

Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Taft and Waters. Voting Nay - none.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

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J. Helm Dodd

 Clerk

John Evans

 Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 JANUARY 17, 1938.

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

On motion, properly approved, reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of Dec. 20th, 1937, was dispensed with.

Financial statement for the month of December, 1937, was presented by the Treasurer and ordered filed. Statement follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$1,754.82
Interest and Penalties-----	56.35
Charges-----	6.75
Special Assessments-----	495.06
Building Permits-----	12.00
Electrical Permits-----	15.00
Dog Tax-----	10.00
Vendor Permit-----	1.00
Montgomery County-Police Telephones-----	12.00
Fines-----	46.20
	<u>\$2,409.18</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Nov. 30th - On hand Citizens Bank	\$4,446.60	
Deposits in December	913.32	
Tf. from Revolving Fund	4,000.00	
	9,359.92	
Withdrawn in December	4,629.22	
Dec. 31st - On hand		<u>\$4,730.70</u>

	Forward		\$4,730.70
Nov. 30th	- On hand Takoma Park Bank	\$4,914.11	
	Deposits in December	<u>1,495.86</u>	
		6,409.97	
	Withdrawn in December	<u>1,432.74</u>	
Dec. 31st	- On hand		\$4,977.23
Dec. 31st	-		\$9,707.93

REVOLVING FUND

Nov. 30th	- On hand Takoma Park Bank	\$7,244.91	
	Tf. to Citizens Bank Rev. Fund	<u>7,000.00</u>	
Dec. 31st	- On hand		244.91
Nov. 30th	- On hand Citizens Bank	7,641.01	
	Dep. from Takoma Park Bank		
	Revolving Fund	<u>7,000.00</u>	
		14,641.01	
	Tf. to Citizens Bank		
	General Account	<u>4,000.00</u>	
Dec. 31st	- On hand		<u>10,641.01</u>
Dec. 31st	- On hand both banks		\$10,885.92

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	436.00	
Material	172.97	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep & Supplies	<u>260.32</u>	869.29

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	101.80	
Asph-Labor	150.60	
Gas - Oil	47.72	
Garbage-Labor	270.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	61.48	
Street Lights	<u>456.10</u>	1,087.70

POLICE:-

Salaries	345.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	56.29	
Station Repairs	26.96	
Tels.-Lights-Supplies	<u>27.21</u>	485.46

OFFICE:-

Salaries	497.50	
Tels. and Supplies	57.35	
Postage and Printing	<u>24.18</u>	579.03

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:-

	<u>28.06</u>	28.06
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FIRE DEPARTMENT:-

Two installments on agreement	1,500.00	
Rent Fiscal Year 1937	<u>1,000.00</u>	2,500.00

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Library Assn.	150.00	
Recording Fee	.75	
Ray School Playground	39.20	
Dog Tax Expense	32.10	
Prince Geo. County Tfs.	7.00	
Montgomery County Tfs.	4.00	
Tax Sale Court Costs-Pr.Geo.Co.	25.50	
Montgomery County-Police Tel.	12.00	
Telephone Welfare Center	7.27	
J.P.Salaries and Expense	89.60	
Corporation Counsel Salary	50.00	
E.E.Blodgett-Retirement	25.00	
Office Rental	55.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	15.00	
Total		<u>512.42</u>
		<u>\$6,061.96</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from H. E. Marschalk asking refund of \$1.25 Town costs assessed against him by Justice of Peace Heffner, which case was appealed and taken to Circuit Court and nolle prossed by the States Attorney. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

Letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan regarding Court decisions in writing in non election ballots of other names than those printed on ballot. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

Letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan regarding nuisance of dogs in the Town. Referred to Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan regarding all night parking of automobiles in the Town. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from DeWitt Zook, Secretary of Community League, regarding the appointing of a Committee to act as a fact finding Committee on school needs affecting the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Unsigned letter read regarding speeding on Carroll Avenue, and was referred to Municipal Service Committee.

Mr. Frank S. Harris addressed Council regarding the matter of appointing fact finding school Committee as proposed by the Community League. Mr. Harris also expressed his hearty approval of the Ordinance passed by the Council regarding the limiting of parking to one side of numerous streets in the Town.

At this time Mayor Adams stated that he would like to appoint the Civic Improvement and Education Committee of the Town Council to serve as members on the School Fact Finding Committee proposed by the Community League.

Mr. Philip Huck, President of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, thanked the Mayor and Council for the passing of the Ordinance limiting the parking to one side on a

number of the streets in the Town, and stated that it would be of great assistance to the Department in answering fire calls.

