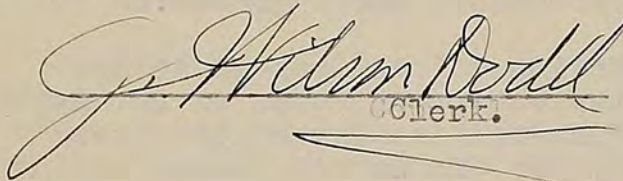


Orcutt also stated that the Takoma Park Welfare and Health Council would organize on Thursday night, and that this organization would no doubt desire to know just what aid they could expect from the Town in the establishing of the Welfare center in Takoma Park. After discussion of the matter it was unanimously agreed by the Mayor and Council that the Town was desirous of giving all the aid possible in making this project a success, and would work to the end of seeing that an appropriate center is furnished, and would assist in fitting same with the necessary essentials.

Mr. Conger moved that the Regular June meeting be held on June 14th, 1937, instead of June 21st, 1937, and that the public hearing on the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1937, be held on that evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

*Indiv*  
  
 Clerk.

  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 JUNE 1st, 1937

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

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

Mr. Howard Duckett and Mr. Geo. W. Davis appeared before Council in connection with land in the old Maris and Cunningham Sub-Divisions, on the Town tax records in the name of Blair Lee, Trustee, and stated that they were desirous of going ahead with the development of this land, providing the Town and State and County taxes could be adjusted in a reasonable sum. The land, Mr. Duckett stated, had been in litigation for a number of years, and for that reason the taxes could not be paid. He offered to pay to the Town at this time \$1000.00 to clear up the General Taxes in the Town to the end of the fiscal year 1936. After discussion of this matter same was referred jointly to the Law and Ordinance and Finance Committees.

Mr. F. S. Papot appeared before Council and asked the aid of the Town in properly piping the open stream running through lots 1 and 3, Block 72-B, T.P.L. & T. Sub-Division. This matter was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Supt. of Public Works, Fischer, reported a broken storm sewer under the street at Albany and Baltimore Avenues, and recommended that this sewer be replaced with a 30" sewer, according to plans submitted by him to Council. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Axtell moved that the Supt. of

Public Works be authorized to install a 30" storm sewer across Albany and Baltimore Avenues to connect with the 30" galvanized sewer on Brashears Avenue, at a cost of approximately \$260.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Waters moved that the Mayor and the Civic Improvement and Education Committee be authorized to go before the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission and ask that proper maintenance and care be given to the parks in the Town of Takoma Park under the jurisdiction of the Park and Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

Mr. Conger, Chairman of the Finance, <sup>Comm</sup> presented tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1937, and after discussion of various items in same, it was moved, properly seconded and approved, that this tentative budget be published in the local newspaper in connection with the public Budget discussion set for June 14th, 1937.

Mr. Conger, advised that his Committee was ready to make a recommendation in regard to the tax rate for the fiscal year 1937, and presented and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE NO. 617

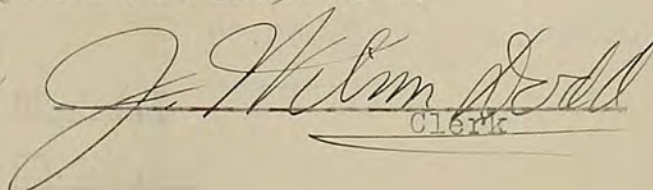
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

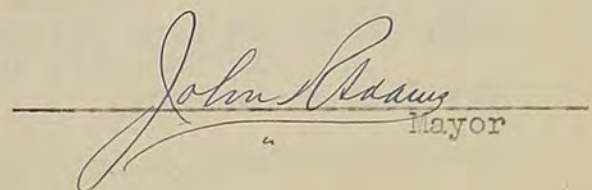
Section 1. That a general tax of Ninety-three cents (93¢) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of meeting any and all general expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1937.

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

The matter of complaints received in connection with a dangerous traffic situation on Park Avenue, due to the parking of automobiles on both sides of that street, was discussed at length, and Mr. Conger moved that parking be prohibited on the East side of Park Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Maple Avenue, and that "No Parking" signs be installed immediately. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

On motion of Mr. Conger, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 12:30 A. M.

