

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 14, 1941.

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Conger, Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10th, 1941 were read and ordered approved.

The Financial Statement for the month of March 1941 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer, and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$2,390.68
Interest and Penalties -----	209.65
Charges -----	50.25
Special Assessments-----	2,428.75
Building Permits-----	99.00
Electrical Permits-----	47.00
Vendor Permits-----	2.00
Excavation Permits-----	1.00
Dog Tax-----	51.50
" Impounding Fee-----	5.00
Prince George County Income Tax -----	4.33
Montgomery County Income Tax-----	120.51
Commercial Pay Telephone Police Station-----	.60
Sale Copy Building Code-----	.50
State Franchise Tax-----	12.00
Montgomery County Fines -----	69.50
" " Police Telephone-----	12.00
Sidewalk Deposit-----	10.00
Montgomery County Gas Tax-----	<u>1,732.44</u>
	<u>\$7,246.71</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$559.90	
Material	284.62	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>145.48</u>	\$990.00

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	270.00	
Gas-Oil- Auto Upkeep	96.81	
Trash: Labor	360.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	13.29	
Ash: Labor	120.00	
Street Lights	\$465.79	
Traffic Light	<u>4.08</u>	<u>469.87</u>
		1,329.97

POLICE:

Salaries	\$610.00	
Clothing Allowance	45.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	33.03	
Telephone & Lights	26.58	
Radio Expense	16.50	
Miscellaneous Expense & Sup.	15.23	746.34

OFFICE:

Salaries	590.00	
Telephone & Supplies	67.90	
Postage	13.60	671.50

MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Association	210.00	
Fire Dept.	2,000.00	
Insurance	40.00	
Recording Fees	1.50	
Municipal Building Expense	88.26	
Montgomery County Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Telephone	7.20	
Dog Expense	.85	
Montgomery County Transfers	10.00	
Bldg. Permit Expense - Printing	10.30	
Office Rent	55.00	
Compensation Corporation Counsel	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
E. E. Blodgett "	50.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	15.00	2,575.11
		<u>\$6,312.92</u>

BANK STATEMENT:GENERAL ACCOUNT

Feb. 28th - On hand Citizens Bank	\$7,717.49	
Deposits in March	7,246.71	
	<u>14,964.20</u>	
No withdrawals in March		
March 31st - On hand		14,964.20
Feb. 28th - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	4,851.41	
Trans. from Bk. of Bethesda	5,000.00	
	<u>9,851.41</u>	
Withdrawn in March	6,312.92	
Mar. 31st - On hand		3,538.49
Feb. 28th - On hand Pr. Geo. Tr. Co.	5,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
Mar. 31st - On hand		5,000.00
Feb. 28th - On hand Bank of Bethesda	5,000.00	
Trans. to Sub. Nat'l T.P.	5,000.00	
Mar. 31st - On hand		<u>-----</u>
Mar. 31st - On hand in all Banks		<u>\$23,502.69</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Feb. 28th - On hand Sub.Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
Mar. 31st - On hand		323.72
Feb. 28th - On hand Citizens Bank	11,540.00	
No deposits or withdr.		
Mar. 31st - On hand		<u>11,540.00</u>
Mar. 31st - On hand in all Banks		<u>\$11,863.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From the VanVleck Construction Co. requesting additional street lights on Auburn Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. John D. Hamilton regarding investigation into rates for street lighting in the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Evelyn T. Adair, Corresponding Secretary, P. T. A. Philadelphia Avenue Grade School, regarding construction of the new Town Hall. Referred to the Mayor and Council as a whole.

From Mrs. Agnes C. Abbott, Corresponding Secretary, Takoma Park Woman's Club, regarding new Municipal Building. Referred to the Mayor and Council as a whole.

From Miss Frederica F. Carlton, Secretary of the W. F. Redman Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, regarding proposed new Municipal Building. Referred to the Mayor and Council as a whole.

From Mrs. W. W. Weidman requesting the installation of a street light on Pole 724450 on Dömer Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. O. J. Gibson regarding repairs to street at Maple and Erie Avenues, in order to keep the dust down. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Mrs. Ira Castles regarding the unfinished dwelling being erected by Mr. Wm. J. Shafer on Geneva Avenue. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

At this time Mayor Youngblood stated that he would be glad to hear from any parties interested in the construction of the curb and gutter as advertised for hearing by Ordinance No. 753.

