

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 3rd, 1938.

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

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

Mr. Duehring read to Council a letter from Hardin C. Waters, Secretary of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, asking permission to hold a carnival on the old playground at the corner of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues on the 16th of July, and from July 18th to 23rd inclusive.

After discussion of the matter, Mr. Duehring moved that ~~which~~ the present Council agrees heartily in the use of this ground by the Fire Department for a carnival on the above dates, but in as much as the present Councils' jurisdiction ends with the first Monday in June, the Fire Department be advised that they will have to go ahead with their arrangements pending the action of the new Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

Mr. Duehring read to Council the following applications for appointment to the Takoma Park Town Police Force.

J. W. Hite, Jr. applying for either police or desk clerk.
Michael T. Anderson, applying for police.
E. L. Kitchin, applying for police.
E. David Haas, applying for either police or desk clerk.
Wm. M. Whalen, applying for police.
B. D. Overacker, applying for desk clerk.
Adison Ourand, applying for police.
Chas. O. Seek, applying for police.

Mr. Duehring also presented to Council, the following letters of recommendation pertaining to some of the above applicants:-

Letters from Mr. Fred Hawkes and Mrs. Cath. V. Haislip in behalf of Mr. Wm. M. Whalen.
Letter from Sgt. McAuliffe in behalf of Adison Ourand.
Letter from C. M. Overacker in behalf of B. D. Overacker.
Letters from Dr. & Mrs. Wm. A. Hooker, Dr. Harry T. Morse, Mr. Clay Plummer, Mr. Paul Coughlan, Mr. Frank H. Karn, Police Chief J. Wm. Garrett and Mr. Harry Glickman.

After a lengthy discussion and consideration of the applications, it was established that only two of the applicants were experienced in police work.

Councilman Orcutt stated that he very much favored the appointment of a resident of the Town, and that he felt as

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 5th, 1938.

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

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

Meeting called for the purpose of receiving physicians report on the condition of Police Officer Albert Thomas, who had been given one months leave of absence on February 8th, 1938, due to ill health.

Mr. Duehring, Chairman of the Police Committee, read a report from Dr. H. T. Morse, in which he stated that Officer Thomas was now sound physically and fit to perform the duties of a police officer.

Mr. Axtell then moved that in view of the Physicians report as to the present condition of Officer Albert Thomas, that he be restored to active duty as of March 8th, 1938. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

On motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Waters, Mr. Martin Iverson, Mr. Jos. Martin and Mr. H. W. Scherger were appointed as Special Police Officers, without pay, to serve in connection with the activities of the Takoma Park Vol. Fire Department.

Council, on motion, adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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J. William Dettl
Clerk

John Adams
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 1938.

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

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

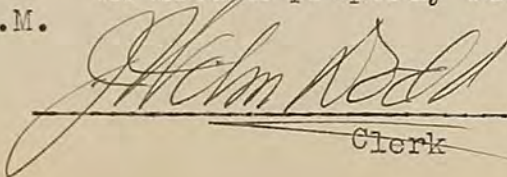
Meeting called for the purpose of receiving report of the Law and Ordinance Committee with respect to the communications of the Corporation Counsel and Mr. William Prettyman, transmitting the suggestion of Counsel for Mr. Papot for the proposed discontinuance of Equity Action No. 8391, Montgomery County Circuit Court, entitled Frank S. Papot vs. Roy P. Frye, Building Inspector, and for the institution of a Bill for Injunction by the Town against Mr. Papot.

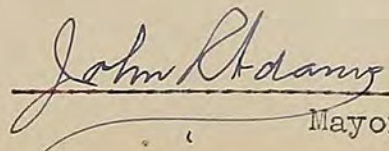
Committee reported that the matter had been given most careful study, and recommendation of the Committee was that Counsel for the Town be advised that the proposed agreement for the dismissal of the pending suit and the institution of a suit by the Town, should not be entered into, but that the pending suit should be vigorously defended and resisted; that the contention of the Building Inspector of the Town, that the plaintiff, Papot, is violating the town building regulations, should be firmly and fully presented to the court; that the contention of the plaintiff, that the Town building regulations have not been lawfully adopted, should be firmly controverted, as it is believed the record fully discloses, and that the pending suit be pushed for trial at the earliest possible moment.

Committee further recommended that, in the event of a decision of the court favorable to the Town in the pending suit, every possible remedy open to the Town be availed of to require the plaintiff, Papot, to make his buildings comply with the building regulations of the Town, by restoring said buildings to the condition existing at the date of the institution of the pending suit, and by requiring any and all construction in said buildings found by the court to have been contrary to said building regulations, including the period of time covered by said restraining order, to be altered and reconstructed in accordance with said building regulations. (Detailed report of Committee filed in Law & Ordinance Committee file.)