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 Clerk

  
 Mayor

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JUNE 14th, 1937

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P.M.  
Those present were The Mayor, Councilmen, Cönger, Duehring,  
Orcutt, Taft and Waters. Mr. Axtell being out of Town due to  
death in his family.

Reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17th,  
1937, were dispensed with, and minutes of Special meetings of  
May 26th and June 1st, 1937, were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$--128.70
Interest and Penalties-----	36.35
Charges-----	18.50
Special Assessments-----	179.58
Building Permits-----	53.00
Electrical Permits-----	16.00
Excavation Permits-----	4.00
Dog Tax-----	60.00
Vendor Permits-----	1.00
Fines-----	57.05
Montgomery County Police Tel.-----	12.00
Taxicab License-----	35.00
Deposit on Taxicab Badges-----	9.00
	<u>610.18</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Apr. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$4,258.19	
Deposits in May	610.18	
	4,868.37	
Withdrawn in May	1,746.54	
May 31st - On hand		3,121.83
Apr. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	4,742.78	
(No deposits in May)		
Withdrawn in May	2,032.96	
May 31st - On hand		2,709.82
May 31st - On hand both banks		5,831.65

REVOLVING FUND

Apr. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	7,096.98	
No deposits in May		
May 31st - On hand	7,096.98	7,096.98
Apr. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	7,465.90	
No Deposits in May		
May 31st - On hand	7,465.90	7,465.90
May 31st - On hand both banks		\$14,562.88

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	428.30	
Material	220.53	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep & Supplies	<u>137.29</u>	\$ 786.12

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	99.60	
Garbage-Labor	180.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	37.34	
Ash-Labor	124.80	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	45.23	
Street Lights	<u>452.89</u>	939.86

POLICE:-

Salaries	515.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	53.78	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Tels.-Coal and Lights	43.18	
Miscellaneous	<u>11.84</u>	663.80

OFFICE:-

Salaries	480.00	
Tels. and Postage	<u>27.31</u>	507.31

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

Labor	87.75	
Material	<u>.68</u>	88.43

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS

	<u>147.95</u>	147.95
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MISCELLANEOUS:-

Election Expense	84.99	
Registration Expense	88.23	
Taxicab License Expense	26.16	
New Assment Expense	9.06	
Dog Expense	22.84	
Library Assn.	125.00	
Insurance Premium	5.00	
Recording Fee	.75	
Sidewalk Deposit refund	10.00	
Montgomery County Transfers	4.00	
Montgomery County Tel. Police Sta.	12.00	
Refund Special Assessment Pd in error	40.00	
Justice of Peace Sal. & Exp.	73.00	
Bldg. Inspector Exp.	15.00	
Salary Corp. Counsel for May	50.00	
Retirement E. E. Blodgett	25.00	
Office Rent	<u>55.00</u>	
		646.03
		<u>\$3,779.50</u>

## COMMUNICATIONS:-

Petition from six property owners in the vicinity of Cockerille Ave., requesting the widening of street corners at Second Ave., Spring St., and Cockerille Ave. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Letter from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, enclosing application of H. S. Weaver requesting re-zoning of lots 1 to 7, Block 46, 1 to 7, inc. Block 47, and 1 to 8, Inc. Block 48, from Residential "A" to Residential "C". Referred to Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Letter from Mr. R. G. Sherburne requesting permission to lay sidewalk in front of Lot 54, Hobart Sub-Division, for Mr. Jno. R. Magness, the owner of the property. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Proposal of the Takoma Motor Company for the furnishing of a new dump truck for the Town. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Resolution from the Young Mens Democratic Club of Takoma Park, Md., regarding the taxing of certain commercial enterprises in the Town, the transfer of the Town Police Force to Montgomery County, and removal of the Town Offices to the Fire Department Bldg.

Councilman Taft, speaking in regard to the taxation of Commercial enterprises in the Town, and referring particularly to the Washington Sanitarium and the Missionary College, stated that these organizations stand ready to pay any tax or taxes that the law requires of them and of similar corporations or institutions, and that they ask nothing that is not granted to others.

Councilman Conger, replying to that part of the Resolution regarding the Town Police, stated that through a conference with the Montgomery County Commissioners, the Town had been promised by the Commissioners material assistance in the policing of the Town, which would materially reduce the police cost to the Town.

