

TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

1. FINANCE	H. J. Carr, Chairman M. C. Taft, V. " H. V. Russell	Assessments - Budget - Tax Rate - Tax Collection - Disbursements - Office Administration - Audit)))	Town Clerk and Treasurer
2. MUNICIPAL SERVICE	J. F. Sidell, Chairman H. C. Heffner, V. " Jos. Martin	Police Department - Fire Department - Street Illumination - Building Inspection - Permits.)))	Police and Special Offices Building Inspector Electrical Inspector
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4. CIVIC IMPROVEMENT	Jos. Martin, Chairman J. F. Sidell, V. " M. C. Taft	Zoning - Parks and Parkings - Playgrounds - Schools - Library.)))	Playground Supervisors
5. MUNICIPAL WORKS	H. V. Russell, Chairman H. J. Carr, V. " H. C. Heffner	Street, Sidewalk and Bridge Construction and Maintenance - Grading - Drainage - Engineering.)))	Superintendent of Public Works - Surveyor.
6. LAW AND ORDINANCE	M. C. Taft, Chairman H. V. Russell, V. " H. J. Carr	Ordinances - Town Charter - Legal Action - Justices of the Peace.)))	Corporation Counsel

	Chairman	Vice Chairman	Member
H. J. Carr	Finance	Municipal Works	Law and Ordinance
J. F. Sidell	Municipal Service	Civic Improvement	Social Welfare & H.
H. C. Heffner	Social Welfare & Health	Municipal Service	Municipal Works
Jos. Martin	Civic Improvement	Social Welfare & H.	Municipal Service
H. V. Russell	Municipal Works	Law and Ordinance	Finance
M. C. Taft	Law and Ordinance	Finance	Civic Improvement

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JUNE 23, 1941.

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

The Clerk read to Council the following communications:

From Fred J. & Phoebe I. Pfohl and H. L., Sr., and Mary a King, regarding the construction of a storm sewer across their properties to take care of storm water from Flower Avenue. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. Geo. E. Robertson, 227 Willow Avenue, regarding storm sewer water which comes down through the sewer over the rear of his property, Mr. Robertson claiming that the sewer installed at the present time is not adequate to take care of storm water in heavy rains. This was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. E. B. Fetty, Chairman of the Parade Committee of the Fourth of July Celebration, requesting permission of the Mayor and Council to hold a Fourth of July Parade, and upon motion of Councilman Harrigan, seconded by Councilman Heffner, permission to hold this parade at nine o'clock A. M. July 4th, 1941 was granted.

From I. A. Gehrman regarding damages to his properties on Davis Avenue and Eastern Avenue, caused by recent storms in the Town. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From the Parent-Teachers Association of the Takoma Park Elementary School at Philadelphia Avenue, regarding the breakage of window panes in the school at Philadelphia and Birch Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Petition from five property owners on Jefferson Avenue requesting the extension of the curb and gutter in Jefferson Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Superintendent of Public Works Fischer advised the Council that about 60 ft. of the sewer which runs through Lot 5 in Block 86, abutting Cedar Avenue, was constructed of hollow tile with very little reinforcing, and that he was very much afraid that during a heavy flow of water this hollow tile portion of the sewer might collapse, just as it did at the rear of this lot sometime ago, and stated that he thought the portion of the culvert that is now constructed of hollow tile should be removed and replaced with concrete block and cement with proper reinforcing before same collapses and does considerable damage.

After discussion of this matter, on motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Harrigan, Superintendent of Public Works Fischer was instructed to replace the hollow tile portion of this culvert with the cement block and concrete type of culvert properly reinforced.

