

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 17-1939.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring, Huck and Taft.

Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 20th and Special Meeting of April 8th, 1939, were approved.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented Financial Statement for the month of March, 1939, and same was ordered filed, as follows:--

RECEIPTS:--

General Taxes-----	\$2,740.81
Interest and Penalties-----	253.09
Charges-----	48.75
Special Assessments-----	637.26
Building Permits-----	35.00
Electrical Permits-----	24.00
Excavation Permits-----	4.00
Dog Tax-----	69.00
Garbage Collection-----	20.00
Fines-----	23.12
Comm. Pay Tel. Police Station-----	.75
Tax Certificates Redeemed-----	23.27
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,879.05</u>

BANK STATEMENTS:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

2/28/39 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 3,644.95	
Deposits in March	3,790.15	
	7,435.10	
Withdrawn in March	786.50	
3/31/39 - On hand		\$6,648.60
2/28/39 - On hand Sub.Nat.Bank-Silver Springs, Md.	785.96	
No deposits or withdrawals-		
3/31/39 - On hand		785.96
2/28/39 - On hand Sub.Nat.Bank Takoma Park, Md.	3,659.03	
Deposits in March	88.90	
	3,747.93	
Withdrawn in March	3,321.37	
3/31/39 - On hand		1,426.56



Bank Statements (Cont'd):

2/28/39 - On hand Bank of Bethesda	4,997.74	
No depts. of Withdrawals		
3/31/39 - On hand		\$ 4,997.74
2/28/39 - On hand Pr. Geo. Trust-	5,024.88	
Withdrawn in March	4,000.00	
3/31/39 - On hand		1,024.88
2/28/39 - On hand Farmers Trust.		
Rockville, Md.	5,000.00	
No Deps. or withdrawals		
3/31/39 - On hand		5,000.00
3/31/39 - On hand all Banks		<u>\$19,883.74</u>

REVOLVING FUND

2/28/39 - On hand Citizens Bank	5,821.02	
No deposits in March		
3/31/39 - On hand		\$ 5,821.02
2/28/39 - On hand Sub. Nat. Bank, T.P.	320.52	
No deposits in March		
3/31/39 - On hand		320.52
2/28/39 - On hand Sub. Nat. Bank. Sil. Spg.	4,000.00	
No deposits in March		
3/31/39 - On hand		4,000.00
3/31/39 - On hand all banks		<u>\$10,141.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	327.40	
Material	116.35	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep & Supplies	162.84	606.59

SERVICE:-

Garbage-Labor	270.00	
" -Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	24.05	
Ash-Labor	103.40	
" -Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	39.87	
Trash-Labor	103.00	
Street Lights	430.56	970.88

POLICE:-

Salaries	365.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	67.78	
Repairs to furnace	10.60	
Telephones & lights	31.70	
Supplies	6.08	511.16



Disbursements: (Cont'd)

OFFICE:-		
Salaries	\$ 536.00	
Telephones & Supplies	32.65	
Postage	8.60	577.25
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MISCELLANEOUS:-		
Library Assn.	150.00	
Recording Fees	13.00	
Tax certificate redeemed	32.24	
Montgomery County Transfers	4.00	
Montgomery County Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Telephone	4.75	
Purchase price of Building from General Conference Corp.-Lot 1, Block 19 - Columbia Ave.	4,000.00	
Dog Expense	8.00	
Tax Sale Expense - Postage	3.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	
E. E. Blodgett-retirement	25.00	4,441.99
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Total		\$7,107.87

## COMMUNICATIONS:-

From H. O. Sikorro regarding "No Parking" signs on Lincoln Ave. To Municipal Service Committee.

From Miriam H. Robertson, President of the Health & Welfare Center regarding space desired by the Welfare Center in the Municipal Bldg. on Columbia Avenue. Referred to Committee as a whole.

From Andrew J. & Dorothy Moyer regarding the burning of trash in incinerator in rear of stores on Laurel Avenue. To Municipal Service Committee.