Councilman Waters in replying to that portion of the Resolution regarding the removal of the Town Offices to the Fire Dept. Building stated that the Trustees of the Fire Dept., had plans for the remodeling of the building to take care of more community affairs, and that it may be possible to so arrange the remodeling of the building to take care of the Town Offices, although up to the present time the Town had not been invited to return the Town Offices to the Fire Dept. bldg., by the Trustees of the Fire Department.

Resolution from the Young Mens Democratic Club was read regarding the recent Registrants challenged by Mr. Frank E. Hays, and same was referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Jno. T. Bernard addressed Council regarding curb and gutter in front of his residence at Erie and Albemarle Aves., and the Mayor referred same to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. F. Byrne Austin appeared before Council and asked that a "Dead End" sign be placed at the end of Philadelphia Ave., where it joins Maple Avenue. Referred to Municipal Service Comm.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick addressed Council and asked that steps be taken to remedy the dangerous traffic situation at Park Ave. where it joins the East West Highway at Maple Ave., as cars often continued down Park Avenue instead of making the turn into the East West Highway.

Mr. Frank Harris commended the Council for the placing of additional "No Parking" signs on Elm Ave.

Dr. C. C. Galloway addressed Council regarding the recent bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly allotting funds to Montgomery County for the purchase of additional school land, and suggested that Council pass a resolution regarding this matter, same to be transmitted to the Board of Education and County Commissioners for Montgomery County. This matter was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Comm.

At this time Mayor Adams stated that the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1937, would be discussed by the Council and any taxpayer present. After a lengthy discussion of the Budget, those present were thanked for their interest in the matter, and the adoption of the Budget was withheld for further consideration.

Councilman Conger presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 618

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 construction of cement concrete sidewalks abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pr. of 6 and 7, Block 84, Petty Sub-Division, authorized under provisions of Ordinance 601, *J. 4* passed and approved Jan. 18th, 1937, said assessment being fixed at 94¢ per linear ft., driveway approaches at actual cost, be and the same is hereby approved.

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 the date of levy.

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

Councilman Conger presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 619

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

*p. 42-43*  
Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete sidewalks abutting Lots 23, 24, 25, 11 and 12, Block 7, B. F. Gilberts Sub-Division, authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 616, passed and approved May 17th, 1937, said assessment being fixed at 88¢ per linear ft., driveway approaches at actual cost, be and the same is hereby approved.

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 the date of levy.

Adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Waters, and same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, the Mayor, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters, voting Nay - none.

In connection with assessment appeals, Mr. Conger stated that the Finance Committee had investigated the appeal of Mr. Whidden and Mr. Britton, and Committee recommended that in the case of Mr. Whidden, this assessment be reduced from \$400. to \$200. and in the case of Mr. Britten the assessment be reduced from \$500. to \$300. Recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved by Council.

Regarding compensation for the Assessors, in connection with the abandoned general assessment, and the assessment of newly construction property, additions, corrections, etc., Mr. Conger moved, on behalf of the Finance Committee that the Assessors be paid at the rate of \$12.00 per day for each day worked. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

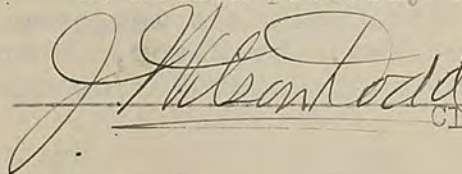
Regarding the proposal of the Takoma Motor Company to furnish the Town with a truck, Mr. Conger moved that the bid of the Takoma Motor Company to furnish a Ford 1937 Model with closed cab, 131½" Wheel Base, V-8, 85 Horsepower, Hydraulic Dump Body, Dual Read Wheels, all six tires to be 32 x 6 heavy duty 8 ply, for \$972.33, less credit for old Ford unit of \$100.00, leaving a net balance to pay of \$872.33, be accepted, and that order be placed for this truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Mr. Duehring moved that a street light 100 c.p. with a "sunbonnet" shade be placed on Pole 7597 on Willow Ave., near the intersection of Valley View Avenue. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In reference to the complaint of rats in the Town dump, Mr. Waters stated that this matter had been given consideration by his Committee, and had been in contact with Mr. Jarvis of the Biological Survey of the Rodent control Division, and that Mr. Jarvis had expressed a willingness to come to Takoma Park and confer with any one in the Town toward eliminating rats from their premises. Mr. Waters moved the appropriation of \$30.00 for poison to eliminate the rats from the Town dump, and that Mr. Jarvis be requested to attend the meeting of the Council on next Monday evening to confer with this Committee and with other residents of the Town with respect to the elimination of rats. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In regard to the matter of trailers parked in the Town, Councilman Waters stated that he had taken the matter of sanitation up with the Health Officer, Dr. Queen, and in going over the Town Police Regulations, they found that Section 32 of Article 14, covered this matter completely, and moved that the Police Department be directed to serve notice on those occupying trailers in violation of this section of the Police Regulations, and that the occupants be given three days time to move or comply fully with the Regulation. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

