

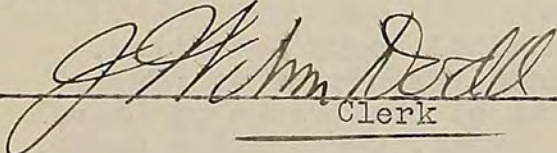
and the said right of way, granted by said former public franchise, in said Laurel Avenue, is in bad repair due to existence of said tracks thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, that the said Capital Transit Company be and it is hereby ordered and directed to forthwith cause the said street railway tracks and all appurtenances thereof, so abandoned, to be wholly removed from said Laurel Avenue, and to cause the said location of said former right of way, heretofore granted for the location of said tracks, together with the space on each side of said tracks within the said right of way, to be put in a safe and reasonable condition for the public travel, by causing the location of the said former right of way to be graded, reconstructed and paved with cement, in a manner and form satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

And it is hereby further Ordered that the Town Clerk cause to be served upon the said Capital Transit Company a true and attested copy of this Order, together with a request that the terms of this Order be fully complied with within a reasonable time after serving of this Order upon the said Capital Transit Company.

Letter was read from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan requesting the Council to designate a member of the Town Council to serve as a member of a General Committee in connection with the dedication exercises of New Hampshire Avenue extended. After discussion of this request, Mr. Orcutt was designated as the member of the Council to serve with this General Committee.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:00 o'clock P. M.

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 Clerk

  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 MAY 2nd, 1938.

Meeting called to order at 8:50 P. M.  
 Those present were Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters.

In the absence of Mayor Adams, Mr. Conger was chosen as Mayor pro tem.

Council met for the purpose of receiving report of the Election Judges in connection with the Annual Town Election held this date, and the following report was presented:--



MAYOR AND COUNCIL,  
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.

May 2nd, 1938.

Gentlemen:--

The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report with respect to the annual Town election held this date in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building.

The Board organized with the selection of Mrs. Rose Rutledge as Chairman, after having taken the prescribed Oath of Office before the Mayor. The polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock A.M., and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock P.M.

The following person was voted on as Mayor, and received the number of votes set opposite his name:--

John R. Adams                      122

The following persons were voted on as Councilmen from that portion of the Town lying in Montgomery County, and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

Harold A. Axtell              117                      Fred C. Duehring              118

The following person was voted on as Councilman from that portion of the Town lying in Prince George's County, and received the number of votes set opposite his name:--

Harold W. Orcutt              111

The total number of votes cast were      127.

As all candidates named were the required number to be elected, the above candidates were duly elected, receiving the number of votes set opposite their respective names.

Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above are herewith enclosed for delivery to the Mayor and Councilmen elect.

Very respectfully,

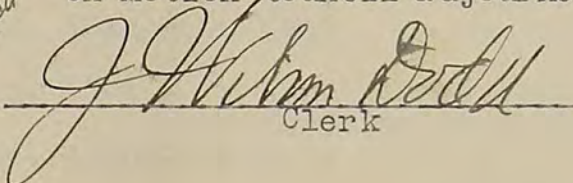
Rose Rutledge,                      Chairman  
Dorothea Adams  
Eugenie B. Thomas.  
Judges of Election.

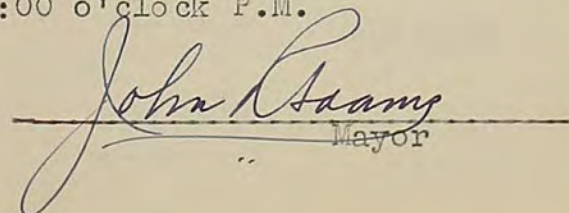
Attest:-

J. W. Coffman, Jr.  
Clerk.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the report be accepted, and upon being seconded by Mr. Taft, same was accepted.

On motion Council adjourned at 9:00 o'clock P.M.

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Clerk

  
Mayor



SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 7- 1938.

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

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

Meeting called for the purpose of discussing traffic conditions and beautification of land adjacent to the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue Extended.

After discussion of this matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that the Mayor be requested to submit to the State Roads Commission the earnest request of the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, that the said State Roads Commission give favorable consideration to constructing a one-way cut-off for Southbound traffic over the remaining portion of the Town way known as Ethan Allen Avenue between the intersection with the East-West Highway and its intersection with New Hampshire Avenue, and the construction of a triangular park area bounded by the Southwest line of the East-West Highway and the Northwest line of New Hampshire Avenue and the Northeast line of said cut-off. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

On motion Council adjourned at nine o'clock P.M.

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*J. William Dodd*  
Clerk.

*John C. Evans*  
Mayor



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 16th, 1938.