After discussion of the report and recommendations of the Committee, Mr. Axtell moved that the report and recommendations be approved, and that a copy of the report be sent to the Corporation Counsel and that a copy of same be sent to Attorney William Prettyman. This motion was seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

On motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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Clerk


Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 1938

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

Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt and Waters. Mr. Taft unable to attend due to other pressing business.

Reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 21st, on motion, was suspended, and minutes of special meetings of March 3rd, 5th and 19th, were read and approved.

Financial statement for the month of February was presented by the Treasurer, received and ordered filed, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$2,756.25
Interest and penalties-----	258.97
Charges-----	6.75
Special Assessments-----	1,291.21
Building Permits-----	16.00
Electrical Permits-----	16.00
Excavation Permit-----	1.00
Dog Tax-----	92.25
Business Franchise Tax-----	40.85
Garbage Collection(special)-----	11.00
	<u>\$4,494.78</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Jan. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$4,502.09	
Deposits in February	<u>3,133.99</u>	
	7,636.08	
Feb. 28th- Withdrawn in February	<u>2,936.03</u>	\$ 4,700.05
Feb. 28th- On hand		
Jan. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	4,335.50	
Deposits in February	<u>1,360.79</u>	
	5,696.29	
Feb. 28th - Withdrawn in February	<u>833.51</u>	4,862.78
Feb. 28th - On hand		
Jan. 31st - On hand Silver Spgs. Bank	4,586.94	
No deposits in February	<u> </u>	
Feb. 28th - On hand		<u>4,586.94</u>
Feb. 28th - On hand all banks		<u>\$14,149.77</u>

(Bank statement forward)

BANK STATEMENT CONTINUED:-REVOLVING FUND

Jan. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	5,736.51	
No deposits in February		
Feb. 28th - On hand		5,736.51
Jan. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	317.35	
No deposits in February		
Feb. 28th - On hand		317.35
Jan. 31st - On hand Sandy Spgs Bank	5,000.00	
No deposits in February		
Feb. 28th - On hand		<u>5,000.00</u>
Feb. 28th - On hand all banks		<u>\$11,053.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	326.80	
Material	234.40	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Signs	<u>500.14</u>	1,061.34

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	99.40	
Ash-Labor	123.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	47.81	
Garbage-Labor	270.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	45.47	
Street Lights	<u>471.46</u>	1,057.14

POLICE:-

Salaries	378.60	
Clothing Allowance	12.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	58.76	
Tels. Coal & Lights	46.43	
Misc. Supplies	<u>.97</u>	496.76

OFFICE:-

Salaries	501.00	
Postage	10.43	
Tels. and Supplies	<u>21.55</u>	532.98

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS

	<u>210.00</u>	210.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:-

Labrary Association	150.00	
Dog Expense	13.72	
Refund Sidewalk Deposit	10.00	
Recording Fee	.75	
Mont. County Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tel.	5.85	
Refund Building & Elec. Permits	4.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00	
Salary Corp. Counsel	50.00	
E.E.Blodgett-Retirement	25.00	
Building Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	<u>411.32</u>

Total

\$3,769.54

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from D. D. Abbott and Julius Coffman regarding open stream in rear of property at 303 to 309 Philadelphia Ave., was referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Letter from Mrs. Mildred Phoebus Burr expressing appreciation to Mayor and Council for reports to street in front of her property at No. 1 Manor Circle, was ordered filed.

Communication from Mr. Frank Harris of the Community League regarding the appointment of a Committee from the Council to act with a general committee in connection with the organization of a Boys Club in Takoma Park, was referred to the Public Welfare and Health Committee.

Resolution from the Young Mens Democratic Club of Takoma Park, protesting the appointment to the Police Force of Mr. Chas. O. Seek, was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Resolution from the Young Mens Democratic Club of Takoma Park regarding the appointment of Registration and Election Officials was referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Communication was read from Building Inspector for the Town, Roy P. Fry, asking the Council to take some action in connection with the nolle prosequing of ~~of~~ appeals from the local Justice of Peace decisions in connection with the violation of Town Building Regulations. After discussion of this matter Councilman Orcutt moved that the Corporation Counsel be requested to take this matter up with the States Attorney for Montgomery County, and to respectfully, but strongly, urge upon him that he cooperate with the Building Inspector in bringing about a proper and reasonable enforcement of the Building Regulations of the Town. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Communication was read from the Municipal League of Montgomery County regarding the obtaining of a detachment of State Police for patrol work in Montgomery County. Mayor Adams stated that it was his understanding that Governor Nice had recommended that the state police force be increased by fifty men, but that legislation was passed granting only nine additional men.

