation.

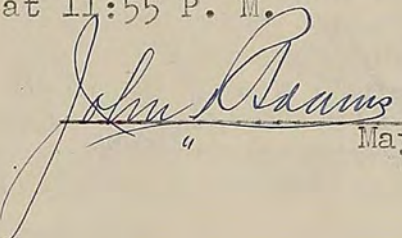
The adoption of this resolution was seconded by Mr. Waters, and approved on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, the Mayor, Councilmen Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters. Voting Nay, Mr. Conger.

On motion Council adjourned at 11:55 P. M.

Indorsed



 Clerk



 Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 19, 1937.

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 P. M.

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Due to the length of time taken to dispose of the scheduled Town Caucus for the nomination of Candidates for election to Councilmen, Mr. Conger moved that this regular meeting be adjourned at this time, and that Council convene again in public session on Saturday evening at eight o'clock, April 24th, 1937. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

indented

J. Helm Rodd
Clerk

John Brown
Mayor,

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24th, 1937

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

Reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of March 15th, 1937, was dispensed with, and minutes of special meetings of March 20th, 24th, April 10th and regular meeting of April 19th, which was convened, and due to lateness of the evening was postponed until March 24th, were read and approved.

Financial Statement for the month of March, 1937, was presented by the Treasurer and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:--

General Taxes	\$2,856.58
Interest and Penalties	307.36
Charges	27.00
Special Assessments	1,154.62
Building Permits	100.00
Electrical Permits	13.00
Excavation Permits	2.00
Dog Tax	62.00
Bank Share Tax	99.07
Garbage Collection	2.00
Fines	29.15
Mont. County-Tel. Police Station	24.00
Tax Certificate Redemption	229.94
Sidewalk Deposits	30.00
Comm. Tel. in Police Station	1.25
Sale of one Town Map	.30
	\$4,938.27

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Feb. 28th - On hand Citizens Bank	\$6,524.60	
Deposits in March	1,213.11	
	7,737.71	
Withdrawn in March	2,213.05	
Mar. 31st - On hand		\$5,524.66
Feb. 28th - On hand Takoma Park Bank	4,788.34	
Deposits in March	3,725.16	
	8,513.50	
Withdrawn in March	2,487.63	
Mar. 31st - On hand		6,025.87
Mar. 31st - On hand both banks		\$11,550.53

REVOLVING FUND

Feb. 28th - On hand Takoma Park Bank	7,096.98	
No deposits in March		
Mar. 31st - On hand		7,096.98
Feb. 28th - On hand Citizens Bank	7,465.90	
No deposits in March		
Mar. 31st - On hand		7,465.90
Mar. 31st - On hand both banks		\$14,562.88

DISBURSEMENTS:-

STREETS:-

Labor	304.20	
Material	336.98	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep & Supplies	<u>87.94</u>	729.12

SERVICE:

Trash-Labor	98.60	
Ash-Labor	185.60	
Ash-Gas & Oil	32.07	
Garbage-Labor	180.00	
Garbage-Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	43.72	
Street Lights	<u>422.70</u>	962.69

POLICE:-

Salaries	527.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil	3.88	
Tels. Lights and Coal	57.05	
Misc. Expense-Supplies	2.97	
Equipment-New Police Car	<u>443.60</u>	1,074.50

OFFICE:-

Salaries	480.00	
Postage	4.75	
Tels. & Supplise	<u>39.05</u>	523.80

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Dues-Maryland Municipal League	15.00	
Tel. - Police Sta. Mont. County	12.00	
Library Association	125.00	
Recording Fees	3.75	
Dog. Expense	22.84	
New Assessment Expense	34.44	
Tax Sale Expense	3.96	
Tax Certificate redemption	229.94	
Printing-Police Regulations	17.64	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	
Justice of Peace Salary and Exp.	71.00	
E. E. Blodgett Retirement	25.00	
Corp. Counsel Comp. for March	50.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Fire Department-3rd Installment	<u>750.00</u>	1,410.57
		\$ <u>4,700.68</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Petition from five residents of Lee Ave., requesting the paving of that Street from Carroll to Hancock Aves., was referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from residents in the vicinity of Kennebec and Flower Aves. requesting the removal of the outdoor toilet on Lot 7, Block 54, Gilberts Sub-Division, was referred to Public Welfare and Health Committee.