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

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

On motion reading of the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 18th, 1938, was dispensed with, and Minutes of Minutes of Special Meetings of April 18th, April 28th, April 30th, May 2nd and May 7th, 1938, were read and approved.

Treasurers report for the month of April, 1938, was read and ordered filed, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$1,373.13
Interest and Penalties-----	1,036.20
Charges-----	234.00
Special Assessments-----	789.91
Building Permits-----	15.00
Electrical Permits-----	5.00
Dog Tax-----	67.50
Vendor Permits-----	3.00
Fines-----	23.92
	<u>\$3,547.66</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Mar. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$4,993.09	
Deposits in April	3,547.66	
	8,540.75	
Withdrawn in April	3,120.81	
Apr. 30th - On hand		\$ 5,419.94
Mar. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	4,615.57	
Deposits in April - none-		
Withdrawn in April	765.15	
Apr. 30th - On hand		3,850.42
Mar. 31st - On hand Silver Spgs. Bank	4,586.94	
No deposits or withdrawals		
in April	4,586.94	
Apr. 30th - On hand		4,586.94
Apr. 30th - On hand in all banks		\$13,857.30

REVOLVING FUND

Mar. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	5,736.51	
No deposits in April		
Apr. 30th - On hand	5,736.51	
Mar. 31st - On hand Takoma Park Bank	317.35	
No deposits in April		
Apr. 30th - On hand	317.35	

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Mar. 31st - On hand Sandy Spgs. Bank	\$5,000.00	
No deposits in April		
Apr. 30th- On hand		\$ 5,000.00
Apr. 30th- On hand in all banks		<u>\$11,053.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	433.30	
Material	99.02	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	90.71	
Equipment-St. Cleaner Cart-	29.70	652.73

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	98.60	
Ash-Labor	83.20	
Gas-Oil	55.62	
Garbage-Labor	270.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	41.37	
Street Lights	<u>474.78</u>	1,023.57

POLICE:-

Salaries	345.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	38.29	
Tels. Coal & Lights	29.92	
Miscellaneous Exp.	<u>5.50</u>	448.71

OFFICE:-

Salaries	498.50	
Tels. and Supplies	<u>28.84</u>	527.34

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

Labor	31.20	
Material	<u>6.13</u>	37.33

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS

	<u>589.22</u>	589.22
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MISCELLANEOUS:-

Recording Fees	10.50	
Library Assn.	150.00	
Tax Sale Exp.	103.39	
Montgomery County Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tel.	4.45	
Election & Registration Exp.	111.72	
Office Rent	55.00	
Building Inspector Exp.	15.00	
E.E. Blodgett-Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00	
Corp. Counsel Compensation	<u>50.00</u>	607.06
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,885.96</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from Walter D. Lambert, Secretary of Takoma Park, Maryland Library Assn. requesting exemption from taxation on building on Sherman Avenue, now owned by the Library Assn. was referred to the Finance Committee.



Letter from W. H. Biebusch, Secretary P. T. A. of Enos Ray School, regarding condition of Playground at Enos Ray School, was referred to Municipal Works and Civic Improvement and Education Committees.

From G. H. Smith offering the dedication of a 20' strip of land to widen Mississippi Ave. in front of his Lots, Nos. 11, 12 and 15, Block 63. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Teman L. Burks, Jr., requesting the installation of sidewalk in front of his property at 336 Baltimore Ave. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Mrs. Cordelia Brown, President of P.T.A. Enos Ray School, requesting donation to help buy equipment for children to be used in the forthcoming field day meet. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mayor Adams stated that as this evening had been set aside for a hearing on the grading of a portion of Glen Ave., the Council would now hear any property owner desiring to be heard in favor of or opposed to this improvement. Mr. John L. Fletcher addressed Council, and stated that when he made the request for this grading it was done for the reason that he had plans for constructing residential property on his lots abutting same, but that he was forced to change his plans for the time being, and asked that the matter of this improvement be deferred for the time being. After discussion of the matter, it was moved and properly seconded and approved that the matter be tabled for the present.

The Mayor stated that this evening also had been set aside to hear any appeals from the assessments placed upon newly constructed property, and that any one present who desired to appeal would be heard at this time.

Mr. Harry Dodge, appealed for a reduction in the assessment of \$2200.00 placed on property on Lot 2, Block 83, Barclay Sub-division, stating that he thought the assessment was too high considering the construction cost.

Mr. Edw. A. Rinney of Hodges Lane, appealed for a reduction in the assessment on his property, stating that he thought the assessment of \$2900.00 was too high.

The Mayor referred these matters to the Finance Committee for investigation and report.