Mr. N. C. Nelson addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the construction of curb and gutter on Jefferson Avenue as advertised, and stated that in accordance with the Petition all parties on the street desired it with the exception of the owner of the house at the corner of Carroll and Jefferson Avenues. Mr. Nelsen also requested that when this curb and gutter was installed that the entrance of Jefferson Avenue at Carroll Avenue be widened. No one else appeared at the hearing, and the hearing was declared closed by Mayor Youngblood, who stated that he would refer the matter to the Municipal Works Committee for study and action.

Mr. Winterberg of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department made a report to the Mayor and Council of the activities of the Department during the past month.

Judge Ralph Shure addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the charge on traffic violations, and suggested and requested that the Council consider a reduction in the amount of the cost.

Judge Shure also asked that the Council take some action on the matter of claim of Mrs. Emily George, regarding the construction of sidewalk on her property at the corner of Flower and Jackson Avenues, which Mrs. George claims was erroneously constructed on private property. Mayor Youngblood called this matter to the attention of the Law and Ordinance Committee, and asked that the matter be given consideration and a report be made to the Council.

Judge Shure also called attention to complaints which he has received about a Home for the Aged on Hickory Avenue, and Mayor Youngblood referred this matter to the Health and Welfare Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$2065.40 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of same was approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, reporting regarding the construction of curb and gutter on Jefferson Avenue, presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption;

ORDINANCE NO. 755

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 provision of the Town Charter, to construct cement concrete curb and gutter in Jefferson Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 753, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council March 10th, 1941, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help in the construction of same. h. 165

Section 2. That assurance is made that the curb and gutter be constructed to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed \$1000.00.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this curb and gutter be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement. Du 15: 55

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Conger and on a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Conger, Harrigan, Heffern, Martin, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

At the request of Chairman Sidell, Superintendent of Public Works Fischer, gave a report of the activities of the Street Department during the past month, and advised that the culvert in the rear of Philadelphia Avenue at Holly Avenue had been completed,

that holes in a number of streets had been filled, and that Jackson Avenue from Ethan Allen Avenue to Lincoln Avenue had been almost entirely brought up to grade by filling.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report insofar as his Committee was concerned, but stated to the Mayor that some things were going on in connection with the conduct of the Police Department, and orders had been given which had not been brought before the Council for approval. Councilman Harrigan, Chairman of the Police Department, requested Councilman Martin to name specific instances, but Councilman Martin refused to state any definite instance to which he referred. Quite a discussion was held on this matter.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Harrigan, Chairman, gave a report of the activities of the Police Department during the past month. Councilman Harrigan also read a letter to Council wherein he had authorized Sergeant Earl Thomas to take charge of the Town Police force, this being done, Councilman Harrigan, stated, after conference and approval by Mayor Youngblood. Councilman Harrigan read a letter from the Secretary, Hardin Waters, of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, expressing appreciation for his cooperation, and the cooperation of the Police Department with the Fire Department.

Councilman Harrigan stated that a vacancy had occurred on the Taxicab Stand, due to the fact that Frank Colline was unable to continue with his cab, and that Roy Gordy had already had an application in with the understanding that if a vacancy showed up he would be given a chance to occupy the stand. Councilman Harrigan stated that his Committee had decided that it would be satisfactory to transfer the permit of Mr. Frank Colline to Roy Gordy, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council. Mr. Collins had signed a letter stating that he was taking his cab from the stand.

Councilman Harrigan moved that Mr. Roy Gordy of 8423 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, driving a 1938 Sedan, be allowed the privilege of parking on the Taxicab Stand. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Harrigan stated that he had a recommendation from the Police Department regarding parking on Carroll Avenue from Ethan Allen Avenue to Flower Avenue, and stated that we recently had an accident there involving a car and a pedestrian, due to the parking on both sides of Carroll Avenue. After a lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Harrigan moved that parking be prohibited on the south-east side, or right hand side, of Carroll Avenue going towards the Sanitarium from Ethan Allen Avenue to Flower Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

Councilman Harrigan also stated that he had a recommendation from the Police Department regarding a dangerous condition existing near the intersection of Maple Avenue and East-West Highway, where the storm sewer empties into the open stream running parallel with Maple Avenue towards the Police Station, and that the Police Department recommended that a fence, or barricade, be built along Park Avenue extended over this storm sewer, to prevent school children from falling into this stream. After discussion of this matter,

on motion of Councilman Harrigan, seconded by Councilman Taft, the Superintendent of Public Works was instructed to build this fence, or barricade.