Petition from seven residents of Kennebec Ave. requesting the paving of that street between Flower and Albemarle Aves. was referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from H. J. Carr, R. R. Pailthorpe, V. S. Auld and C. Bunger Hill, requesting the construction of sidewalks in front of their properties on Holly Avenue, waiving all legal requirements in connection with this work, was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Letter from Clarence A. Reed commending Police Officer Addison Ourand in connection with the arrest of a drunken man attempting to gain entrance to his home, was ordered filed.

Letter from N.E. Ryon, along with a letter from Miss Rhoda Martin of 232 Park Ave. complaining of a deep hole dug in the back yard of Mr. B. F. Colbert at 230 Park Ave. was referred to Public Welfare and Health Committee.

Letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan to Maj. Fischer regarding the old iris bed in front of the residence of Mr. Peacock on Baltimore Ave. was referred to Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Certified letter from Mr. J. W. Hite stating that balance of \$65.00 on street Assessment was paid by him on or about April 1st, 1932, but that he was unable to find the receipt, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Letter from Mrs. M. G. Conger, Treasurer, for the Takoma Park, Md., Library, along with proposed budget for the Library for the coming fiscal year, was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Resolution from Community League regarding the establishing of a three year program for the elimination of all cess pools and open sewers in the Town of Takoma Park, was referred to the Public Welfare and Health Committee.

Resolution regarding Spring Cleanup from the Community League, was referred to Public Welfare and Health Committee.

Resolution from Community League regarding the construction of a foot walk from Poplar Ave. to Carroll Ave. by the most feasible route, was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Letter addressed to the Takoma Park Sanitary Commission regarding unhealthy condition of vacant lot at 108 Westmoreland Ave. was referred to the Public Welfare and Health Committee.

Letter from Chas. E. Blankenship, 28 Columbia Ave., asking the removal of the barricade at Spring Park, was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Mr. Chas. E. Blankenship addressed Council regarding the Barricade at Spring Park, and was advised by the Mayor that this matter would be given attention by Committee.

Mr. Walter Prichard addressed Council regarding Spring Clean-up, and urged that this be done at an early date.

Mr. R. L. McCary addressed Council regarding the petition for the removal of the outdoor toilet on Lot 7, Block 54, and urged immediate attention to this matter.

Mr. Frank Harris spoke regarding the resolution of the Community League regarding cess pools and open sewers, and expressed the hope that the Mayor and Council would do all possible to bring about the elimination of these unhealthy conditions.

Mr. Herman Heffner spoke on the septic tank situation, and cited one case at Elm & Sligo Ave. where 14 houses emptied into one tank.

Mr. Jos. Simpson, attorney for Mr. Earl W. Powers addressed the Council and advised that in looking up the title to some of the lots belonging to Mr. Powers, it was discovered that the old plat showed the street line still running through these lots, and that same had not officially been abandoned. Mr. Simpson advised that the present or later plat showing that the street as now laid out for a public thoroughfare does not encroach on these lots, and asked the Council to disclaim any right as a public way through this property as per the old original plat. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that the Town disclaim any right to a public way through any parts of Lots 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 in Block 80-A, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Sub-Division as indicated on the plat recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office of Montgomery County, plat book 4, folio 315, and that no public way affecting these lots is extant except what is known as Baltimore Avenue. This motion was seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

Mr. Herman Heffner addressed Council in regard to the amount of taxes paid by the residents of the Town to the Park and Planning Commission, and stressed the need of an athletic field for the older boys of the Town, and asked if something could not be done to have the Park and Planning Commission acquire a site and construct such a field. Mr. Philip Huck also spoke in regard to this matter in support of Mr. Heffner's idea.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the Mayor appoint a Committee of the Council and a Committee of representative citizens to meet together and study the proposition advanced by Mr. Heffner and Mr. Huck, with the view of working out some proper approach to the Park and Planning Commission towards obtaining a playground for the purpose suggested. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Conger, Chairman, presented bills in amount of \$2195.54, and payment of same was approved.