Mr. H. C. Heffner addressed Council regarding the enlarging of the trunk line sewer system in the Sligo Valley, and also the rumored possibility of the establishing of a C.C.C. Camp in the Rock Creek Park area. Mr. Heffner also spoke of the Prince George's County Park Program, made possible by the Crampton Act.

Mr. Fitzpatrick requested the installation of Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk on Park Avenue Extended from the intersection of Park and Maple Avenues, up to and including his property. Mr. Fitzpatrick was informed by Mayor Adams that if he would put in a written application for same, the matter would be given proper consideration by the Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Conger, Chairman, presented bills for payment in amount of \$1125.69, and payment of same was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Taft, the placing of a one-half page ad in the Montgomery Blair High School Year Book "Silverlogue" for 1938, at a cost of \$12.50, was authorized.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:- Mr. Axtell, Chairman, had nothing to report, but Mayor Adams advised that Mrs. Lloyd Biddle had called him on the 'phone, and requested permission to run a fence down the middle of Brashears Avenue, which adjoins her property. After discussion of the matter, Council was of the opinion that this permission could not be granted, as Brashears Avenue was a dedicated street.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:- Due to the illness of Councilman Orcutt, Chairman, no report was made.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Duehring, Chairman, stated that request for two street lights on Birch Ave. had been investigated, and Committee recommended, and Mr. Duehring moved that a street light be installed on Pole 723034, and one also installed on Pole 723037, 100 c.p. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Duehring stated that he had a request from Sgt. Jos. Nottle, in charge of the Takoma Park Police Station, that blankets be furnished for the two cells in the station, as they were very badly needed, and Mr. Duehring moved that four blankets be purchased at a cost of approximately \$3.00 each. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

The matter of all night automobile parking, without tail-lights, in the Town was discussed at length, but no definite action as to procedure in the matter was taken by Council.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Taft, Chairman, brought up for discussion the Mandamus proceedings against the Town, filed by H. E. & Margaret P. Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge also appeared before Council and advised that Mr. S. W. Williams was willing

to deed to the Town a nine ft. strip of his property, or sufficient to make a 40 ft. street, along what is known as Dogwood Avenue, but upon inquiry of Mr. & Mrs. Dodge as to whether they would also deed a similar strip of land, along Dogwood Avenue, in a line with the strip offered by Williams, they advised they were not willing to do so, and discussion was brought to an end with no definite action resulting therefrom.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Waters, Chairman, offered the following Resolution:--

"WHEREAS, a County-wide committee has been organized in cooperation with similar committees throughout the United States in honoring the President's Birthday Anniversary in the interest of infantile paralysis.

AND WHEREAS, in preceding years similar efforts have been made in Montgomery County to promote this humanitarian work, and whereas various committees in Montgomery County are cooperating with the said committee,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, by formal resolution, heartily endorse the work of the said committee and tender their active cooperation in promoting the success of the President's Birthday Ball on January 29, 1938, to be held at the Congressional Country Club."

The adoption of this resolution was moved by Mr. Waters, and upon being seconded by Mr. Conger, same was adopted.

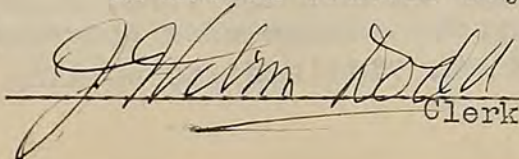
The Clerk was again instructed to write to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission urging that they include in their works program the enlarging of the sewer in the Sligo Valley, from Maple to Flower Avenues.

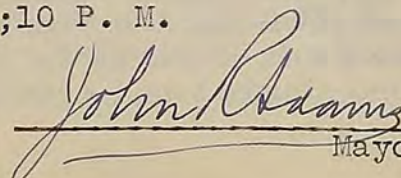
Dr. F. L. Lewton, Delegate to the Montgomery County Civic Federation from the Town of Takoma Park, made a brief report of the activities of the Civic Federation, and stated that the Minutes of the Federation would in the future be made up in printed form instead of the multigraphed form, and a copy of these minutes would be mailed to members of all bodies belonging to the Federation, and Mayor Lewton requested that the Mayor and Council decide upon, and furnish such a mailing list to the Secretary of the Federation. After discussion of the matter, the Clerk was instructed to file a mailing list composed of the Delegates and Alternates from the Town, as well as all officials of the Town who were not Delegates or Alternates.

Mayor Adams expressed appreciation of himself and the Council to Dr. Lewton for his earnest activities in the Federation in behalf of the Town.