Petition from property owners on Greenwood Avenue requesting that that street be paved and sidewalks laid from Carroll Avenue to the present corporation limits. To Municipal Works Committee.

Request from Mr. Shifflett to install a truck at the corner of Maple Avenue and Park Avenue for the sale of ice, was referred to the Civic Improvement & Education Committee.

At this time Mayor Adams welcomed newly appointed Councilman, Philip W. Huck, to the Town governing body, and assigned to him the Chairmanship of the Social Welfare & Health Committee, recently vacated by the resignation of Dr. C. C. Waters.

Mr. Irving Johnson addressed the Council in behalf of the Fire Department, and requested that the Town make some provision to defray the expense of removing persons injured on the streets of Takoma Park, Md., into the District of Columbia when necessary. Mayor Adams advised Mr. Johnson that he was not prepared at this



time, but suggested that arrangements be made for a meeting between a Committee of the Council and a Committee from the Fire Department, to go into this matter and report back to the Council. Mayor Adams designated the Municipal Service Committee of the Council to meet from the Committee from the Fire Department.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Conger, Chairman, presented bills in amount of \$1046.21, for payment, and payment was approved.

Mr. Conger presented to Council report of the Board of Assessors on newly constructed property in the Town for the past year, and moved that the report be accepted and that all property owners whose assessments had been increased be advised that the Council, at its next regular meeting on May 15th, 1939, would hear any appeals. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

On Motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Taft, tax certificate on property sold in the name of J. H. Ellsworth on April 9th, 1936, Lot 17, Block 17, Pinecrest Subdivision, was assigned to Mary Dale Owens and Donald D. Lamond.

With reference to request of Louise Hodges Judd for refund and reduction in assessment on triangular piece of land in the rear of the Philadelphia Avenue playground, Mr. Conger stated that this matter had been investigated, and that committee recommended, and Mr. Conger moved, that the assessment be reduced to \$500.00, with no refund to be made on past assessment. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

Mr. Conger moved that the amount of \$500.00 be made available to the Committee on Public Welfare and Health for putting so much of the Municipal Building on Columbia Avenue, as consist of the basement and one room on the first floor, in proper shape for immediate use of the Welfare Center. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Axtell, Chairman, stated that repairs had been made to numerous streets, and that ash, trash and garbage collections had been carried out on the usual schedule.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:-- With regard to the request of the Parent Teachers Association of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, for repairs to the playground equipment, Mr. Orcutt stated that pursuant to authority granted to the Committee by the Council, all articles of playground equipment which are owned by the Town have been put in good repair by the Supt. of Public Works. With reference to the Giant Stride, Mr. Orcutt stated, Committee had not undertaken to do anything with, for the reason that it is not owned by the Town, but by the County authorities. With reference to putting more ashes on the playground, Mr. Orcutt stated that he feels the Supt. of Public Works concurs with the Committee, that the present surface of the playground is sufficiently hard and solid to be used for playground purposes during ordinary weather, and that Committee recommends that no more ashes be placed on the playground at the present time. Committee also recommended that the substance of this report be conveyed to the Parent Teachers Association. Upon motion, properly seconded, report and recommendations therein were adopted.



With reference to the request of Mr. Shifflet for permit to sell ice and soft drinks on the property at the corner of Maple and Park Avenues, Mr. Orcutt stated that the selling of ice and soft drinks is a commercial business, and that in so far as the location in question is a Residential "A" zone, the Council has no authority to grant a permit to Mr. Shifflett, and Committee recommended that the request be denied, and suggested that police authorities be instructed to see that no such business is carried on in a Residential "A" zone. On motion of Mr. Orcutt, seconded by Mr. Axtell, this report and the recommendations therein were approved.

With reference to the Town joining with other Municipalities in Prince George's County for a test suit with reference to tax sale property, Mr. Orcutt inquired the status of this matter, and called upon Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond, who had formerly been requested to look into this matter.