At this time Councilman Harrigan stated that he had been subjected to quite a bit of criticism during the evening's meeting, in connection with his activities in the Police Department, which criticism he branded as unjust, due to the fact that no orders had been given, or changes made, without the full consent of the Mayor, who primarily was in entire charge of the Police Department. Councilman Harrigan stated that it was not his intention to conduct the Police Department in any but a satisfactory manner, having in mind always the safety of the public, and that he thought that when any criticism was made in connection with his conduct with the Police Department, specific cases should be cited, in order that he might have an opportunity to answer same. Councilman Harrigan also called attention of the Council to the fact that while the conduct of the Police Department had been criticised by Councilman Martin, who is President of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, he had a letter from the Secretary of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department expressing to him personally the appreciation of the Department for his cooperation.

At this time Councilman Taft stated that from the discussion he believed that there was some misunderstanding in connection with the Police Department affairs, which he believed could be very easily ironed out.

WELFARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that unsanitary conditions existed in connection with the Murray property on Lincoln Avenue, and also called attention to the fact that a dwelling on Maple Avenue, off of Sherman Avenue, owned by Mrs. Margaret Ray, had not been connected with the sewer in the street, and recommended and moved that these matters be taken up with the County Health Officer, with the request that he notify the owner of these properties that they will have to take immediate steps to abate the nuisance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

On motion of Councilman Conger, seconded by Councilman Taft, the Council adjourned at 10:37 P. M.

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J. John Dodd
Clerk

O. W. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 12, 1941.

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft. Councilman Conger not able to attend due to illness.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 1941 were read and approved.

The Financial Statement for the month of April, 1941 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$578.79
Interest and Penalties-----	103.16
Charges-----	115.25
Special Assessments-----	1,215.92
Building Permits-----	187.00
Electrical Permits-----	50.00
Dog Tax-----	55.00
Tax Certificate Redemption-----	46.06
Montgomery County Police Telephone-----	12.00
Montgomery County Fines-----	93.00
Commission-Pay Telephone Police Station	.60
Interest on Certificate of Deposit-----	102.74
Sidewalk Deposit-----	10.00
	\$2,569.52

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$470.95	
Material	341.84	
Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep	55.75	
Resurfacing and Grading	<u>1,116.56</u>	1,985.10

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	270.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep	48.01	
Trash: Labor	288.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep	21.86	
Disposal (2 months)	117.10	
Ash: Labor	85.80	
Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep	50.46	
Street Lights	\$515.69	
Traffic Light	<u>11.09</u>	<u>526.78</u>
		1,408.01

POLICE:

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Salaries	670.00	
Clothing Allowance	50.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	47.01	
Telephone-Coal-Lights	83.43	
Miscellaneous supplies	4.49	854.93
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OFFICE:

Salaries	590.00	
Telephone and supplies	52.28	
Postage	7.00	649.28
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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor	18.00	18.00
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Holly and Phild. Ave.(Culvert)	50.40	
Jefferson Ave. Curb and Gutter	8.00	58.40
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Association	210.00	
Recording Fees-	4.50	
Tax Sale Certificate	46.06	
Insurance	32.00	
Tax Sale Expense	109.00	
Municipal Bldg. Remodeling and Clinic	128.69	
Dog Expense	7.00	
Montgomery County Telephone	12.00	
Welfare Center Telephone	9.65	
Building Permit Expense(Printing)	22.05	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
E. E. Blodgett's "	50.00	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	775.95
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\$5,749.67BANK STATEMENT:GENERAL ACCOUNT