Financial Statement from the Takoma Park Library Assn., was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

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

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 Clerk


 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 31 - 1938

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

Meeting called for the purpose of considering action to be taken in the case of Officer Frank Lane, he having been relieved from duty as a Town Police Officer on Jan. 24th, 1938, by the Mayor, due to alleged violation of regulations governing the conduct of the Town Police Force. According to report of Sgt. Jos. Nolte, in charge of the station, Officer Lane left the station for patrol duty at about 2:00 A. M., and his whereabouts were not made known to the Clerk in charge of the Station until 7:15 A.M. of the same day, the Station Clerk in the meantime having made every effort to locate Officer Lane, but was unable to do so.

Officer Lane's report of his whereabouts, the report of Sgt. Nolte, and the report of C. E. Thomas, who was on duty as Desk Clerk, were laid before the Mayor and Council, and due to the fact that Chief Garrett of the Montgomery County Police Force had been given full operating charge of the Town Police Force, as well as the County Police working in the Town, the Mayor and Council, after due consideration, deemed it proper to lay the matter before Chief Garrett, and Mr. Conger moved that the case of Officer Frank Lane, including all communications, be referred to Chief Garrett for consideration and recommendation by him to the Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 9:55

P.M.

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John D. Dodds
Clerk

John Adams
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7-1938

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

Those present were Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Taft and Waters. Mayor Adams and Councilmen Orcutt absent due to illness.

In the absence of Mayor Adams, Councilman Conger was unanimously chosen to act as Mayor pro tem.

Meeting called for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the Police Department. Mr. Duehring, Chairman of the Police Committee advised Council that the County had returned to the Takoma Park Station the one officer which they had taken away some time ago. Mr. Duehring also reported that Officer Albert Thomas had been off duty for some time due to illness, and also stated that he thought it would be beneficial to the health of officer Thomas if he were relieved from duty for a while in order that he could get himself in shape to properly perform the required duties of a police officer. After discussion of the matter Mr. Duehring moved That Officer Albert Thomas be granted a sick leave of absence for one month, beginning Feb. 8th, 1938, with pay, at the end of which time officer Thomas shall submit to the Mayor and Council a certificate from a practicing physician showing his physical fitness for police duty, and the Mayor and Council shall also be privileged to request said Thomas to submit to a physical examination by a practicing physician, selected by the Mayor and Council, and if it is found that officer Thomas is not physically fit for police duty at the end of the above period of time, said officer Thomas shall be granted a further leave of absence, without pay, said additional leave of absence not to extend beyond the period of his present appointment. This motion was seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

Mr. Taft of the Law and Ordinance Committee offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE 641

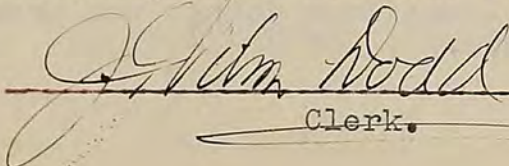
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

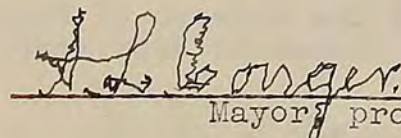
Section 1. That the plat of subdivision offered by Wm. A. Mellen, V. Belle Mellen, Henry E. Preston and Martha B. Preston, to be known as Section 2, Wildwood Subdivision, Takoma Park, Md., Prince George's County, showing Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Block 5, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Block 6, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

Letter was read from Mildred Himebaugh, Cor. Secretary of the Takoma Park Elementary School Parent Teachers Association, requesting repairs to playground equipment and the resurfacing of the playground, and same was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

There being no further business at this time, Council on Motion adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

12/4/38

 Clerk.


 Mayor, pro tem.

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEB. 21, 1938.

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

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

Reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting of Jan. 17th on motion was dispensed with, and minutes of Special meeting of Feb. 7th, 1938, were read and approved.