Mr. Lamond stated that he had looked into the matter, and found that it was purely applicable to Prince George's County, and stated that Montgomery County had a better law, and he would recommend that the matter be given further consideration and be taken up with other Corporate bodies in Montgomery County, and see if the matter could be tested, as it would be of material benefit to the Town. Mayor Adams stated that he believed it worth while to take the matter up with the Municipalities of Montgomery County along the line of employing Counsel.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:-- The matter of damage to the Police car was discussed at length, with regard to either the repair or replacement of same, and upon motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Taft, this matter was laid on the table for action at a later date.

Mr. Duehring stated that he had a request from the Fire Department for the purchase of a pumping apparatus to be used to pump out cellars that have been flooded, and that the Department had given him a circular of a pump, which could be purchased, with all necessary accessories for \$171.00. After discussion of this matter Mr. Duehring moved that the Town Clerk be authorized to obtain prices on pumps of this type, so that Council can make a selection of one that will meet the requirements, in case the Council decided to meet the request of the department for the purchase of a pump. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Orcutt, the application of Stuart B. Burger to drive a taxicab for Mr. Wolfe, was approved, permit to be issued upon proper completion of the application.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Taft, Chairman, read an opinion from Corporation Counsel Lamond with regard to the request of Mr. W. A. Mellen for refund of taxes paid on certain lots, in which Mr. Lamond stated that he did not feel that he could recommend the reimbursement of taxes paid by Mr. Mellen.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Huck, Chairman, ex-



pressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for appointment as Councilman to fill the place vacated by Dr. C. C. Waters, and stated that he sincerely hoped he could live up to the confidence reposed in him. Mr. Huck stated that his Committee had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Adams presented the names of Mrs. Rose Rutledge, Mrs. Eugenie Thomas and Mr. Charles Overacker for appointment as Registration officials, and the names of Mrs. Rose Rutledge, Mrs. Eugenie Thomas, Mr. Charles Overacker, Mr. Charles Mann, Mrs. Laurel G. Walker and Mr. David Haas, as election officials.

Mr. Conger moved that the above parties be appointed, and that the Mayor be granted authority to fill any vacancies that might occur. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

On motion, properly seconded Council adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

*1st day*

*J. Helm Dodd*  
Clerk

*John Adams*  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 27-1939.

Meeting called to Order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Huck, Orcutt.

Meeting called in accordance with the provisions of Section 957, sub-paragraph (a), to hear original challenges before the Council, in connection with the registration of voters.

There being no challenges, Council on Motion, properly seconded, adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

*1st day*

*J. Helm Dodd*  
Clerk

*John Adams*  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 29-1939.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Duehring, Huck and Orcutt.

Meeting called in accordance with Section 19 of Ordinance No. 647, for the purpose of hearing appeals from the action of the Board of Registration. Mrs. Rose Rutledge, Chairman of the Board of Registration, advised the Council that there were no appeals to be made to Council, after which the Council proceeded with other business.



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

ORDINANCE NO. 682

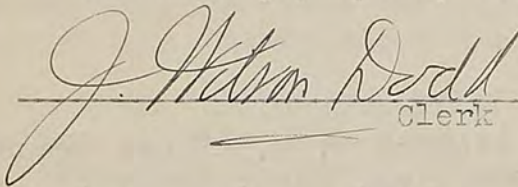
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

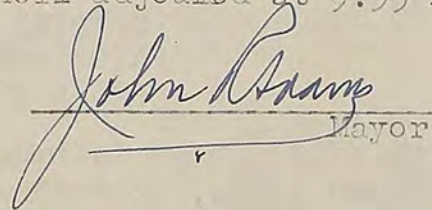
Section 1. That the plat of resubdivision of Lots 11, 12 and 13, in Block 6, and lots "C", and parts of lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 5, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision in Takoma Park, into lots 1 to 12 inclusive, Block 6-A, lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 6-B and lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 6-C, as presented by Stephen W. & Mattie K. Williams, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That as to all future street improvements, including grading, culverts, paving and sidewalks, the Council reserves the right to assess the proper cost thereof against the property abutting the streets shown on said plat as therein dedicated.