March 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$14,964.20	
Deposits in April	125.04	
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	15,089.24	
Withdrawn in April	5,525.67	
April 30th - On hand		9,563.57
March 31st - On hand Sub./ Nat'l T.P.	3,538.49	
Deposits in April	2,444.48	
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	5,982.97	
Withdrawn in April	224.00	
April 30th - On hand		5,758.97

March 31st - On hand Pr. Geo. Tr. Co.	5,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		5,000.00
April 30st- On hand		
April 30th - On hand in all banks		<u>\$20,322.54</u>

REVOLVING FUND

March 31st - on hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
April 30th @ On hand		323.72
March 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	11,540.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
April 30th - On hand		<u>11,540.00</u>
April 30th - On hand in all banks		<u>\$11,863.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From G. H. Smith asking the assignment of Tax Certificate covering Lot 5 in Block 63, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, assessed in the name of Cameron D. York. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From the Takoma Park, Maryland Library Association regarding the Library Budget for the Year 1941-42. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From E. D. Glassford, 211 Baltimore Avenue, applying for position on the Town Police force. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Patrick J. Hurley, regarding Flag Week from June 8th to 14th inclusive. Referred to Mayor Youngblood.

From Parent-Teachers Association of the J. Enos Ray School regarding repairs to playground equipment. Referred to the Civic Education and Improvement Committee.

From Attorney Ralph Shure regarding trespassing on the property of Emily George by the laying of sidewalk at the corner of Flower and Jackson Avenues. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Mr. G. F. Brewton, regarding repairs to curb and gutter at the corner of Mississippi Avenue and Piney Branch Road, in order that the water may be deflected from his property. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from several property owners in the vicinity of Baltimore Court, requesting that something be done to this street in order to keep the dust down on same, and in order to keep the drainage from the street running upon the property adjacent to it. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. Winterberg, Assistant Chief of the Takoma Park Fire Dept. presented a report covering the activities of the Fire Department from April 14th, 1941 to May 12th, 1941. This report was ordered filed.

Mrs. Thelma M. Grock appeared before Council and complained of the condition of Mississippi Avenue, and asked that steps be taken to put this street in a good passable condition.

Mrs. Ira Castles appeared before Council regarding the unfinished condition of the dwelling being built by Mr. W. J. Schafer at 4 Geneva Avenue. Mrs. Castles asked that steps be taken to induce these people to complete the building, and that steps be taken to correct the unsightly condition which existed in that neighborhood.

Mrs. E. K. Taylor of 135 Carroll Avenue addressed Council regarding the unfinished condition of storm sewer in connection with her property. Mrs. Taylor was advised by Mayor Youngblood that the Municipal Works Committee would look into this matter immediately and see that the situation was corrected.

Mr. G. H. Smith also addressed Council regarding sanitation in the rear of Ridge Avenue, and advised Council that these old houses contained no sewer, and asked that the matter be looked into to see if this condition could not be corrected.

Mr. John C. Post presented to Council a petition asking for the improvement of Holly Avenue from the end of the present concrete to Philadelphia Avenue. This petition was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. Brewton also addressed the Council regarding the condition of his property due to the water from the street, and was advised by Mayor Youngblood that the matter would be looked into to see what could be done.

Mrs. Ira Castles again addressed the Council and asked if any consideration had been given by the Mayor and Council to the hiring of a full time Building Inspector, and asked that this matter be given consideration.

Mayor Youngblood at this time advised those present that he was glad to have any citizen appear before the Council who had any suggestions to make regarding the welfare of the Town, and expressed the hope that Council meetings would be attended by the citizens of the Town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, reporting in the absence of Chairman Conger, asked the Treasurer to present bills which the Finance Committee had approved, the amount of these bills \$3,087.31, and the payment of same was approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairman Sidell stated that the open ditch in the rear of Valley View Avenue had been brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council several times lately regarding the unsanitary condition of same, and recommended that the Town put a culvert in this stream in order to close it up entirely, and after discussion of this matter it was finally decided to advertise a hearing on the construction of this culvert, said hearing to be held at the next regular Council meeting of the Council on June 16th, 1941, and the following Ordinance was presented by Councilman Sidell, who moved the adoption of same.

