

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JULY 3, 1939.

Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger ,  
Duhering, Huck, Orcutt and Taft.

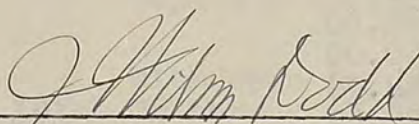
A letter was read to the Council from Mrs. E. A. Clark  
complaining of goats being harbored at 106 Lincoln Avenue,  
same causing an unsanitary and unhealthy condition. This  
letter was referred to the Welfare and Health Committee.

Letter was read from Mr. Charles M. Overacker, making  
application for his son, Bailey B. Overacker, for position  
on the Town Police Force. This communication was referred  
to the Municipal Service Committee.

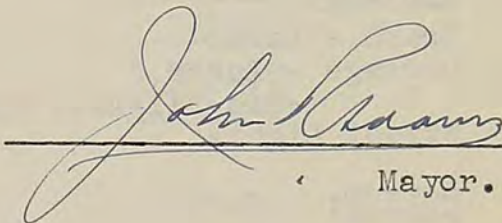
Letter was presented from Mr. George B. Kissinger,  
Commander of American Legion Post #28, regarding the failure  
of the Council to re-appoint Earl Thomas as Town Police  
Officer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939. This  
communication was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Mr. Duhering stated that a request had been made for the  
erection of "QUIET" sign in the 6600 block of Eastern Avenue  
and also on Jefferson Avenue at the intersection of Lincoln  
Avenue. Mr. Duhering stated that these signs were requested  
due to serious illness of persons at these two locations.  
After discussion of the matter, Mr. Duhering moved that the  
Superintendent of Public Works be instruction to place two  
"QUIET" signs on Eastern Avenue in the 6600 block and that  
"QUIET" signs be put on Jefferson Avenue at the intersection  
of Lincoln Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman  
Conger and approved.

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

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Clerk.



Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JULY 17, 1939.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P. M.

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

Minutes of the regular Meeting of June 19, 1939, and Special Meetings on June 28th, June 29th, and July 3, 1939, were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$	29.03
Interest and Penalties-----		21.79
Charges-----		12.00
Special Assessments-----		305.85
Building Permits-----		43.00
Electrical Permits-----		25.00
Dog Tax-----		63.25
Tax Certificate Redemptions-----		112.36
Fines-----		88.23
Montgomery County; for Police Telephone-----		60.00
Commission; Pay Telephone, Police Station---		.88
Business Franchise Tax-----		16.25
		<u>\$ 777.64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-

STREETS:

Labor	\$	301.20	
Material		645.36	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies		<u>186.76</u>	\$ 1,133.32

SERVICE:

Trash - Labor	185.60	
Garbage - Labor	270.00	
" -Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	34.98	
Street Lights	<u>476.69</u>	967.27

POLICE:

Salaries	365.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Chairs for Police Court	9.50	
Gas and Oil	12.57	
Telephone-Ice-Coal-Light	87.60	
Miscellaneous and Supplies	<u>10.74</u>	515.41

DISBURSEMENTS (CONT'D)OFFICE:

Salaries	\$ 591.00	
Telephone and Supplies	83.92	
Printing and Advertising	61.76	
Postage	<u>6.50</u>	\$ 743.18

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor	62.40	
Salaries	200.00	
Supplies	<u>2.21</u>	264.61

MISCELLANEOUS:

Office Rent	55.00	
Fire Department-As per Agreement	500.00	
Fire Department-Welfare Rent	150.00	
Refund-Side Walk Deposits	30.00	
Tax Certificate Redemptions	119.37	
Tax Sale Expense	70.50	
Municipal Building-Repairs	252.94	
Fee in Tax Sale Lot Test Case	30.00	
Assessors	75.00	
Prince George's County Transfers	4.50	
Montgomery County Police Telephone	12.00	
Gilbert Memorial Expense	18.00	
Library Association	150.00	
Compensation, Corporation Counsel	50.00	
Refund-Taxi Cab Badges	2.00	
Dog Expense	6.00	
Building Inspector	15.00	
E. E. Blodgett, Retirement	<u>25.00</u>	<u>1,565.31</u>
		<u>\$ 5,189.10</u>

BANK STATEMENT:GENERAL ACCOUNT

May 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	4,802.15	
Deposits in June	<u>777.64</u>	
	5,579.79	
Withdrawn in June	<u>5,164.10</u>	
June 30th- On hand		\$ 415.69
May 31st - On hand Sub.Bank.S.S.Md.	785.96	
Transferred to certificate of deposit Citizens Bank	<u>785.96</u>	
June 30th- On hand		-----
May 31st - On hand Sub. Bank Tak.Pk.	272.08	
No.deposits in June		
Withdrawn in June	<u>25.00</u>	
June 30th-		247.08

BANK STATEMENT (CONT'D)GENERAL ACCOUNT

May 31st - On hand Bank of Bethesda No depts. or withdrawals	4,997.74	
June 30th- On hand	<u>4,997.74</u>	4,997.74
May 31st - On hand Pr.Geo. Tr. Co. Transferred to certificate of deposit Citizens Bank	1,024.88	
June 30th- On hand	<u>1,024.88</u>	-----
May 31st - On hand Farmers Tr.-Rockville Transferred to Revolving Fund same Bank	5,000.00	
June 30th- On hand	<u>5,000.00</u>	-----
June 30th- On hand all Banks		<u>\$ 5,660.51</u>