Consideration was given to the claim of H. H. Harrigan of 343 Baltimore Avenue and George H. McCauley of 7432 Piney Branch Road for damage to the basements of their homes caused by storm sewer beneath the basement of each property. The evidence discloses that when the two parcels of property in question were improved by the construction of a home on each, the Town's storm sewer leading from Baltimore Avenue carried the water onto the property now owned by Mr. H. H. Harrigan and from the Harrigan property on down through George H. McCauley's property. As the Harrigan property was lower, a fill was made, and in order not to interfere with the flow of water through said sewer by the construction of the houses, connection was made by the builder by the use of terra cotta pipe from curb to cellar wall, and galvanized pipe was used under the properties now owned by Mr. Harrigan and Mr. McCauley. The evidence further shows that the Town for some years has made use of this sewer across these properties and that a break was discovered about a year ago in this sewer, which break caused the flooding of the property under the basement floors and cracked the basement floors of said properties in places. On account of this it was necessary last year for the Town to plug up this sewer and stop the flow across the properties in question and construct a new line of sewer along Baltimore Avenue. The evidence further discloses that the earth beneath the basements of said properties has been washed away on account of the break in this sewer, and part of the basement floors has sunk and broken, thus causing damage to both properties.

After further consideration of all the facts, and in counsel with Mr. Lamond, Corporation Counsel, Councilman Taft made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilman Martin and carried, that in view of the facts and evidence disclosed, the Town repair the basements of both Mr. Harrigan and Mr. McCauley, so that the same may be in as good condition as when first constructed.

Councilman Heffner moved the reappointment of Mr. Charles O. Downey as Special Dog Officer for the Town for the ensuing year. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

With reference to the communications referred to the Municipal Works Committee, Councilman Sidell, Chairman of the Committee, stated that he would like to meet the members of his Committee, and, if possible, the Mayor and other members of the Council, next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, in order that a tour might be made of the entire Town to investigate these matters, and look into other matters that needed attention.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he would be glad to make a tour, and the other members of the Council stated that they would be glad to go with Councilman Sidell if nothing happened to prevent them going.

Councilman Martin stated that in his Committee Report at the last Council Meeting, it was stated that the Homelite Pump would cost in the neighborhood of \$200.00, but that he finds the pump with the necessary equipment will cost \$296.50.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that the Pump be purchased with the necessary equipment to properly operate same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Martin stated that one more young lady was being tried out as Assistant Playground Supervisor, and that if she proved satisfactory he would ask for her appointment at a later meeting.

On motion properly seconded, the Council adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

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J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

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STATEMENTS

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 14th, 1941

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin and Taft. Councilman Conger unable to attend due to illness, and Councilman Sidell was out of the city.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16th, 1941 and Special Meeting of June 23rd, 1941, were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$24.80
Interest and Penalties-----	10.83
Charges-----	6.75
Special Assessments-----	166.08
Building Permits-----	194.00
Electrical Permits-----	55.00
Vendor Permit-----	12.00
Dog Tax-----	15.00
Montgomery County Telephone-Police-----	12.00
Sidewalk Deposits-----	20.00
	<u>\$516.46</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	672.55	
Material-	469.31	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	441.65	
Equipment	<u>1,062.27</u>	2,645.78

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	270.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	122.66	
Trash: Labor	288.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	13.42	
Disposal	83.70	
Street Lights	515.69	
Traffic Light	<u>4.52</u>	1,297.99

POLICE:

Salaries	670.00	
Clothing Allowance	50.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	82.57	
Telephone-Coal-Light	39.83	
Misc. Expense & Supplies	23.78	
Equipment	<u>5.91</u>	872.09

OFFICE:

Salaries	590.00	
Printing-Advertising	103.39	
Postage (Tax bills)	59.48	
New Bound Cash Book	35.32	
Telephones & Supplies	<u>33.95</u>	822.14

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:

Salaries	116.50	
Labor	72.00	
Misc. Expense	<u>6.95</u>	195.45

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENT:

Cedar Avenue Culvert	<u>428.00</u>	428.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Fire Department-per agreement	1,000.00	
Fire Department-Convention expense	200.00	
Library Association	210.00	
Tax Sale Expense	52.92	
Insurance	48.00	
Dog Expense	14.17	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	10.02	
Advertisement-Montgomery Blair School	12.50	
Pr. Geo. County Transfers	25.00	
Mont. County Police Tel.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tel.	9.80	
Montgomery County Atlas	75.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corporation Counsel Salary	50.00	
E.E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	1,864.41
		<u>\$8,125.86</u>