ORDINANCE NO. 756

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of a culvert for a distance of approximately 150 ft. between Valley View and Maple Avenues, abutting Lots 55 and 56 and Outlot "A", Hobart Subdivision, and Lot 39 in Block 87, Holmes and Austin Subdivision, at a cost of approximately \$2.50 per linear foot for the material used in said culvert, said cost of material to be assessed against the lots abutting the improvement, and the labor in connection with the cost of said culvert to be assumed by the Town.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting, which will be held on June 16th, 1941, convening at eight o'clock P. M. at the Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard with regard to the work herein proposed.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Taft and was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Harrigan, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee, asked if the report of his committee could not be heard at this time, as it was necessary for him to get away from the Council meeting to keep another engagement. Mayor Youngblood stated that it would be in order to hear his report at this time. Chairman Harrigan stated that the only thing he had to report was a letter from Mr. B. Heuman regarding parking in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue in front of the stores, Mr. Heuman requesting that parking be limited to one hour, and after discussion of the matter Councilman Harrigan moved that parking in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue be limited to one hour from eight A. M. to six P. M. seven days a week. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Continuing with the report of the Municipal Works Committee, Councilman Sidell brought to the attention of the Council the bad condition of the sidewalks in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue, and suggested that something be done to correct this bad condition. Mayor Youngblood requested that Councilman Sidell and Superintendent of Public Works Fischer look this situation over and if possible repair these sidewalks at an early date.

Councilman Sidell also stated that the complaint of Mr. Brewton on Mississippi Avenue would be given immediate attention and an effort made to correct the condition of which he complained.

Regarding the petition referring to Baltimore Court between Philadelphia Avenue and Baltimore Avenue, Councilman Sidell stated

that this street had been cut through in order that dirt may be obtained to fill in over a sewer at the lower end of this street, and that the street was very rarely used by traffic, and stated that it was his opinion that the street should be barricaded and steps taken to put some oil on it to keep down the dust, and that some way be figured out to put a retaining wall up to keep storm water from this street from going on to the rear of the property of the people living adjacent to same. Councilman Sidell stated that to open this street to traffic, in his opinion, would be very dangerous, as it comes out on to Philadelphia Avenue (East-West Highway) and it is very hard in coming up this street to see traffic coming down Philadelphia Avenue, and he considers it very dangerous from a traffic standpoint. Councilman Sidell was requested by Mayor Youngblood to look into the matter and do whatever necessary to correct the condition which had been complained of.

Regarding the petition of property owners on Holly Avenue, with reference to the improvement of this street, Councilman Sidell stated that the petition was not clear as to just what these people wanted. He did not understand whether they wanted curb and gutter or whether they wanted curb and gutter and a permanent street in between, and after discussion of this matter the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. John C. Post, who presented this petition, asking him to state more clearly the desires of the petitioners.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Taft moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 757

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

Section 1. That the Plat of dedication of Grant Avenue, as presented by John Rodger Hodges and Hazel Hill Hodges, through the J. Rodger Hodges Farm, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this street when graded for public use be graded to proper grade according to approved profile, and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, the cost of said grading to be charged against the lots abutting same.

Section 3. That the cost of all future construction of paving, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and any necessary culverts or bridges be charged against the property abutting said Grant Avenue as herein dedicated, and that the construction of this work be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Martin and was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, referring to the letter of the Parent Teachers Association of the J. Enos Ray School, regarding repairs to playground equipment, stated that this matter would be given attention at once.

Councilman Martin stated that he would like to inform the Street Committee that a bad street condition existed in front of the residence of Mrs. B. S. Chaney on Manor Circle, and that a bad condition existed in the sidewalk in front of the residence of Miss Catherine King on Grant Avenue, and asked that the Street Committee look into these matters.

Councilman Martin also brought to the attention of the Council that water continually runs into Grant Avenue from the Taxaco Gas Station at the corner of Grant and Carroll Avenues. Councilman Martin stated that during the Winter water flows in the street and makes a very bad condition.

Mayor Youngblood referred these matters to the Street Committee and asked that they be looked into immediately.

Councilman Martin presented the following report regarding the petition of Lillie Lewis et al, with reference to the changing from Residential "A" to "B" of Lots 1 to 8 inclusive in Block "A" of Enoch Maris or Cunningham Subdivision.