Mr. Duehring seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and upon a Yea and Nay vote, same was adopted. Voting Yea, the Mayor, Councilmen Axtell, Duehring, Huck and Orcutt. Voting Nay, none.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

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 Clerk

  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 MAY 1st, 1939.

Meeting called to Order at 10:20 P. M. Those present were Councilmen Axtell, Duehring, Huck, Orcutt and Taft.

In the absence of Mayor Adams, Councilman Taft was chosen Mayor pro tem.

Meeting called for the purpose of receiving official report of the Judges of election, held on this date for the election of three Councilmen to serve for a term of two years, beginning with the first Monday in June, 1939. The report of the Election Judges was as follows:--

"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 election 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 persons were voted on as Councilmen and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

A. L. Conger	641	Phillip W. Huck	634
Millward C. Taft	625	Charles S. Thomas	219.

There were 808 votes cast.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidates received the highest number of votes, and were duly elected Councilmen for a period of two years from the first Monday in June, 1939.-

A. L. Conger --641, Phillip W. Huck--634, Millward C. Taft-- 625.

Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above stated are attached hereto for delivery to the Councilmen elect.

Very respectfully,  
JUDGES OF ELECTION,

Rose S. Rutledge, Chairman,  
Chas. M. Overacker,  
Eugenie B. Thomas.

Attest:-  
E. David Haas, Clerk.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the report be accepted and adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

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

*in order*  
J. William Dodd  
Clerk

John Ramsey  
Mayor



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 15th, 1939.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 17th and special meetings of April 27th, April 29th and May 1st, 1939, were approved.

Financial statement for the month of April was presented by the Treasurer and ordered filed; as follows:--

RECEIPTS:--

General taxes-----	\$1,320.35
Interest and Penalties-----	175.87
Costs-----	227.00
Special Assessments-----	309.16
Building Permits-----	41.00
Electrical Permits-----	21.00
Dog Tax-----	21.25
Vendor Permit-----	12.00
Deposit Taxicab Badges-----	1.00
Fines-----	79.85
Garbage Collection-----	5.00
Interest or certificate of deposit-----	58.21
Tax Certificate of redemption-----	33.69
	<u>\$2,305.38</u>

BANK STATEMENT:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

3/31/39 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 6,648.60	
Deposits in April	<u>2,305.38</u>	
	8,953.98	
Withdrawn in April	<u>4,161.55</u>	
4/30/39 - On hand		\$ 4,792.43
3/31/39 - On hand Sub.Nat.Bank Sil.Spg.	785.96	
No deposits or withdrawals	-----	
4/30/39 - On hand		785.96
3/31/39 - On hand Sub.Nat.Bank Tak.Pk.	1,426.56	
No deposits or withdrawals	-----	
4/30/39 - On hand		1,426.56
3/31/39 - On hand Bank of Bethesda	4,997.74	
No deposits or withdrawals	-----	
4/30/39 On hand		4,997.74
3/31/39 - On hand Pr.Geo. Trust Co.	1,024.88	
No deposits or withdrawals	-----	
4/30/39 - On hand		1,024.88
3/31/39 - On hand Farmers Tr.-Rockville-	5,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals	-----	
4/30/39 - On hand		5,000.00
4/30/39 - On hand all banks		<u>18,027.57</u>



REVOLVING FUND

3/31/39 - On hand Citizens Bank	5,821.02	
No deposits in April		
4/30/39 * On hand	<u>          </u>	5,821.02
3/31/39 - On hand Sub.Nat.Bank Tak.Pk.	320.52	
No deposits in April		
4/30/39 - On hand	<u>          </u>	320.52
3/31/39 - On hand Sub.Nat.Bank, Sil.Spg.	4,000.00	
No deposits in April		
4/30/39 - On hand	<u>          </u>	4,000.00
4/30/39 - On hand all banks		<u>\$10,141.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	461.40	
Material	265.51	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>55.90</u>	782.81