Dr. Guy Clinton addressed the Council regarding Town and County matters, particularly regarding the amount of taxes paid by property owners in Takoma Park, Md., going to other parts of the County for improvement purposes, while the Town has gone ahead and made improvements in the Town without asking aid of the County or State.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed Council and stated that the 15th day of June, at six in the evening, had been set as the day for the dedication of the New Hampshire Avenue extension from the District line through Takoma Park, and stated that he had been



selected by the Washington Board of Trade to cooperate with the citizens of Maryland in working out a program appropriate to the occasion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Regarding the request of Mrs. Cordelia Brown, President of the Enos Ray School P.T.A., Mr. Conger moved that \$15.00 be appropriated to help purchase the equipment asked for. Mr. Waters seconded the motion, and same was approved. Mr. Orcutt voting "no", stating that he was not appropced to any such appropriation, but that there was a doubt in his mind as to the right of the Council to appropriate Town funds for matters of of this kind.

Bills in amount of \$1954.37, were offered for approval, and upon motion, properly seconded, payment of same was ordered.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:-- Regarding the request of Mr. Teman Burks, Jr., for the construction of sidewalks on Baltimore Avenue, Mr. Axtell, Chairman, presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 652

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 Section 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 Baltimore Avenue, abutting lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 72-B, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co., 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 June 20th, 1938, in the Fire Department Building, at Carroll and Denwood Avenues, convening at eight o'clock P. M., will hear all persons desiring to be heard with respect to the construction herein proposed.

Mr. Conger seconded the adoption 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.

Regarding the communication from Mr. G. H. Smith, and the dedication of a 20' strip of land on Mississippi Ave., Mr. Axtell, Chairman, stated that due to the fact that the 20' strip already laid out as a Town way, was the extreme Corporate limits of the Town, and that the matter of dedication of a strip of land out of the Town limits along this street was being given consideration by the owners, nothing definite could be arrived at at the present time. Mr. Smith, who was present, was advised by the Mayor that the Committee would give the matter further consideration, and proceed to find out from the property owners on the opposite side of the street, their attitude as to dedication of a 20' strip the full length of the street.



CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, made the following report:--

Your Committee has carefully studied the considered the matter of the erecting of an appropriate marker at the entrance to the Town on New Hampshire Avenue, and begs leave to submit herewith the following recommendations:--

Your Committee recommends that some simple, attractive and practical marker, or sign, be erected on the triangle bounded Northeast by the East-West Highway, Southeast by New Hampshire Avenue, and Southwest by the old line of Ethan Allen Avenue, if such a triangle shall be constructed by the State Roads Commission, otherwise at a convenient point on the Southwest corner of said New Hampshire Avenue and East-West Highway, such marker to indicate the entrance to the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. Your Committee further recommends that the Chairman of the Street Committee, and the Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee be authorized to make a further study of the best design and size of such a marker, and to purchase such a marker, and to cause the same to be erected at the above mentioned intersection, in cooperation with the State Roads Commission.

With respect to the entrance to the Town at or near the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and the old Bladensburg Road, your Committee is of the opinion that here, too, a suitable marker, indicating the entrance to the Town from the North over said New Hampshire Avenue, should be erected, when the construction of New Hampshire Avenue extended shall have been completed. Your Committee is advised that the State Roads Commission proposes to extend New Hampshire Avenue in a Northeasterly direction across Bladensburg Road, to the vicinity of Avenell. Until this new construction shall have been completed, however, it would be premature and inadvisable to undertake the erection of a marker at this point. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the consideration of the erection of a marker at the junction of New Hampshire Avenue and Old Bladensburg Road, or University Lane extended, be deferred until such time as the proposed construction of New Hampshire Avenue from that point to Avenell shall have been finally determined and constructed.

Mr. Taft moved the approval of the report and the recommendations therein, and upon being seconded by Mr. Waters, same was approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Duehring, Chairman, gave a brief summary of the police dept. activities for the past month.

Mr. Duehring presented six applications for Taxicab licenses, and stated that Mr. Wolfe would also file an application for renewal of his license. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, it was moved by Mr. Duehring that the permits that were in effect the past year be continued until the new applications are studied and permits issued. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

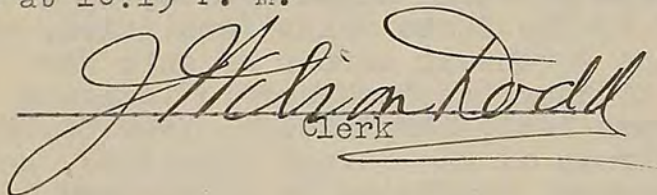
LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Taft, Chairman, read a letter from Corporation Counsel Lamond with respect to the complaint of Mr. W. C.