Letter from Mr. John L. Fletcher requesting the grading of Glen Avenue from the concrete bridge on Flower Avenue for a distance of about 500 ft. into Glen Avenue, was referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from property owners on Eastern Avenue asking repairs to damaged sidewalk on Eastern Avenue, South of Laurel Avenue, a distance of about 150 ft., was referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Letter was read from the Takoma Park Republican Women's Club commending the Mayor and Council for the appointment of Chas. O. Seek to the Town Police force.

At this time Mayor Adams stated that the Council would take up the hearing on the laying of sidewalk on the West side of Birch, as advertised. Mr. Harry Dodge speaking for the owner

of lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 84, abutting this proposed improvement, favored same. No person appeared in opposition to the proposed improvement, and the hearing was ordered closed.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan spoke to Council regarding the appointment of Registration and election officials, and Mr. Ralph Shure also addressed Council in connection with this matter, and urged that officials be appointed from both major political parties.

Dr. Wm. A. Hooker addressed Council commending them for the appointment of Mr. Chas. O. Seek to the Town Police Force, stating that Mr. Seek was a man of excellent habits and was quite sure he would be a valuable asset to the Police Department.

Mrs. Geo. E. Robertson spoke in regard to the Health and Welfare Center, and stated that the efficiency of the organization was improving right along. Mrs. Robertson also stated that at the present time 86 families in Takoma Park were receiving some type of aid from the Association.

Mr. Frank Harris addressed Council regarding the communication from the Community League regarding the inauguration of a Boys Club, stating that the idea was to have committees from various organizations to organize as one fact finding committee, and the work of this general committee would be to ascertain whether or not a Boys Club should be organized.

In connection with a discussion on the proposed enlargement of the trunk line sewer in Sligo Valley, Mr. Walter Griffin advised Council that the Sanitary Commission contemplated having a force of men on this work within two weeks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:--Mr. Conger, Chairman, moved that Mr. R. L. Houston Jones, Mr. John D. Miller and Mr. William McAinsh, be appointed Assessors to assess all new properties constructed in the Town since last assessment, as well as additions to old properties, and make other necessary adjustments in properties previously assessed. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Bills in amount of \$965.99 were presented for payment, and upon motion, properly seconded, were ordered paid.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Axtell, Chairman, in connection with the construction of sidewalks on the West side of Birch Ave. offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 643

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

Section 1. That the Municipal Works Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct

sidewalks on the West side of Birch Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 642, passed and approved on Feb. 21st, 1938, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to proceed with the work, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of this work. *h-118*

Section 2. That assurance is made that the sidewalk be laid to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement. *Sup. 169*

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, reporting for Committee stated that Committee respectfully recommends that permission be granted to Mr. B. F. Swan to erect and maintain upon his premises at the Northeast corner of Carroll and Tulip Avenues, a sign containing the following words: - "B. F. SWAN - UPHOLSTERING", provided that said sign shall not exceed three square feet, as prescribed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Rules and Regulations for home occupancy.

Mr. Conger moved the adoption of this report with the recommendations therein, and upon being seconded by Mr. Waters, same was adopted.

Mr. Orcutt presented deed to Council by the Montgomery County Commissioners conveying the triangular park in North Takoma to the Town, and stated that the deed was now in proper form. Mr. Orcutt moved that this deed be accepted by the Town, and that the Town Clerk be authorized and requested to cause same to be properly recorded. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

With respect to the communication from the Parent Teachers Association of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, Committee submitted the following report:--

Certain minor repairs are necessary to be made to the Town's playground equipment located on the Municipal School playground on Philadelphia Avenue, in order to put said equipment in proper and usable condition. Your Committee estimates that this work will cost approximately \$15.00 for new material, such as seats for swings, etc. It is respectfully recommended that your Committee be authorized to purchase such necessary new material and to make such necessary repairs to put said equipment in usable condition. With reference to request to have Hodges Field Playground surfaced, your Committee is giving this matter its most careful attention, and a study is being made of the most feasible and practical methods of treating

the surface of this playground and of the best surfacing materials. As soon as your Committee has completed its study of this matter, a report will be made to the Mayor and Council, with the recommendations of your Committee thereon. It is respectfully suggested that the Secretary of the said Parent Teachers Association be advised of the foregoing report, and of the action of the Council thereon.

Mr. Orcutt moved the adoption of the above report, with the recommendations contained therein, and upon being seconded by Mr. Axtell, same was adopted.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:-- Matter of the confusing manner in which the street signs were placed on Crescent Place was discussed at length, and the Supt. of Public Works was directed to look into this matter, and if possible replace these signs in order to eliminate this confusion.