BANK STATEMENT:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

May 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	\$4,899.59	
Deposits in June	516.46	
	<u>5,416.05</u>	
Withdrawn in June	<u>4,473.66</u>	942.39
June 30th- On hand		
May 31st - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	4,986.12	
No deposits in June		
	<u>4,986.12</u>	
Withdrawn in June	<u>3,652.20</u>	
June 30th- On hand		1,333.92
May 31st - Onhand P.G. Tr. Co.	5,000.00	
Trans. to Citizens Bank		
Revolving Fund	<u>3,000.00</u>	
June 30th- On hand		2,000.00
June 30th- On hand in all Banks		<u>\$4,276.31</u>

REVOLVING FUND

May 31st - On hand Sub. Nat'l Bank	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
June 30th- On hand		323.72
May 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	11,540.00	
Trans. from P.G.Tr.Co.	<u>3,000.00</u>	
June 30th- On hand		<u>14,540.00</u>
June 30th- On hand in all Banks		<u>\$14,863.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Dr. E.G. Salisbury regarding sidewalk conditions on Flower Avenue, and also the overhanging of shubbery on to the sidewalk. Dr. Salisbury also made the request that the merchants at the corner of Flower and Erie Avenues be compelled to keep their property in a more sightly condition. This letter was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Van Vleck Construction Co. requesting street lights on Devonshire Road. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Floyd A. Helms requesting street light half way between Kennebec and Houston Avenues on Roanoke Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Dr. V. L. Ellicott of the Health Department of Montgomery County regarding enforcement of regulations to compel property owners who are using septic tanks to connect with the sanitary sewer where a sewer is available. Dr. Ellicott advised that this matter was being investigated and a program formulated to take care of this matter, about which he would advise the Council later.

From John L. McKenney asking for "One Hour" parking regulations in front of his property on Carroll Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From C. A. Setterstrom, 307 Cedar Avenue regarding the keeping of chickens on the premises of Irving Johnson, 305 Cedar Avenue. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

From Max W. Shoup regarding grading of Alley in rear of his property at 523 Sligo Creek Parkway. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in reply to communication by the Town Clerk in reference to sewer conditions on the property of Mr. Nichols at 110 Westmoreland Avenue, in which communication the Sanitary Commission advises that they will investigate this matter.

From C. J. Bride regarding repairs to the drain at the North Takoma Park Playground, in which he stated that the Park and Planning Commission had advised him that they would repair this drain, and that they also contemplated putting a coat of paint on the equipment house located in the Park.

Petition from Vera's Beauty Salon and the Carroll Manor Hardware Co. asking that the "One Hour" parking limit on Carroll Avenue from Grant Avenue to Lee Avenue be abolished, and that a two or three hour limit be established. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

The Clerk read a report from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department giving a summary of the activities of the Department from June 30th, 1941 to June 12th, 1941.

Mayor Youngblood at this time read a report of the work accomplished in the Town during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1941.

Mrs. G. A. Robertson and Mrs. Scott of Willow Avenue addressed Council regarding over flow of storm sewer in the rear of their property.

Mr. Carter, Mrs. A. M. Shadle and Mr. O'Meare addressed Council regarding storm sewer conditions in the vicinity of Elm, Poplar, Spring and Alleghany Avenues.

Mr. Kelly of 103 Dogwood Avenue addressed Council regarding the grade of Dogwood Avenue in front of his property, contending that the street at present is too high, causing storm water to run on to his property, and requested that some action be taken to lower the grade of this street immediately.

Mr. Hirst of Jefferson Avenue complained about the curb and

gutter constructed on Jefferson Avenue, the nature of his complaint being that the curb was not rounded off sufficiently in various places.

Mayor Youngblood advised those who addressed Council that their complaints would be given attention, and that the storm sewer matter was being studied very seriously, and some action would be taken immediately in an effort to relieve the conditions complained of.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$1858.08 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of same was approved.