*in deed*  
  
 Clerk

  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 JUNE 21st, 1937.

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

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

Mayor Adams stated that the business before the Council tonight was the hearings on the three paving projects as outlined



in Ordinances 613, 614 and 615, being a portion of Chestnut Ave., a portion of Lee Avenue and a portion of Kennebec Avenue.

In connection with the paving of Lee Avenue, as advertised, Councilman Taft stated that Mr. Nelson had asked him to state to Council that he was in favor of this paving. No other statements were made in favor of or against this paving.

In connection with the paving of Chestnut Avenue, as advertised, Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Dunn and Mr. J. M. Maloney appeared in favor of this construction. None appeared to oppose same.

In regard to the Kennebec Avenue paving, as advertised, Mr. D. C. Blue appeared before Council and favored this construction, and stated that property owners, Dr. Saulsbury, Mrs. Tear, Mr. McCary and Mr. Zichtl, were unable to come to the hearing, but had asked him to advise Council that they favored this improvement. Communication was read from Mrs. Daniel A. Tear and Mr. Theo. Raines in favor of same. No person appeared in opposition to same.

The Mayor then declared the hearings closed and Council proceeded with other business.

Mr. Conger presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 620

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

Section 1. That the assessment of real property, covering new buildings erected, repairs and alterations in existing buildings, or corrections and adjustments in assessments heretofore adopted, as reported and submitted by the duly appointed Board of Assessors for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1937, be and the same is hereby adopted, the Council having sat as a board of review on the 17th day of May, 1937, and having decided all appeals presented.

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

Matter of Budget for the Fiscal Year 1937, was discussed at length, and Mr. Conger advised in substance that the Finance Committee could see no material reason for a change in the Budget as advertised, although the matter of liability insurance to cover the Town Automobiles had been discussed by the Committee favorably, same to be taken from the reserve, if approved by the Council. The matter of this insurance was discussed at length, and then ordered held over until a future meeting. Mr. Conger then presented, and moved the adoption of the following Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1937.

ORDINANCE NO. 621

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 960 of the Town Charter the following budget is hereby approved and adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1937:--

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:--

General Taxes-----	\$49,368.90	
Less estimated difference between discounts and penalties-----	500.00	\$48,868.90
Interest, Permits and Miscellaneous-----		850.00
Back Taxes (prior years)-estimated-----		300.00
Pr. George's & Mont. County Road Tax-----		2,500.00
Bank Share and Security Tax-----		1,000.00
Dog Tax-----		400.00
Fines-----		500.00
Total receipts-----		\$54,418.90

## ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS:--

## OFFICE:--

Salary Clerk and Treasurer-----	\$ 2,700.00
Salary Supt. of Public Works-----	2,400.00
Salary Building Inspector-----	360.00
Salary Electrical Inspector-----	300.00
Office Supplies and Telephones-----	450.00
Office Equipment-----	100.00
Additional Clerical Help-----	400.00
Printing Postage-----	200.00
Police Department-----	5,500.00
Street Maintenance-----	13,000.00
Ash, Trash and Garbage Collection-----	6,600.00
Street Lights-----	5,300.00
Parks and Playgrounds-----	1,175.00
Parks and Playgrounds-Enos Ray School Playground-----	700.00
Building Inspector Expense-----	180.00
Office Rent-----	660.00
Audit-----	125.00
Tax Sale Expense-----	150.00
Registration and Election Expense-----	175.00
Assessors-----	75.00
Dog Expense-----	100.00
Corporation Counsel-----	600.00
Insurance Premium-----	275.00
Police Court Judge and Justice of Peace Expense-----	840.00
Pension-E.E.Blodgett-----	300.00
Fire Protection-----	4,000.00
Library Association-----	1,800.00
Takoma Park Welfare and Health Council-----	360.00
Misc.-Dues Civic Federation and Appropriations-----	152.00
10% Reserve-----	5,441.90
Total	\$54,418.90