At this time Mr. Conger stated that the Ladies Auxilliary of the Fire Dept. had made verbal solicitation for an ad in their cabaret program, and Mr. Conger moved that the Ladies Aux. be authorized to insert an advertisement in the program, at the cost, as quoted, \$7.00. Mr. Axtell seconded the motion and same was approved.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE:- In connection with the communication from the Community League regarding the Boys Club matter, Mr. Waters, Chairman of this Committee, moved that the Mayor be authorized to appoint a Committee to meet with the joint Committee to consider plans for a Boys Club. This authorization was approved, whereupon Mayor Adams appointed the Committee on Social Welfare and Health to act in this capacity.

Mr. Waters stated that at a recent meeting Dr. V. L. Ellicott, County Health Officer, had given a very interesting talk on health conditions in Montgomery County, and emphasized the necessary for the cooperation of everybody to eliminate tuberculosis and veneréal diseases, on which the entire County is now making a drive.

The matter of the purchase of a tract of land by Montgomery County for school purposes in Takoma Park was discussed at length, and Mr. Jno. W. Coffman, Sr., advised the Council that the School Board had procured bids on various tracts of land, but that all bids had been rejected, due to the fact that the Board of Education was not prepared to go ahead at this time with the whole program as set forth in the bill passed by the General Assembly.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Orcutt, in the absence of Chairman Taft, offered the following Ordinances and moved their adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 644

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to call a meeting of the citizens of the Town for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Councilmen, to be voted on at the annual election on May 2nd, 1938. Said meeting of citizens will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department building on Monday, April 18th, 1938, convening at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Waters 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 and Waters. Voting Nay - none.

ORDINANCE NO. 645

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 2nd, 1938. Said election will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for a Mayor and three Councilmen, one of which Councilmen must be elected from that portion of the Town lying in Prince George's County. The Mayor and three councilmen elected to serve for a term of two years, beginning with the first Monday in June, 1938.

Section 2. The polls for said election shall be opened at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and shall be closed at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Waters 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 and Waters. Voting Nay - none.

Mr. Orcutt also offered the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 646

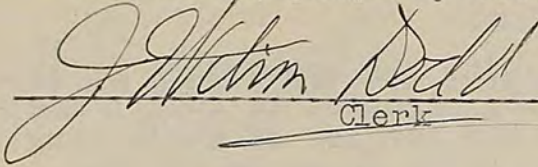
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

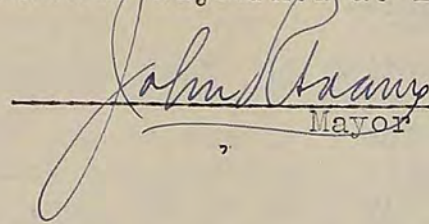
Section 1. That the resubdivision of Lot 15, Block 52, Flower Avenue Park Subdivision of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, into lots 31, 32 and 33, presented by Katie Boyd Glaize, Fred L. Glaize, Jr., Elizabeth P. Glaize and Phillip B. Glaize, be and the same is hereby approved.

Mr. Waters seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, the Mayor, Council-

men Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Orcutt and Waters. Voting Nay - none.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:05 P. M.

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 Clerk


 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 APRIL 6th, 1938.

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

The matter of amount of \$300,000.00 appropriated by the United States for the National Capital Park and Planning Commission for acquisition of lands in the District of Columbia, State of Maryland and Virginia, and for the Anacostia River, Indian Creek, Northwest Branch and Sligo Creek, was discussed at length, after which Mr. Taft presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:--

RESOLUTION

Whereas, On March 22nd, 1938, D. W. Bell, Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, submitted to the President of the United States for his consideration, a Supplemental Estimate of Appropriation for the National Capital Park and Planning Commission amounting to \$300,000.00 for the fiscal year 1939, and

Whereas, In accordance with an Act approved May 29, 1930, said Act providing for the acquisition of lands in the District of Columbia, State of Maryland and Virginia and for the Anacostia River, Indian Creek, Northwest Branch and Sligo Creek, and

Whereas, on March 22, 1938, the President transmitted a communication in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives concurring in the Supplemental Estimate of Appropriation of \$300,000.00 as submitted by D. W. Bell, Acting Director of the Bureau of Budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park believe that a portion of this \$300,000.00, namely, \$50,000.00, should be expended along Sligo Creek within that portion of the Town of Takoma Park lying within the confines of Prince George's County, and do hereby request Hon. Robert Watson, Attorney at Law, to represent the Mayor and Council before the proper Committees in Congress who have this matter under consideration.