The Annual Financial Statement covering the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1940 and ending June 30th, 1941 was presented as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$62,820.99	
Less Discounts-----	<u>1,851.05</u>	\$60,969.94
Back Taxes-----		265.13
Interest and Penalties-----		1,026.57
Charges-----		261.50
Special Assessments-----		7,917.28
Building Permits-----		1,467.00
Electrical Permits-----		595.00
Excavation Permits-----		5.00
Dog Tax-----		718.75
Impounding Fees-----		9.00
Vendor & Taxicab Permits-----		92.00
State Franchise Tax-----		63.50
Montgomery Income Tax-----		3,278.09
" " Gas Tax-----		3,406.12
" " Fines-----		498.50
" " Bank Share Tax-----		323.28
" " Police Telephone-----		144.00
Prince George's County Income Tax-----		299.14
" " Gas Tax-----		779.58
" " Fines-----		22.00
Tax Sale Certificate Redemption-----		54.70
Sidewalk Protection Deposits-----		70.00
General Taxes Overpaid-----		65.72
Additional Building Inspection-----		100.00
Commission Pay Telephone-Police Station-----		2.96
Sale Copy of Building Code-----		.50
Interest on Certificate of Deposits-----		<u>102.74</u>
		<u>\$82,538.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Special Street Construction	\$7,413.63	
Less Town Share	<u>667.09</u>	6,746.54
STREETS: Labor	6,250.70	
Material-Grading-Resurfacing	11,969.30	
Engineering	360.45	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Tools & Supplies	2,153.27	
Equipment	1,137.27	
Town Share Assessable Improvements	<u>667.09</u>	22,538.08
SERVICE: Trash Collection	5,037.57	
" Equipment	1,101.90	
Ash Collection	1,052.80	
Garbage Collection	4,004.26	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>5,987.76</u>	17,184.29
POLICE: Salaries	7,036.00	
Clothing Allowance	515.00	
Gas-Oil-auto upkeep-Misc. Expense	1,328.01	
Equipment	<u>180.47</u>	9,059.48
OFFICE: Salaries-including Supt. of Public Works, Clerk and Treasurer, Additional Clerical, Elec. & Bldg. Inspectors	7,080.00	
Telephones, Supplies & Misc.	488.53	
Postage and Printing	329.89	
Equipment	<u>94.50</u>	7,992.92
PARKS		
PLAYGROUNDS: Salaries	916.50	
Labor	442.03	
Misc. Supplies & Equipment	<u>162.76</u>	1,521.29
APPROPRIATIONS: Fire Dept.- per agreement	5,500.00	
" " - Convention Exp.	200.00	
Library Association	<u>2,520.00</u>	8,220.00
MISCELLANEOUS: Recording Fees	29.00	
Dog Expense	127.46	
Taxicab Expense	5.88	
Office Rent	660.00	
Building Inspector Expense	180.00	
" Permit Exp.-Printing	57.34	
Additional Bldg. Inspect.Pd.by Bldr.	100.00	
Tax Sale Expense	197.82	
Salary Corporation Counsel	600.00	
Refund Sidewalk and Taxicab Deposits	42.00	
Refund Taxes	178.01	
Tax Certificate redemptions	54.70	
E.E.Blodgett Retirement	600.00	
Henry Fields-	250.00	
Insurance	1,026.10	
Annual Audit Expense	192.32	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	144.00	
" " Transfers	10.00	
" " Atlas	75.00	

DISBURSEMENTS CONT'D

Prince George's County Transfers	61.00	
" " " Atlas	75.00	
Expense Boyd & Jackson Aves. Dedication	407.76	
Welfare Center Telephone	103.95	
Munic. Bldg. Exp.-Remodeling-Janitor	604.12	
" " Equipment-Chairs-Table	176.50	
Advt. Mont-Blair High School Year Book	12.50	
Dues Civic Fed. & Munic. League	30.00	6,050.46
		<u>6,050.46</u>
Total Expenditures-----		<u>\$79,313.06</u>

CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT

Balance on hand June 30th, 1940	\$15,915.09	
Receipts Fiscal Year of 1940	<u>82,538.00</u>	
	98,453.09	
Disbursements Fiscal Year of 1940	<u>79,313.06</u>	
Balance on hand in all Banks June 30th, 1941-----		\$19,140.03

FUNDS LOCATIONGENERAL ACCOUNT;

June 30th, 1941-Citizens Bank	942.39	
June 30th, 1941-Sub.Nat'l Takoma Park	1,333.92	
June 30th, 1941-Pr. Geo. Trust Co.	<u>2,000.00</u>	4,276.31

REVOLVING FUND:

June 30th, 1941 - Citizens Bank-Certificates of Deposit	14,540.00	
June 30th, 1941 - Sub. Nat'l Takoma Pk.	<u>323.72</u>	<u>14,863.72</u>
June 30th, 1941 - Total Funds on hand in all Banks--		\$19,140.03

(Petty Cash Fund on hand - \$30.00)

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Vice-Chairman, reporting in the absence of Chairman Sidell, stated that he would like to have a Special Meeting held at an early date in order that storm sewer and other street matters might be disposed of.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Martin stated that numerous complaints were made to him regarding paper in the rear of the stores at Carroll and Laurel Avenues blowing on to other property, and after discussion of this matter the Clerk was authorized to write the various business houses in this block and call their attention to the unsightly condition of the lot in the rear of the stores, and request that they discontinue the throwing of paper on to the ground, and that same be put into containers until properly disposed of.

Chairman Martin also requested that the Superintendent of Public Works be ordered to replace the sign at the alley coming from the rear of the stores on Laurel Avenue, which sign was taken

down at the time the alley was widened, said sign reading "Proceed on Green Light".

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chairman Harrigan reported in regard to letter from Mr. McKenney regarding parking regulations on Carroll Avenue, advising Council that he was positive that there already existed a Regulation calling for "One Hour" parking on that side of Carroll Avenue from Elm Avenue to the intersection of Tulip Avenue, and the Clerk was ordered to look same up in the minutes and ascertain whether such a regulation was on record.

Regarding a Petition from Vera's Beauty Salon and the Manor Circle Hardware Co. asking that the parking regulations from Grant Avenue to Lee Avenue be changed from one hour to two and three hours parking, Chairman Harrigan stated that in the former Petition asking that "One Hour" parking be inaugurated, practically all the business houses signed same, and stated that he would hold this matter until a later meeting before making any recommendations in connection with same.

Regarding the request of the Van Vleck Construction Co. for street lights on Devonshire Road, Chairman Harrigan stated that this matter would be investigated and reported on at a later date.

Mayor Youngblood presented report of the activities of the Police Department during the past month.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 761

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

Section 1. That the resubdivision of Blocks 92, 93, 94 and part of 95, known as the Beale Subdivision, and part of Block 36, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, into Lots 18 to 32 inclusive, Block 92A; lots 11 to 14 inclusive, Block 93A; lots 19 to 40 inclusive, Block 94A; lots 41 to 67 inclusive, Block 95A, and lots 29 to 38 inclusive and lot 40, Block 95B, to be known as Hampshire Knolls,

Section 3, said Subdivision being located partly in Montgomery County and partly in Prince George's County, in the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That all ungraded streets in said subdivision dedicated for public use, when graded to proper grade, be graded according to approved profile, and under the supervision of 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 as shown on said Plat 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.

While examining the Plat covering this Subdivision, it was noted that there was a small triangular strip of land projecting into Boyd Avenue of approximately 23 sq. ft. This was called to the attention of Mr. Gottlieb, who was present, and he advised Council that it was not intended for this small piece of land to be included in the subdivision, as it was not owned by Smith and Gottlieb, and they, therefore, could not dedicate it. It was called to the attention of Mr. Gottlieb that this irregularity might at some future time cause serious controversy and expense to the Town. After a lengthy discussion of this matter, Mr. Gottlieb stated that he would agree in writing to protect the Town from any expense in connection with this small piece of land, if the Plat was approved as presented.