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	98.20	
Garbage-Labor	270.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	35.90	
Ash-Labor	103.40	
" Gas-Oil	39.06	
Street Lights	<u>476.69</u>	1,023.25

POLICE:-

Salaries	365.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	39.91	
Telephones and Lights	26.32	
Miscellaneous Exp.	<u>2.00</u>	463.23

OFFICE:-

Salaries	534.00	
Tels.Postage-Printing	<u>44.12</u>	578.12

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

Labor	<u>46.80</u>	46.80
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MISCELLANEOUS:-

Recording Fees	7.50	
Tax Sale Expense	134.00	
Tax Certificate Redemption	33.69	
Insurance Premium	60.00	
Mont. Co. Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tel.	5.70	
Dues Md. Municipal League	35.00	
Refund Sidewalk Deposit	10.00	
Takoma Park Vol.Fire Dept.-Agreement	500.00	
Refund Taxicab Badges	2.00	
Library Assn.	150.00	
Office Rent	<u>55.00</u>	

Fd.



DISBURSEMENTS-Continued:-

Justice of Peace Salaries	70.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Registration & Election Exp.	39.20	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	15.00	
E.E.Blodgett-retirement	25.00	
Municipal Bldg. Exp.	53.00	
Charter Amendment Exp.	<u>10.25</u>	<u>1,267.34</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,161.55</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:-

From Mary C. Auld, Corresponding Secretary of the Associated Health & Welfare Agencies of Takoma Park, Md., thanking the Mayor and Council for the many favors bestowed upon the Association.

From Chas. Klinck, Secretary Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce conveying Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce to the Mayor and Council proposing the investigation and study of the possibility and feasibility of establishing a community center in Takoma Park. / To Mayor.

From W. R. Mattoon, 101 Cedar Ave. regarding damaged condition of curb in front of his residence. Referred to Municipal Works Comm.

From Mary Pailthorpe applying for position as playground instructor. To Civic Improvement and Education Comm.

From N. B. Camp regarding outside toilet on Ridge Ave. adjacent to lots owned by him, on which he is erecting dwellings. Referred to Welfare and Health Comm.

Petition from residents in the vicinity of Phila., Holly, Birch and Dogwood Avenues regarding poultry house in the rear of property at 316 Birch Avenue, owned by Mrs. M. P. Dodge. Referred to Welfare and Health Committee. Also letter from Mr. Egbert Walker regarding this matter.

A number of the parties whose namers were on the above petition addressed the Council, strenuously objecting to same from the standpoint that same was detrimental to the community.

Mayor Adams stated that this evening had been set aside to hear appeals from assessments recently placed on newly constructed property.

Mr. Jos. W. Ball of 240 Willow Ave. addressed Council and stated that his property was just a replacement of the old property, which was burned, and asked that the assessment on the newly constructed dwelling be set aside and the old assessment retained.

Dr. H. A. Masterton appeared before Council and stated that he believed the assessment added to his property for the new addition same was excessive, and asked that same be reduced.

After discussion of these requests, Mr. Conger moved that the new assessment on the Ball property be cancelled, and that the increase of \$1800. on the Masterton property be reduced to \$900. Motion seconded and approved.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE:--

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

ORDINANCE NO. 683

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PATK, 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, 1939, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as amended, the Mayor and Council having sat as a Board of Review and having heard and determined all appeals with respect thereto.

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, Huck, Orcutt and Taft. Voting nay, none.