Financial Statement for the month of January, 1938, was presented by the Treasurer and approved, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:--

General Taxes-----	\$3,165.85
Interest and Penalties-----	165.71
Charges-----	22.00
Special Assessments-----	827.19
Building Permits-----	40.00
Electrical Permits-----	16.00
Excavation Permits-----	2.00
Dog Tax-----	94.00
Vendor Permit-----	1.00
Fines-----	86.88
Commission pay tel. Police Station-----	.92
State Business Franchise Tax-----	9.50
Prince George's County Road Gas Tax-----	1,063.41
Security Tax-Montgomery County-----	898.26
Bank Share Tax-Montgomery County-----	439.52
Tax Certificate Redemption-----	22.68
Total	<u>\$6,854.92</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Dec. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 4,730.70	
Deposits in January	2,082.69	
Deposit from Revolving Fund	5,000.00	
	<u>11,813.39</u>	
Tr. to 1st Nat. Sandy Spgs.	5,000.00	
	<u>6,813.39</u>	
Withdrawn in January	2,311.30	
Jan. 31st - On hand		4,502.09
Dec. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	4,977.23	
Deposits in January	185.29	
	<u>5,162.52</u>	
Withdrawn in January	827.02	
Jan. 31st - On hand		4,335.50

(Forward)

Deposited in Silver Springs National Bank in January No withdrawals in January	\$4,586.94	
Jan. 31st-On hand		<u>4,586.94</u>
Jan. 31st-On hand in all banks		<u>\$13,424.53</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Dec. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank Int.7/1/37 to 12/31/37	10,641.01 <u>95.50</u>	
Tf. to General Account	10,736.51	
Jan. 31st - On hand	<u>5,000.00</u>	5,736.51
Dec. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank Int.7/1/37 to 12/31/37	244.91 <u>72.44</u>	
Jan. 31st - On hand		317.35
Jan. 12th - Deposited in 1st Nat. Bank Sandy Springs, Md.	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Jan. 31st - On hand		<u>5,000.00</u>
Jan. 31st - On hand all banks		<u>\$11,053.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	337.00	
Material	184.24	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	<u>69.62</u>	590.86

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	96.80	
Garbage-Labor	270.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	59.55	
Ash-Labor	124.80	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	56.65	
Street Lights	<u>471.46</u>	1,079.26

POLICE:-

Salaries	316.25	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	49.08	
Tels-Coal-Lights	74.46	
Misc. Supplies	<u>19.90</u>	489.69

OFFICE:-

Salaries	497.50	
Tels. and Supplies	23.75	
Postage	4.00	
Advertising	<u>35.28</u>	560.53

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Refund Sidewalk Deposit	10.00	
Library Assn.	150.00	
Recording Fees	3.00	
Mont. County Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tel.	5.30	

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Tax Certificate Redemption	22.68	
Office Rent	55.00	
Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00	
Corp. Counsel Salary	50.00	
E. E. Blodgett-Retirement	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	<u>417.98</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$3,138.32</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:--

From Maryland Society of Registered Architects, regarding the registration of Architects. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Mrs. Geo. E. Metz, regarding the triangular piece of ground in front of Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 16. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

From T. J. Fitzpatrick, requesting the construction of Curb-Gutter and sidewalk on Park Ave. Extended, from Maple Ave. to the West side of his property. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Letter from F. S. & Ida Belle Papot requesting the construction of sidewalk on West side of Birch Ave. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan regarding enforcement of all night parking law. To Municipal Service Committee.

From C. L. Stone regarding condemnation proceedings to open Jackson and Boyd Avenues. To Law and Ordinance Committee.

From T. Howard Duckett of the Washington Suburban San. Comm. regarding the Sligo Park trunk sewer. Ordered filed.

Letter from Frank A. Lane resigning his position as Police Officer on the Town Police Force. Letter dated Feb. 9th, 1938, and resignation effective as of that date. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

Resolution from Edgemoor Citizens Association to the Commissioners of Montgomery County, requesting an immediate review of assessments in Montgomery County, so that the many inequities between comparable properties should be adjusted and eliminated. To Finance Committee.

Letter from Robert Conroy, Atty., accompanied by a petition to the Mayor and Council asking exemption from taxation of property at 312 Ethan Allen Avenue, now used as a parsonage by the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church. To Law and Ordinance Committee.

Letter from Mr. B. F. Swan requesting permission to erect sign on his dwelling at the corner of Tulip and Carroll Avenue, setting forth that he does furniture upholstery in the basement. To Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Mr. Wm. C. Fischer complained of damage being done to his property by street being cut through a section of Wildwood, adjacent to his property. Mr. Fischer was advised by the Mayor that no plat had been approved by Council for the construction of any new streets in this section, with the exception of the New Hampshire Avenue project, and requested him to take the matter up with the parties constructing the street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Bills in amount of \$1709.84 were presented by the Finance Committee for payment, and payment was approved.

The Resolution of the Edgemoor Citizens Assn. referred to this Committee, was ordered received and filed without a record vote.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:-- Regarding the petition of F. S. and Ida Belle Papot for the construction of sidewalks on Birch Ave., Mr. Axtell, Chairman of this Committee, offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 642

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

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Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of article 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of cement concrete sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1.00 per linear ft. on Birch Avenue, abutting lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 84, Petty Subdivision. The cost of said improvement to be assessed against the abutting property owners.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on March 21st, 1938, in the Fire Department Bldg., 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 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.