The application of Lillie Lewis, et al, to change the zoning from Residential "A" to Residential "B" of Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, in Block "A" of Enoch Maris or Cunningham Subdivision, Takoma Park, Maryland, was referred to your Committee on Civic Improvement and Education.

Pursuant thereto, your Committee on April 28, 1941 held a public hearing on said application. Notice of time and place of said hearing on said application. Notice of time and place of said hearing was duly served on all property owners within said block.

At said hearing, the applicants, Lillie Lewis, et al, spoke in favor of the granting of said application, and George W. Davis of 818 Davis Avenue appeared in opposition thereto. But it developed at the hearing that Mr. Davis and others who opposed said application were under the impression that a change from Residential "A" to Residential "B" permitted large apartment houses to be constructed, and when they were advised that Residential "B" meant two-family apartments, their opposition was withdrawn and Mr. Henry J. McDermott, whose property joins in the rear the property proposed to be changed, spoke in favor of said application.

Therefore, your Committee respectfully reports in favor of the application and recommends the granting of said petition of Lillie Lewis, et al.

We further recommend that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County.

Upon motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Taft, the report of the Committee, with the recommendations contained therein, was unanimously adopted.

At this time, in the absence of Chairman Harrigan of the Municipal Service Committee, Mayor Youngblood read a report of the activities of the Police Department during the past month.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: With reference to the application of G. H. Smith for the assignment of Tax Certificate on Lot 5 in Block 63, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, sold in the name of Henry C. York, Councilman Taft moved that this Certificate be assigned to Mr. Smith upon the payment of all taxes due on the above property. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the complaint of Mrs. Castle in connection with the house under construction by Mr. Schaefer, Councilman Taft stated that this property he understands will very likely change hands in the very near future, and if so, Building Inspector Frye had stated that he would compel the new owner to take out another Building Permit and complete this structure.

Regarding the letter from Attorney Ralph Shure, Corporation Counsel Lamond was called upon to advise the Mayor and Council in connection with this matter, and stated that the offer of settlement in Mr. Shure's letter was not exactly in accordance with his conversation with Mr. Shire, but that he would recommend that the Town pay to the owner of the property, Miss Emily George, either \$50.00 or \$75.00 and abate the charge for the curb and gutter and sidewalk which had been constructed across her property. After discussion of this matter Councilman Taft moved that the Corporation Counsel be authorized to continue negotiations with Attorney Shure and if necessary to offer as high as \$75.00 to the property owner and the abatement of the charge for the curb and gutter and sidewalk. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Upon motion of Councilman Heffner, Chairman, properly seconded, two new doors were ordered installed in the Municipal Building on Columbia Avenue, and the basement door adjusted to swing out in the opposite direction.

Councilman Martin at this time stated that if we were to continue spending money on the building at 8 Columbia Avenue, he was of the opinion that the Town should get some use out of same, and suggested that the Town offices or the Police Department might be housed in this building. Councilman Taft stated that he thought Councilman Martin had touched on something that we should really give consideration, and that it was his opinion that arrangements could be made to use a portion of this building for the Police. He stated that he thought the basement floor could be used to advantage for the police, and the Welfare could be housed to advantage on the first floor. After discussion of this matter, Mayor Youngblood stated that he would refer same to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee for investigation and recommendations to the Council.

Councilman Heffner reported at this time that the cost of the Dental Chair, and the installation of same, was \$335.00, which

amount had been paid in full.

Upon motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Martin, the Council adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

Inclosed

J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 2nd, 1941.

The Council met at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Councilman Conger, and those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilman Conger, Heffner, Martin and Sidell.

The Council met to discuss the Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1941, and to discuss and adopt Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1941. The finances of the Town were discussed at length by all present, and the proposed Budget as presented by the Finance Committee was thoroughly discussed. With reference to the Tax Rate for the next fiscal year, Councilman Conger offered the following Ordinance, and moved the adoption of same.

ORDINANCE NO. 758

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

Section 1. That a general Tax Rate of Eighty Cents (80¢) 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 for the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1941.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Sidell and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Conger, Heffner, Martin and Sidell. Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Conger offered the following Ordinance with reference to the Budget, and moved the adoption of same.