Bills in amount of \$1490.38 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment approved.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Orcutt, Chairman, stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. M. D. Murphy, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Teachers Association of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, regarding repairs to playground equipment. Mr. Orcutt stated that his Committee had inspected the equipment, and from their observation the damage to this equipment was done by vandals, and not caused by ordinary use. After discussion of this matter Mr. Orcutt, for the Committee, moved that the Supt. of Public Works be authorized to repair the seat on each of the swings, that he be authorized to repair two seats on the see-saw, owned by the Town, or replace them, if necessary, and cut off the end of the bolts on the Jungle Gym, and that the Supt. of Public Works be authorized to repair the two seats on the see-saws owned by the school, and supply rope for the Giant Stride, provided that the school will furnish the top cap for same, the cost for these items to be charged to the Parent-Teachers Association, in accordance with their offer of April 27th, 1939. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

## MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Axtell, Chairman, stated that the damage to the curb in front of the residence of Mr. Mattoon at 101 Cedar Ave., would be repaired.

## MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:--

Mr. Duehring stated that he had a proposal from the Takoma Motor Company to furnish a new police car for \$779.00, less an allowance of \$250.00 for the damaged police car, making the net price \$529.00, and that the Takoma Motor Company agreed to install a Mercury motor in the car for an additional \$25.38, which would make the total net price with the Mercury motor installed, \$554.38. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Duehring moved that the proposal of the Takoma Motor Company be accepted, and that an order be placed for the new car with the Mercury Motor installed. Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.



## HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Huck, Chairman, stated that the Health and Welfare Association were endeavoring to have the W.P.A. make a slum survey in Takoma Park, as they feared that getting rid of the slum conditions in the District of Columbia would drive these same conditions into nearby Maryland and Virginia.

Mr. Huck stated that there was some misunderstanding as to how the \$500.00 appropriated by the Council for repairs to the Municipal Building on Columbia Ave., in connection with the Welfare Center, was to be spent, as it was not clear whether any part of same was to be used for furniture and equipment.

After discussion of this matter, Mr. Duehring moved that the Health and Welfare Committee be authorized to spend as much of the balance of this \$500.00 fund as they think necessary, or advisable, to equip this Welfare Center in the way that the Welfare Center has requested. Mr. Orcutt offered the following amendment to the motion; "That any equipment so purchased, the title shall remain in the Town". Mr. Duehring accepted the amendment, and upon being properly seconded the motion as amended was approved.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the Mayor be authorized and empowered to appoint a special committee, whose function it shall be to make a study and investigation of the building purchased by the Town on Columbia Avenue as to its availability and practicality, for use in housing any department or office of the Town, and also for the purpose of public or private meetings by the Town, or any of its offices, or any semi-civic organizations, and report their recommendations and findings at the next meeting of the Council, or at a special meeting held for that purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Conger, Chairman of the Finance Committee, requested that the Chairman of the various Committees make a study of their burget needs for the coming fiscal year, in order that they may be given consideration in preparing the budget.

Mayor Adams set Wednesday evening, May 31st, 1939, as the date for the organization meeting of the new Council.

Mr. Orcutt stated that he had heard considerable agitation on the part of a number of people for a twice a month trash collection during the Summer months, and suggested that the matter be given consideration. Mayor Adams referred this matter to a joint Committee composed of the Finance Committee and the Health and Welfare Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Council.

Mr. Duehring advised Council, in connection with the request of the Fire Dept. for the purchase of a siphon cellar pump, that sufficient information regarding type and prices on same, had not been received in order to make a recommendation at this time, and that as soon as his Committee received such information a report and recommendation would be made.



Mr. Duehring moved that the Taxicab licenses and taxi driver permits be extended until such time as the Committee has had an opportunity to give consideration to the new applications, and make its recommendations to Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Mr. Taft called attention to the dangerous parking conditions at the intersection of Flower and Erie Avenues, and Mayor Adams asked the Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee to look into this matter and make a report on same.

With reference to the Special Committee authorized under Mr. Orcutt's motion in connection with the housing of Town and other offices in the building owned by the Town on Columbia Ave., Mayor Adams stated that he would appoint the following Committee; Mr. Axtell, Chairman, Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Huck.

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

*J. Adams*  
 Clerk.