REVOLVING FUND

May 31st - On hand Citizens Bank - C.D. Tf. from Sub.Nat.S.S.Md.-C.D.	5,821.02	
	785.96	
Tf. from Pr.Geo.Tr.Co.-C.D.	<u>1,024.88</u>	
June 30th- On hand		7,631.86
May 31st - On hand Sub.Nat.Tak.Pk. Int. to 12/31/38	320.52	
	<u>3.20</u>	
June 30th- On hand		323.72
May 31st - On hand Sub.Nat.Sil.Spg. Int. to 12/31/38	4,000.00	
	<u>40.00</u>	
June 30th- On hand		4,040.00
June 30th- Tf. from Farmers Tr.Genl.Acct. to Revolving Fund-same bank	<u>5,000.00</u>	
June 30th-On hand		<u>5,000.00</u>
June 30th- On hand all Banks		<u>\$16,995.58</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Mrs. N. H. Hunter regarding sewer in front of her property at 202 Maple Avenue, was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Potomac Electric Power Company regarding new schedule for turning on and off street lights, was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce regarding repairs and alterations to the Municipal Building on Columbia Avenue, was ordered filed.

From C. C. Culver of the Washington Missionary College, requesting the appointment of Gordon Premier as Special Police for the College grounds, was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Resolution from Takoma Park Post No. 350, Veteran's of Foreign Wars, requesting the re-appointment of Mr. Earl Thomas to the Town Police Force, was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from George B. Kissinger, Commander of Takoma Park Post No. 28, American Legion, regarding the non-appointment of Earl C. Thomas to the Town Police Force was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department requesting an additional appropriation from the Town for the difference between \$5,000.00 and any amount which they may realize from the Carnival to be held by them beginning July 31st, referred to the Financial Committee.

Petition from merchants in the vicinity of Carroll Avenue at the intersection of Tulip Avenue requesting one hour parking in front of Nos. 38, 40 and 42 Carroll Avenue, was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Mayor Adams stated that this evening had been set aside for street improvements advertised under Ordinances 687 and 688 and stated that the hearing in connection with the paving of the various streets under Ordinance 688 would be taken up first.

HOLLY AVENUE; Mr. Stinson, Mr. Walker and Mr. Hogue spoke in favor of improving the street with curb and gutter and a hard surface between. Letter was received from Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge opposing the improvement. Mr. F. Byrne Austin addressed the Council in opposition to the improvements of any street unless P.W.A. grants were obtained to be used in connection with same.

TAKOMA AVENUE; Mr. M. L. Faber and Mr. J. D. Faber, and Mr. Ridgeway and Mr. Fonbuena and Mr. DeJarld spoke in favor of this paving. Mrs. R. V. Mills and J. J. Thomas opposed this construction.

GREENWOOD AVENUE; Mr. C. H. Anderson and Mr. C. W. Slade spoke in favor of this construction. No one appeared to oppose same.

ERIE AVENUE; Mr. Harry Remington spoke in favor of this paving. No one appeared to oppose same.

VALLEY VIEW AVENUE; Mr. W. L. Dunn, and Mr. H. L. Seaman spoke in favor of this paving. Miss F. E. Hale opposed construction of same due to the fact that the cost would be prohibitive to her due to the large amount of frontage of her lot.

BALTIMORE AVENUE; Mr. Oscar Bancroft and Mr. Wm. Mackie spoke in favor of same and a letter was received from Mr. Raymond Krebill in favor of same. Letter was received from Mr. George W. Bahlke approving this improvement.

Mayor Adams then declared the hearing under the above Ordinance closed at this time and stated that hearings would now be held on the construction of Curb and Gutter under Ordinance No. 687.

BOSTON AVENUE; Mr. Thomas and Mr. Faber spoke in opposition to this improvement. No one appeared in favor of same.

BIRCH AVENUE; Mr. W. L. Gray opposed this improvement at the present time due to the continued tearing up of the street caused by new dwelling construction. Letters opposing were received from Max Horenstein and Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge.

MANOR CIRCLE; The Clerk advised the Council that Mr. Teesdale and Mrs. Stipeck had phoned that they would not be able to attend the hearing but wished the Council advised that they were in favor of same. Petition was received from 18 property owners opposing this improvement and Mr. M. C. Phoebus, Mr. E. H. White, Mr. G. A. Davies, and Mr. Arthur Tool spoke in opposition to this improvement. Mr. Douglas Bradshaw, representing the Fred L. Glaize Estate spoke in opposition to the improvement.

DAVIS and CENTRAL AVENUES; Petition was received signed by 19 property owners opposing the improvement on these two streets and Mr. G. W. Davis, Mr. Gehrman and Mr. H. J. McDermott spoke in opposition to same.

DOMER AVENUE; Petition was presented signed by all property owners, but one, abutting these streets, requesting that this curb and gutter be installed and at the earliest possible moment. No one appeared in opposition to same.