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

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

Councilman Waters stated that the Fire Department were desirous of holding a carnival from July 19th to 24 inclusive, and would like to use a portion of the old school playground on the East-West Highway, adjacent to the elementary school. After discussion of the matter Mr. Waters moved that the Fire Department be permitted to hold a carnival on the old school playground North of the East-West Highway, July 19th to 24th, inclusive, same to be held in strict accordance with the Police Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, and closed each evening by not later than eleven o'clock P.M., with the exception of Saturday evening, on which evening same can be continued until twelve o'clock midnight. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

In connection with the street paving hearings held this date, Mr. Axtell of the Municipal Works Committee, presented the following Ordinances:--

ORDINANCE NO. 622

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

*p. 41*  
Section 1. That under the authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hearing as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of that portion of Lee Avenue as set forth in section 1 of Ordinance No. 613, passed and approved May 17th, 1937, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent as the Mayor and Council may determine, within the terms of said Ordinance.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one-third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the Town; said costs to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots or otherwise.

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Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year, provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Mr. Axtell moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and upon

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

ORDINANCE NO. 623

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

Section 1. That under authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hearing as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of that portion of Chestnut Avenue as set forth in section 1 of Ordinance No. 614, *p. 41* passed and approved May 17th, 1937, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent as the Mayor and Council may determine, within the terms of said Ordinance.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one-third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the Town; said costs to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots or otherwise.

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; *Sec. 92* provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year, provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 624

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

Section 1. That under the authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hearing as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of that portion of Kennebec Avenue as set forth in section 1 of Ordinance No. 615, passed and approved May 17th, 1937, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent as the Mayor and Council may determine, within the terms of said Ordinance. *p. 42*

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one-third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the Town; said costs to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots or otherwise.

*Sec. 92-93*  
 Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year, provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

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

The next regular meeting, July 19th, 1937, was set as the date for the opening of bids for the construction of the work proposed in the three above Ordinances.

On motion of Mr. Axtell, seconded by Mr. Conger, Mr. R. G. Sherburne was granted permission to construct for Mr. J. R. Magness sidewalk in front of Lot 54, Hobart Sub-Division, same to be on a line with the present Valley View Avenue sidewalk, and construction of the walk to be under the supervision of the Supt. of Public Works.

In response to request of Mrs. W. D. Lambert, the Supt. of Public Works was authorized to remove the tops of two trees in front of her residence at 272 Park Avenue.

Regarding the matter of acquisition of additional school land in Takoma Park by the Board of Education of Montgomery County, which matter was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee at last meeting of Council, Mr. Orcutt, presented and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:--

"WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, have been advised that the Board of Education of Montgomery County contemplates the construction and establishment of a new Junior High School for the Southern portion of Montgomery County and the purchase of the necessary land therefore and has in contemplation the acquisition of the fifteen acres, more or less, tract, known as the Hodges tract, in the rear of the Elementary School, on Philadelphia Avenue, in the Town of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Takoma Park is the largest Town in the County of Montgomery, and there reside within the corporate limits a large number of the potential pupils of such a Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, the said Hodges tract, so called, in the rear of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, is admirably and conveniently situated for the purpose of such Junior High School, is centrally located, and is convenient to existing Municipal and school playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the present Junior High School is located in the Town of Takoma Park, and, upon the abandonment of such present Junior High School building for such purposes, any new Junior High School in the lower portion of Montgomery County ought equitably and justly to be located in the Town of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, unqualifiedly endorse and approve of the selection of the said Hodges tract, so called, for the site of such Junior High School, and respectfully, but strongly, urge the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners, respectively, to acquire such land, consisting of the Hodges tract, in the Town of Takoma Park, as and for the site for such Junior High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners, respectively, of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mr. Conger seconded the adoption of this Resolution, and same was unanimously adopted.