*John Adams*  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
 MAY 31st, 1939.

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

Mayor Adams administered the oath of office to the newly elected Councilmen, Conger, Huck and Taft.

Dr. W. A. Hooker, Mr. L. R. Grabill, Sr., Dr. Guy Clinton and Mr. Walter Ireby met with the Mayor and Council regarding the erection and dedication of the memorial to be erected to Mr. B. F. Gilbert founder of the Town of Takoma Park. Councilmen Orcutt read a report from the Historical Committee in connection with the erection of this memorial, setting forth the program for the erection of same, and requesting that arrangements be made for the dedication of same along with the Fourth of July celebration, with brief exercises at the site of the memorial, not to exceed fifteen minutes, comprising the presentation of the memorial to the Town, and the acceptance of same for the Town by Mayor Adams.

Mr. Orcutt, Chairman of the Civic Improvement and Education Committee stated that his Committee had gone over the wording on the plaque as presented by the Historical Memorial Committee, and that the words and phrases set forth in the report of May 29th, 1939, met with the approval of the Committee.

Mr. Conger moved the adoption of the report, and upon being



seconded by Mr. Huck, same was approved.

Mr. Orcutt moved that the Supt. of Public Works be authorized and directed to do the necessary excavation, placing concrete base, landscaping and flag stoning for the site of this boulder, and to do such planting in connection therewith as in the judgement of himself and Mr. Benj. Morrison can safely be done at this time of the year, in due season that the boulder may be erected at the proper site in time for its unvailing on the Fourth of July. That this Park be and is hereby designated as the "Benjamin F. Gilbert" Park, with the request that the Mayor make public proclamation of such naming of the Park at these exercises on the Fourth of July. Mr. Axtell seconded the motion and same was approved.

Mayor Adams stated, in connection with the organization of the Council, ~~stated~~ that he would welcome any suggestions as to desired Committee changes. After discussion of this matter, it was found that all Councilmen were satisfied with committee assignments as at present, and Mayor Adams stated that present Committee assignments would stand, same being as follows:--

Finance:--	Col. Conger, Chairman, Mr. Huck, Vice Chairman, Mr. Taft.
Municipal Works:--	Mr. Axtell, Chairman, Col. Conger, Vice Chairman, Mr. Duehring.
Civic Improvement and Education:--	Capt. Orcutt, Chairman, Mr. Taft-- , Vice Chairman, Mr. Axtell.
Municipal Service:--	Mr. Duehring, Chairman, Mr. Axtell, Vice Chairman, Capt. Orcutt.
. Law and Ordinance:--	Mr. Taft, Chairman, Capt. Orcutt, Vice Chairman, Mr. Huck.
Social Welfare and Public Health:--	Mr. Huck, Chairman, Mr. Duehring, Vice Chairman, Col. Conger.

Mr. Conger moved that the present Town Clerk and Treasurer, J. Wilson Dodd, be reappointed Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year, at the same salary. Mr. Orcutt seconded the motion and same was approved.

Mr. Axtell moved the reappointment of Wm. F. Fischer as Supt. of Public Works for the ensuing year, at the same salary. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.



Mr. Orcutt moved the reappointment of Mr. C. J. Bride as Director of Playgrounds for the playground period from June 15th, 1939 to August 31st, 1939, at an increase in salary of \$25.00 per month over the salary paid last year, making his salary \$100. per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Axtell and approved.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, seconded by Mr. Conger, the Town Clerk was authorized and requested to write a letter to Mr. Orem, President of the Board of Education of Prince George's County, advising him that Mr. Bride has been appointed by the Town as Director of Playgrounds, and has been authorized to work out with him (Mr. Orem) suitable arrangements for use of the portion of the school building under the contract, and the proper protection of the portion of the school property used.