WABASH AVENUE; Mr. Fisher and Mr. King, property owners, spoke in opposition to the improvement. No one appeared in favor of same.

ALBEMARLE AVENUE; No one appeared in connection with this improvement.

HANCOCK AVENUE; Letter was received from Mr. J. G. Steinle in favor of proposed improvement. Letter was received from Mr. D. R. Neall opposing same.

COCKERILLE AVENUE; No one appeared in connection with this improvement. SHERIDAN AVENUE; No one appeared in connection with this improvement.

Mayor Adams at this time declared the hearing closed and referred the matter to the Municipal Works Committee for study and recommendation to the Council.

Mr. H. W. Millard, Mr. Albert Ground, Mr. Ernest Kelly, Mr. F. B. Austin, Dr. F. L. Lewton, Mrs. Rose Rutledge, Mr. George B. Kissinger, Mr. B. G. Wilkinson and Mr. Wm. Ford, all addressed the Council in connection with the re-instatement of Mr. Earl Thomas to the Town Police Force and urged the Council to reconsider their former action whereby Mr. Thomas was not re-appointed and that due to his long and efficient service he be reinstated to the Force. This matter the Mayor referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Conger, Chairman, presented bills in the amount of \$1,579.38 for approval and payment. Same were approved and ordered paid.

#### MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Axtell, Chairman, stated in connection with the information obtained at the various hearings this evening, that same would be taken under consideration by his Committee and report made to the Council at a later date.

In connection with the letter from Mrs. Hunter, regarding sewer on Maple Avenue, Mr. Axtell, stated that the only way to correct this condition would be to install a larger pipe which which could be done at an estimated cost of \$400.00. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Axtell moved that a larger pipe be installed to correct this condition. Motion seconded by Councilman Conger and approved.

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

On motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Axtell, Mr. Gordon Priener was appointed Special Police Officer at the Washington Missionary College, without compensation. In

In discussing the matter of Town Police, Mr. Duehring stated that at the present time two of the men on the Town Force were new and inexperienced men and that the same was true of one County man now on duty at the Town Station and expressed the belief that for this reason and for the proper protection of the Town, an addition Officer should be added to the Town Force and expressed the opinion that Earl Thomas had not been accorded proper treatment in not being re-appointed to the Town Force, in view of of his long and efficient service. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Duehring moved that Mr. Earl Thomas be appointed as police to the Town Force with the same remuneration as was paid him during the last fiscal year. This motion was seconded by Mr. Huck. Councilman Conger stated that he would like to make an amendment to the motion to the effect that Earl Thomas be appointed Chief Police Officer of the Town, with the rank of Sargent, to be under the direction of the County Officer in charge of the Takoma Station, and that his

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CONT'D):

salary be raised to \$140.00 per month, with \$10.00 Clothes Allowance, and that the difference between this amount and the amount Mr. Thomas has been paid for the months of July and August, be paid to Mr. Thomas. Both Mr. Duehring and Mr. Huck accepted this amendment and upon a roll call vote, Councilmen Axtell, Conger, Duehring and Huck voted "Aye" and Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Taft voted "No".

Councilman Conger moved that Mayor Adam's action in ordering Special Police on duty on July 4th, ~~be~~ paid out of Town funds be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

Mr. Axtell moved that "NO PARKING TO CORNER" sign be placed on the East side of Holly Avenue, Fifty feet from the Eastern Avenue Curb line. Motion properly seconded and approved.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Mr. Taft presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

Ordinance No. 689.

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

Section 1. That the resubdivision of lot 18, Block 55, Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, submitted by Cecil H. Gillon and Lucretia A. Gillon be and the same is hereby approved.

Mr. Axtell seconded the adoption of the Ordinance and on a "Yea" and "Nay" vote same was adopted. Voting "Yea", Mayor Adams, Councilmen Axtell, Conger Duehring, Huck, Orcutt and Taft. Voting "Nay", None.

At this time, Mayor Adams requested an order of Personal Privilege that he might make clear the matter in connection with the Special Meeting in which the Town Police appointments were made. Mayor Adams stated that all members present at the prior meeting discussed, informally, the matter of Police appointments, which were held up due to the illness of Mr. Duehring, and that it was stated at that time that these appointments would be made at the next meeting. Mayor Adams also reiterated that all Councilmen had been notified the day prior to the meeting at which the Police Officers were formally appointed. Mayor Adams stated further that he had been a member of the Town body for 18 years and in that 18 years he and other Councilmen had been on the losing end a number of times and that they had taken their defeat without a word and considered the matter closed, but in all his 18 years as a member, this evening was the first he



had ever witnessed where a member had been placed in the embarrassing position in which he found himself due to certain statements made during the evening. Councilman Conger at this time, stated that any statement he had made was not intended to embarrass Mayor Adams in any sense and that if his statement was the cause of any embarrassment, he most humbly apologized. Councilman Huck also made the statement that he had been notified of the meeting, but was too ill to attend.

Upon motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

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*J. William Dodd*  
Clerk.

*John Adams*  
Mayor.