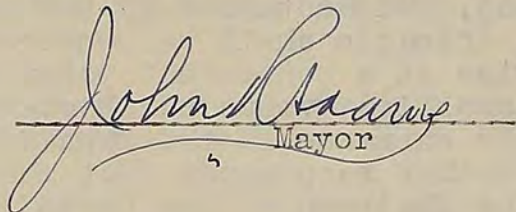


Fischer regarding damages to his property due to excavation by the Roberts Construction Co. for a proposed street, in which Mr. Lamond gave as his opinion that no damage had been done to the Fischer property.

Mr. Taft also read a letter from the Secretary of the Parent Teachers Assn. of the Phila. Ave. Grade School, regarding traffic regulations in Takoma Park. Mr. Taft stated that this matter was being given consideration and a report would be made later.

There being no further business Council, on motion, adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

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 Clerk

  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 MAY 31st, 1938.

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

Those present were the Mayor, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Orcutt, Taft and Waters. Councilman Axtell, being out of Town, was unable to attend.

Newly elected Councilmen Duehring and Orcutt took the Oath of Office before the Mayor.

Matter of the dedication of New Hampshire Avenue extended was discussed, and upon motion by Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Duehring, the sum of \$15.00 was appropriated to help defray expenses in connection with this dedication.

Matter of appointments of Town officials for the ensuing year was discussed, and Mr. Conger moved that the present Town Clerk and Treasurer, J. Wilson Dodd, be reappointed as Town Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year. ~~which was seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.~~ Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Mr. Conger moved that Wm. F. Fischer be reappointed as Supt. of Public Works for the ensuing year at the same salary as last year. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

Mr. Duehring moved that Roy P. Frye be reappointed as Building Inspector for the ensuing year, at same salary as last year. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

Mr. Duehring moved that E. B. Fetty be reappointed as Electrical Inspector for the ensuing year, at same salary as last year. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

In compliance with a letter received from Mr. C. C. Pulver of the Washington Missionary College, Mr. Duehring moved that Mr.



Chas. Crider and Mr. Richard Schirner, be appointed as special police, without pay, on the grounds of the Missionary College. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Conger, Dr. G. B. Queen was appointed Health Officer for the Town for the ensuing year, without pay.

On motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Taft, Mr. E. B. Fetty was appointed Fire Marshall for the Town for the ensuing year, without pay.

Mr. Conger, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the appeals from Assessments made by Mr. Harry Dodge, and Mr. A. E. Rinney, had been investigated by the Committee and the Assessors, and Committee recommended that the appeals for reduction be denied. On motion, properly seconded, recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

In connection with the letter from the Takoma Park, Maryland, Library Association, asking exemption from taxation on property on Sherman Avenue, used as a public library, Mr. Conger stated that in view of the fact that the County had exempted this property from taxation, his Committee recommended that Town exempt same, and on Motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Orcutt, this property was exempted from taxation.

Mr. Conger presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 653

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

Section 1: That the assessment of newly constructed property as submitted by the duly authorized Board of Assessors, for the purpose of municipal taxation covering the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1938, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, the Mayor and Council having sat as a Board of Review and having heard and determined all appeals with respect thereto.

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.

Matter of playground activities for the coming season was discussed at length, after which Mr. Orcutt moved that Council authorize the employment of the usual Director of Playgrounds, and six assistants, three ladies and three men assistants, the salary of the Director to be at the rate of \$75.00 per month, and the salary of the six assistants be at the rate of \$50.00 each per month, covering the period from June 15th, 1938, to and including August 31st, 1938. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.



Mr. Orcutt moved that Mr. C. J. Bride be reappointed Director of Playgrounds for the ensuing year, and that Mrs. Eleanor L. Phipps, Miss Ida Fisher and Miss Edith Hazard be appointed three lady assistants for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Mr. Waters and approved.

Mr. Orcutt stated that his Committee would have recommendations as to the three men to be appointed assistant playground directors at an early date.

Plans for dedication of a Gilbert Memorial in the Town was discussed at length, but no definite action taken.

Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1st, 1938, was presented by the Finance Committee, and necessary appropriations for each department was discussed at length, after which Mayor Adams stated that the public budget discussion, as set forth in Ordinance No. 587, would be held on June 15th, 1938, at the Fire Department Building, convening at eight o'clock P. M.

Mr. Conger, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:--

ORDINANCE NO. 654

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

Section 1. That a general tax of Ninety cents (90¢) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied and approved for the purpose of meeting any and all general and special expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1938.

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

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

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*J. W. Dodd*  
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Clerk

*John Adams*  
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Mayor