After further discussion Councilman Taft moved the adoption of this ordinance, providing Smith and Gottlieb, the Subdividers, protect the Town against any future expense or controversy in connection with the small triangular piece projecting into Boyd Avenue, consisting of approximately 23 sq. ft., and that when such assurance is given by the said Smith & Gottlieb that the Plat be approved by the Town in order that it may be placed upon the land records.

Under the above motion the adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Harrigan, and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilman Harrigan, Heffner, Martin and Taft, Voting Nay, none.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Gottlieb of Smith and Gottlieb at this time addressed the Council regarding the Electrical Code in the Town, and made the statement that in a conference with the Electrical Inspector, the Inspector was requiring some things in connection with the wiring of houses that was not contained in the Code. After quite a discussion on this subject, in which no definite answer could be given until the Code was further consulted, Mr. Fetty stated that he was going over the Code at the present time and making some revisions which would bring same up to date.

On motion properly seconded the Council adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood,
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 19th, 1941.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood read to the Council resignation received from William M. Whalen, Town Police Officer, who was resigning from the Town force in order to take a position as a Montgomery County Police Officer. Expressions of the efficient services of Officer Whalen were made by the Mayor and Council, and on motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Sidell, the resignation of Mr. Whalen was accepted with regret, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Whalen commending him for his services while a Town Police Officer, and wishing him every success in his new venture.

Mayor Youngblood read to the Council resignation of Councilman A. L. Conger, in which Councilman Conger expressed his regret at the necessity of resigning as Councilman for the Town of Takoma Park, but stated that ill health incapacitated him for the duties involved in the office.

After discussion of the resignation of Councilman Conger, Councilman Harrigan moved that the Council accede to the wishes of Councilman Conger, and express to him the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the long and efficient services he has given to the Town, and to express their sincere wishes for his return to good health. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the meeting had been primarily

called to discuss ways and means to take care of the storm sewer situation in the Town, as it was evident that additional sewers should be constructed, and some of the sewers enlarged, as recent heavy rains in the Town had caused considerable inconvenience and some slight damage.

This matter was discussed at length by the Mayor and Council and Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond. Mr. Lamond advised the Mayor and Council that while it was his opinion that the Town was not liable for damages that occur from heavy rain storms of the nature we have had recently, he thought there was more or less of a moral obligation upon the Town to make every effort to eliminate as far as possible this condition. After a further lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that storm sewers be installed where necessary in the thickly populated sections of the Town, and that those sewers found not ^{to} be large enough, be enlarged, same to be paid for out of the general revenue of the Town, doing as much of this work each year for which funds were available; that all necessary storm sewers in newly subdivided sections be constructed by the subdivider under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, or be constructed by the Town and assessed against the abutting property. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

The matter of installation of toilets in the cells at the Police Station was discussed, and the Clerk ordered to obtain prices for the installation of same and report back to Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Fred L. Glaize, Jr., regarding condition of street in Manor Circle, and same was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

The matter of necessity of appointment of a Councilman to take the place of Councilman Conger, whose resignation had been accepted

earlier in the meeting, was discussed. Mayor Youngblood stated that he had in mind a man from Prince George's County section of the Town, who he thought would serve the Town to advantage in the capacity of Councilman. Mayor Youngblood stated that he referred to Mr. Howard V. Russell, who lives at 417 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, and stated that Mr. Russell was a structural steel engineer, and believed that his qualifications as an Engineer would be of material advantage. Mayor Youngblood stated that he had broached the subject to Mr. Russell and Mr. Russell had advised him that if the Mayor and Council had confidence in his ability to serve the Town as a Councilman, that he would be glad to accept. Councilman Heffner stated that he knew Mr. Russell very well, and he thought he would fill the position admirably. Other Councilmen spoke of their acquaintance of Mr. Russell, and after discussion of the matter, Councilman Taft moved that Mr. Howard V. Russell be appointed as Councilman to fill the vacancy brought about by the resignation of Colonel A. L. Conger. This motion was seconded by Councilman Harrigan and approved.

Upon motion properly seconded the Council adjourned at 10:10

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J. J. Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

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