In regard to the request of Mr. T. F. Fitzpatrick for the construction of curb-gutter and sidewalk on Parke Avenue, from Maple Ave. to the West side of his property, Committee advised that there was some question about the dedication of this portion of Park Avenue, and asked that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for investigation and report back to Council, and on motion, properly seconded, this matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, reporting in regard to the deed from the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, conveying the triangular Park in North Takoma, at Piney Branch Road, Chestnut and Baltimore Avenues, stated that the deed does not comply with the vote of the Council in a number of respects; first, it does not contain a satisfactory or particular description of the land; second, in that no plat or survey of the land has been furnished; third, in that the habendum clause of said deed does not limit the use of said land to park purposes; and, fourth, in that no authority

for the execution of said deed by the President of the Board has been furnished, and that for these reasons the Committee recommends that the said deed be not accepted by the Town.

Mr. Orcutt stated that Mr. L. R. Grabill, an engineer, had kindly offered to prepare and furnish to the Town, without cost to the Town, a suitable plat of said land, from which plat a particular and satisfactory description of the land may be prepared, and also advised that the Counsel for the County Commissioners has accepted Mr. Grabill's said offer, and on receipt of said plat will make up a new deed and submit same to the Commissioners for authorization by them for the execution of same by the President of the Board. Mr. Orcutt stated that upon receipt of the new deed, same would be submitted to the Mayor and Council for their action.

Mr. Orcutt moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. L. R. Grabill, for his kind offer to furnish plat and description of this park land. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

Mr. Orcutt, reporting in connection with the resolution of the Young Mens' Democratic Club of Takoma Park, in regard to a suitable marker at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and the East-West Highway, requested that the Town Clerk be instructed to write the Young Mens' Democratic Club advising them that this matter had been referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee on October 18th, 1937, and that this Committee will, after careful study of the matter, make its report and recommendations to the Mayor and Council in due season.

Regarding the communication from the North Takoma Improvement Club, dated Dec. 15th, 1937, enclosing certain correspondence from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, relative to the proposed improvement of the park land between the B & O R. R. right of way and Takoma Avenue, Mr. Orcutt reported that this matter had been given full consideration by his Committee, and that Committee is clearly of the opinion that it would be an unlawful expenditure of Town funds to use any part of the Town appropriation for Parks and Playgrounds for grading of land under the jurisdiction of said Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. That appropriation was made for the purpose of maintaining the Town Parks and Playgrounds, and cannot be used for other purposes. It does not seem to your Committee to be a proper expenditure of Town funds to use appropriations of monies raised by taxation for the support of the Town, in order to perform duties and functions imposed by law upon the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, for which the Commission annually collects by taxation ample funds. Committee for the foregoing reasons, recommends that no action be taken by the Town in the premises, and that the North Takoma Park Improvement Club be advised accordingly.

Mr. Taft moved the adoption of the report and the recommendation therein, and that a copy of report be sent to the

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

In connection with the park land in the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., Mr. Orcutt suggested that some steps should be taken to enact legislation whereby the park land in the Town be turned back to the Town, and that a certain portion of the monies collected for the park tax be turned back to the Town for maintenance of these parks.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Duehring, Chairman, called attention to the resignation of Officer Frank E. Lane, and after discussion of the matter moved that the resignation of Officer Lane be accepted, and that he be paid his regular salary from the date of his suspension to this date. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

Mr. Duehring presented a summary of the activities of the Police Department from July 1st, 1937 to Jan. 1st, 1938.

Mr. Duehring stated that he also had a number of applications to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Officer Lane, and suggested that a special meeting of the Council be held in the near future to give consideration to these applications.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:-Mr. Taft, Chairman, spoke of the new "No Parking" signs recently placed on streets in the Town, and complimented the Supt. of Public Works for his work in connection with same, but stated that he believed more signs should be secured in order that the number of signs in each block may be increased. Mr. Taft was advised that more signs had already been ordered to take care of this condition.

Mayor Adams stated that an invitation had been extended to the Mayor and Council to call and inspect the new Woolworth Five and Ten Cent store on Laurel Avenue, either on Friday or Saturday evening, Feb. 25th or 26th., and stated that same would be opened for business on Friday, the 25th.

There being no further business, on motion, Council adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

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J. H. M. Dodd

 Clerk.

John Adams

 Mayor