In connection with the application of J. M. Phillips for the re-subdivision of Lot 8, Block 36, at the junction of Jackson and Lincoln Avenues, Mr. Orcutt stated that his Committee had gone over this matter, and that due to the fact that it was a very troublesome question, Committee recommended that the matter be referred back to the Council, and that a hearing with the abutting property owners be held, and after discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that this matter be made the subject of a public hearing on July 12th, 1937, at eight o'clock, P.M. in the Town offices in the Citizens Bank Bldg., and that notice of such hearing be given to all abutting property owners, including Mr. Phillips. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

Regarding the matter of trailers in the town of Takoma Park not conforming to the Town regulations, Mr. Duehring, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee, reported that this matter had been given attention by the police, and all cases cleared up with the exception of two, and in these two cases it was found that children were confined with measles, and that it was not possible to do anything with these two cases at the present time. Mr. Duehring stated that these would be given attention as soon as it was possible to do so.

Mr. Duehring called attention to the restricted parking opposite the two driveways on Allegheny Avenue, and stated that the area so marked off was not sufficient to remedy the situation, and moved that a new parking area be created from the lower point of the Mitchell driveway down to the corner of

Second Street, and that proper signs be installed so designating same. Mr. Conger seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, motion was approved, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring and Waters voting in favor of, and Councilmen Orcutt and Taft opposing.

Mr. Duehring mentioned the desirability of white painted center lines on some of the more dangerous curves in the Town, and Councilman Conger also asked that the matter of a traffic light at the intersection of Carroll and Flower Avenues be given consideration. These two matters were referred to the Municipal Service Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Mr. J. B. Roberts, of the Roberts Contracting Company, whose Company had been awarded the contract for the construction of a portion of New Hampshire Avenue, appeared before the Council and stated that the work on this project would be started in a day or two, and that he hoped to have same completed by or before December 1st, next.

At the request of the Public Welfare and Health Committee, Mr. Jarvis of the Biological Survey, gave a very interesting talk for the benefit of the Mayor and Council and other persons attending the meeting, regarding the elimination of rats in the Town dump, and in the individual home.

Mr. Waters stated that he had arranged for Mr. Jarvis to come out to the Town dump the first Thursday after July 4th, next, to give a demonstration as to the proper procedure in connection with this work.

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

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*J. H. M. Dodd*  
Clerk.

*John Adams*  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JUNE 30th, 1937

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

Meeting called for the purpose of appointing three police officers for the Town for the ensuing year. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Duehring moved that Officers Frank Lane, Earl Thomas and Albert Thomas be reappointed as police officers of the Town for a probationary period of three months. Motion was seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

Mr. Conger moved that the salaries of the officers be placed at \$115.00 per month each, with an additional \$10.00 per month each for clothing allowance. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

Mr. Conger moved that Mr. Edward Steers be given one months pay in lieu of notification that he would not be re-appointed Desk Clerk for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Request of Mr. L. W. Goode to lay sidewalk in front of his residence on Philadelphia Avenue, was granted, said walk to be laid under the supervision of the Supt. of Public Works.

The matter of liability insurance on the Town automobiles was discussed at length, after which Mr. Conger moved that public liability insurance be taken out on the automobiles and motorcycle in amount of from ten to twenty thousand dollars, and property damage in amount of five thousand dollars. Mr. waters seconded the motion, and same was approved, Mr. Orcutt voting "No", stating that he was forced to vote against the motion because he was convinced there was no legal liability on the part of the Town for the acts of the Police Officers and other public officials, and he could not see his way clear to vote to appropriate public funds for a non-existent liability.

Mr. Conger brought to the attention of the Council the desirability of procuring a portion of the Southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 49, for the purpose of rounding off the corner of the street at the intersection of Carroll and Flower Avenues, thereby eliminating a dangerous traffic hazard. Mr. Conger stated that the owner of the property, Mrs. Zirkle, had intimated that she would dedicate sufficient land for this purpose if the Town would construct a suitable retaining wall in front of her lot after the completion of this widening. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that the Street Committee be authorized to negotiate with Mrs. Zirkle with the view of obtaining from her such necessary easement to round off and make safe the Southeast corner of Flower Avenue at its junction with Carroll Avenue, and on what terms same may be procured from her, and report to the Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

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

*J. Helm*  
Clerk

*John Adams*  
Mayor

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