Matter of dedication of portion of Jackson and Boyd Avenues was discussed with Corporation Counsel Lamond, after which Mr. Taft moved that the Town appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500. to cover the preliminary type of search, and to proceed with the necessary taking plat of the properties that shall be taken under condemnation proceedings necessary to extent Boyd Avenue from the present dedicated section of Boyd Avenue to Jackson Avenue, and extend Jackson Avenue from Ethan Allen Avenue through to where it intersects Sligo Parkway, thereby securing the necessary information in order to prepare an ordinance under the Charter for the taking of private property for public use.

On motion of Mr. Taft, seconded by Mr. Orcutt, Mr. D. D. Lamond was reappointed Corporation Counsel for the ensuing year at the same salary as past fiscal year.

On motion of Mr. Huck, seconded by Mr. Taft. Dr. G. B. Queen was reappointed Health Officer for the Town for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Axtell, seconded by Mr. Orcutt, the following were appointed special police to serve as traffic officers at the Seventh Day Adventists Camp Meeting from June 1st to June 12th, 1939:-- Mr. Crofoot, Mr. Manual, Mr. Koch and Mr. Allen.

<sup>Axtell</sup>  
Mr. ~~Huck~~, reporting for the Committee in connection with proposed use by the Town of the Columbia Avenue property purchased by the Town, stated that the basement and the large room on the first floor, right hand side of the building, had been put in shape for use by the Welfare Center, and stated that the Committee recommends that the other large room on the first floor be put in shape for Town offices, which will require construction of a vault, redecorating of the walls, and laying of linoleum on the floor, and such other repairs as are necessary to put the room in proper condition, and that the petition on the second floor, dividing the two rooms, which is just a temporary petition, and not a bearing petition, be removed, and that a petition be constructed crosswise the building to form an entrance lobby, and that this room, when completed, be used for the purpose of public meetings, and other semi-civic functions, as was authorized in a previous meeting.



Mr. Huck stated that the cost of the construction as outlined above would not exceed \$2000.00, and that this amount would include the re-arrangement of the front entrance, as was suggested at a meeting of the whole Council on the premises sometime ago.

Mr. Taft moved that the report be accepted and adopted. Mr. Orcutt seconded the motion and same was approved. Mr. Conger voting "no".

Mr. Orcutt moved that the Mayor extend to the proper Committee of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department an invitation to meet with the Mayor and Council on Tuesday evening, June 6th, 1939, to discuss with the Mayor and Council the proposed appropriation for the coming year for Fire Protection. Motion seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

Matter of public hearing on the Town budget was discussed at length, during which discussion the fact that at the previous budget hearing no taxpayer appeared to discuss same, and the sentiment of the majority of the Council being to discontinue these hearings, Mr. Taft introduced the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:--

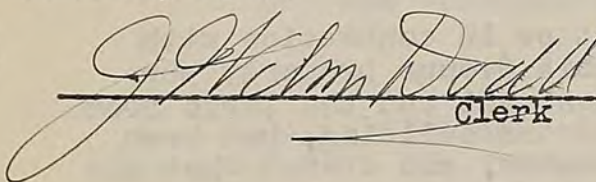
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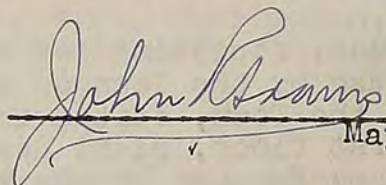
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:--

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 587, pertaining to Public Hearing on the Town Budget, be and the same is hereby repealed.

11:118  
Mr. Axtell seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and on a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Huck, Orcutt and Taft. Voting Nay, Councilman Conger.

On motion, properly seconded and adopted, Council adjourned at 11:05 P. M.

12:00  
  
Clerk

  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JUNE 6th, 1939.

Meeting called to Order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Huck, Orcutt and Taft.

On motion of Councilman Orcutt, Seconded by Councilman Taft, Kenneth J. Evans, Donald A. Tabbutt, Kenneth Wright, Mary Donna Becker, Mary Pailthorpe and Eleanor Sherburne were appointed Assistant Playground Instructors for the playground period from