Committee also presented report of the Board of Assessors assessing new property constructed, additions, etc., in the Town since last assessing period, and Mr. Conger moved that this report be received, and notice sent to the owners concerned advising that a hearing would be held at the next regular meeting of Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Mr. Conger presented the following names for appointment as Registration and Election Officials, and moved their appointment:- Registration, J. W. Coffman, Jr. Clerk, Rose Rutledge, Mrs. B. S. Chaney, Dorothea Adams and Mrs. L. Walker; Election Officials, J. W. Coffman, Clerk, Rose Rutledge, David Haas, Dorothea Adams, Judges Assistants, Chas. Mann, Mrs. B. S. Chaney and Russell Lamson, Assistants. This motion was seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Axtell, Chairman, reporting in regard to the request for sidewalks on Holly Ave. by four property owners, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE 609

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

Sec. 1. 42
Section 1:-- In accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, section 965, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the laying of cement concrete sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per linear ft. on the South side of Holly Avenue, between Eastern and Tulip Avenues, in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, abutting lots 11, 12, 23, 24 and 25, Block 7, B. F. Gilbert's Sub-Division. 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 May 17th, 1937, in the fire department building, at Carroll and Denwood Avenues, convening at eight o'clock P. M. will hear all persons desiring to be heard with respect to the construction herein proposed.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:- Mr. Orcutt, reported that the old iris bed in front of Mr. Peacock's had been investigated, and advised that Committee does not feel constrained to recommend any action looking towards the removal of this iris bed, unless or until similar general action shall be taken throughout the Town to cause the removal of other similar plantings from the parkings, and feels that it would be an injustice to single out this particular planting, when there are, and for many years have been similar plantings throughout the Town. On motion, properly seconded this report was accepted and approved.

Mr. Orcutt reported the receipt of agreement with the Board of Education of Prince George's County, with a few minor changes, and asked the approval of the Council covering these changes, and Mr. Orcutt moved that the two changes in Article 14 of the contract for the grading of the playground area between the Town and the Board of Education of Prince George's County, changing the word "four" to "two" in the third line, and changing the word "six" in the fourth line to the word "two", be approved, and that the action of the Mayor in signing the modified contract be ratified and confirmed. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE:- Nothing to report.

LAW AND ORDINANCE:- Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND HEALTH:- Regarding the complaint in connection with the outdoor toilet on Lot 7, Block 54, Mr. Waters, Chairman, moved that the Town Clerk be authorized to notify the owner of this property to make the necessary sewer connections within thirty days. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Regarding the Spring Clean-up, Mr. Waters moved that the first week in May be designated as "Spring Clean-up Week, and that same be given as much publicity as possible through other Civic Organizations. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

In regard to the elimination of cess pools and open sewers, Mr. Waters stated that the Town Health Officer, Dr. Queen, had been conferring with Dr. C. V. Ellicot, and has about completed arrangements for a joint survey with the Montgomery County officials, and believed that a definite report would be forthcoming on this matter very shortly. Mr. Waters also stated that the suggestions of the Community League would be given full consideration.

There being no further business, Council on motion adjourned at 10:00 o'clock P. M.

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J. Helm Dodd
Clerk

John Adams
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 1937.

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

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Meeting called in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter to hear appeals from challenges of registrants.

Council had before it a challenge of 34 persons made by Mr. Frank E. Hayes, and after ascertaining that the challenged parties had not been notified, and thereby given an opportunity to appear, Mr. Taft moved that the meeting be adjourned until Saturday evening, May 1st, 1937, at 7:45 P. M., and that the parties challenged be notified and given an opportunity to appear at this meeting and enter an appeal if they so desired. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

Council then adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

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J. Helm Dodd
Clerk.

John Adams
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 1937

Meeting called to order at 10:05 P. M.

Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen, Axtell, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

The Clerk presented to Council a petition signed by 141 residents of the Town asking the removal of the barricade at Spring Park, and same was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Mr. A. C. Wolfe and other taxicab owners operating in the Town of Takoma Park, Md., appeared before the Council and asked that the taxistand as established in Ordinance 608, namely:-- "on the Southeasterly side of Laurel Avenue, at and near the corner of Eastern Avenue, in said Town" be amended, and that said taxistand be established on the Southwesterly side of Laurel Avenue, at and near the corner of Eastern Avenue. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Orcutt moved the adoption of the following ammending Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE 610

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

Section 1:-- That Section 4 of Ordinance No. 608, adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 24th, 1937, be amended by striking out the word "Southeasterly", and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Southwesterly".

The adoption of this Amending Ordinance was seconded by Mr. Taft, and upon a Yea and Nay vote, same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

Mr. Wolfe in behalf of himself and other Taxi owners requested permission of the Town to erect a small booth adjacent to the Taxistand for the purpose of installing telephones, and after discussion of the matter Mr. Waters moved that the Taxi operators be authorized to erect a booth, not over thirty inches square, the plans for same to be submitted to the Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee and the Supt. of Public Works, and that the construction of said booth to be made under the supervision of the Supt. of Public Works. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

The matter of the removal of the barricade at Spring Park was discussed at length, after wish a motion was made by Mr. Taft that the barricade that is now at Spring Park be removed immediately, and that as soon as possible thereafter abarricade be constructed along the driveway into the Park to prevent the Children from running on to said driveway; that the construction of same be put into the hands of the Civic Improvement Committee and the Supt. of Public Works, and that signs be

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placed there prohibiting parking, except for the purpose of obtaining water, and that all trucks be excluded from the driveway. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

On motion Council adjourned at 11:25 P. M.

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J. Wilson Dodd
Clerk

John Adams
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 1, 1937.

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

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Taft and Waters.

Meeting called to continue the matter of registration challenges made by Mr. Frank E. Hayes.

Oath was administered to all of those challenged appearing before Council, and Miss Meta Hudson, Asst. Supt. of Nurses at the Washington, ^{San} under oath, testified for those persons personally known to her who were unable to appear before the Council.

Witnesses were interrogated by the Mayor, Members of the Council, Mr. J. Bond Smith, President of the Young Mens' Democratic Club of Takoma Park, Md., and Dr. Llewellyn Jordan.

After hearing all the testimony in connection with the appeals, Council went into executive session, and after discussion of the evidence, Mr. Orcutt made the following motion:--

I move that the following findings of facts and conclusions regarding the challenge by Mr. Frank E. Hayes of Elsie M. Sundstrom, Jeanne Wood, Gustave Ziesmer, Gertrude Shultz, Gerald E. Shultz, Franklin Schneider, Ruth Edwards, Reynolds Hufford, Anna Hufford, Anna K. Schroder, Ruth Garg, Jesse Ruth Hartup, Marjorie Brooks, Dorothea Baum, Theresa Staalman, Helen Fuchs, Elva J. Geach, Ethel L. Nichols, Dorothy Briggs, Ethel L. Gates, Cecile Wharton, Olive Van Horn, Eleanor Kennedy, Dorothy L. Randall, Beulah W. Swartz, Madolyn Knierium, Elsie I. Marple, Donald L. Robbins, Virginia Lower, Roberta K. Schnieder, Marion Hohensee, Grace Meade, Mary Offley and Ethel J. Ober, be adopted:--

In the matter of the challenges filed by Frank E. Hayes, against certain registrants, upon a full hearing given by the Council on Thursday, April 29th and Saturday, May 1st, 1937, no evidence was offered or adduced by the challenger in support of said challenge.

The testimony adduced by many of those challenged and by one witness, who personally knew and had personal daily knowledge as to the habits and places of abode of each person so challenged,