

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 8, 1941.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10th, 1941, and Special Meeting of November 29th, 1941, were approved.

The Treasurer's report for the month of November, 1941, was presented by the Treasurer, and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$1,771.32	
Less discount-----	6.78	1,764.54
Interest and Penalties-----		29.54
Charges-----		6.75
Special Assessments-----		163.36
Building Permits-----		113.00
Electrical Permits-----		44.00
Excavation "		2.00
Vendor Permits-----		2.00
Dog Tax-----		.50
Montgomery County Police Telephone-----		12.00
" " Fines-----		3.50
State of Maryland Franchise Tax-----		2.50
Sidewalk Deposit-----		10.00
State of Maryland (Piney Branch Road Grading)		995.00
		<u>\$3,148.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$749.10	
Material	849.03	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Tools- Sup.	245.02	
Engineering	40.00	
Street Resurfacing	1,075.75	
Storm Sewer	373.87	3,332.77

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	360.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	24.66	
Trash: Labor	400.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	111.62	
Ashes: Labor	129.50	
Street Lights	524.76	
Traffic Light	4.30	1,554.84



## POLICE:

Salaries	\$580.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	83.33	
Telephones & Lights	28.96	
Supplies & Misc. Expense	25.38	
Painting Station Rooms	29.50	787.17
		<u>787.17</u>

## OFFICE:

Salaries	660.00	
Telephones and Supplies	38.93	
Postage and Printing	11.50	710.43
		<u>710.43</u>

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

5,007.40	5,007.40
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## MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	210.00	
Annual Audit	125.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	46.59	
Recording fees	1.50	
Insurance	48.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
E. E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	15.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Compensation Corp. Counsel	50.00	
Salary - Sanitary Inspector	100.00	738.09
		<u>738.09</u>

\$12,130.70

## BANK STATEMENT:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Oct. 31st - On hand Citiz. Bank	\$17,387.88	
Deposits in November	2,935.35	
	<u>20,323.23</u>	
Withdrawn in November	12,130.70	
Nov. 30th - On hand		8,192.53
Oct. 31st - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	15,970.52	
Deposits in November	213.34	
	<u>16,183.86</u>	
No deposits in Nov.		
Nov. 30th - On hand		16,183.86
Oct. 31st - On hand Pr. Geo. Tr. Co.	2,000.00	
No deposits or withdr.		
		<u>2,000.00</u>
Nov. 30th - On hand in all banks		<u>\$26,376.39</u>



REVOLVING FUND

Oct. 31st - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
Nov. 30th - On hand	<u>                  </u>	323.72
Oct. 31st - On hand Citizens Bank	14,540.00	
No deposits or withdr.		
Nov. 30th on hand	<u>                  </u>	<u>14,540.00</u>
Nov. 30th - On hand in all banks		<u>\$14,863.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Ezra B. Whitman, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, regarding traffic conditions at Carroll and Flower Aves. Mr. Whitman's communication was accompanied by a letter from Robert M. Reindollar giving a survey of this situation and making recommendations in connection therewith. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from Mr. Lawrence Meyers commending Officer Charles A. Seek for efficient police service. Ordered filed.

From Davis & Platt requesting street lights on Glenside Drive. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. E. D. Merrill, President of the Capital Transit Co. acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Town of December 1st, 1941 regarding bus route and passenger shelter at Laurel and Eastern Avenues in the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From the Fire Department expressing their appreciation for the help received from the Mayor and Council during the past year, and advising the Mayor and Council that there existed in the Fire Department at the present time a high degree of efficiency.

Petition from 145 residents in the vicinity of Carroll, Grant, Sycamore and Ethan Allen Avenues, requesting the installation of traffic light at the intersection of Carroll and Ethan Allen Aves.

Report of the Electrical Inspector for the month of November was read by the Clerk, showing total inspection for the month of 85.



Communications presented by Mr. Johh K. Williams and signed by Mr. S. W. Williams, requesting the installation of curb and gutter abutting Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6C, Lots 2 and 3 in Block 6B, Lots 1, 12, 10 and 11 in Block 6A, Hilbert's Subdivision. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mrs. Vera Lockwood of "Vera's Beauty Solon", addressed the Mayor and Council regarding parking restrictions in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue, and requested that this restriction be made two hours instead of one hour. Mayor Youngblood stated that the majority of the property owners in that block had been approached sometime ago, and it was found that the majority of the business houses in this block were in favor of the one hour parking, but he advised Mrs. Lockwood that the matter would be given further consideration.

Mr. Feldmann of Boyd Avenue addressed Council and requested that the installation of curb and gutter and sidewalk in Boyd Ave., as petitioned for, be put in at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Feldmann also complained of the parking conditions on Boyd Avenue at the intersection of Carroll Avenue, and asked that steps be taken to prohibit parking for at least 20 feet in on Boyd Avenue from Carroll Avenue.

Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. Feldman that this would be given attention.

Mr. L. L. Moody of Grant Avenue addressed the Council in behalf of the petition for the installation of traffic light at Carroll and Grant Avenues, and Mr. Leo Hubbard also addressed Council regarding same, and suggested that if this light was installed that the parking situation on Carroll Avenue be studied and regulations put into effect which would not in any way be detrimental to business houses in that block.



Mayor Youngblood advised these two gentlemen that the installation of this traffic light would be taken up with the State Roads Commission in order that they might make a study of same and give the Mayor and Council the benefit of their findings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$6,818.86 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of these bills were approved.

Municipal Works Committee: Councilman Russell, Chairman, made the following report in connection with activities of his committee during the past month:

"Following important work has been completed during the month:

1. Culvert on Valley View Avenue.
2. Curb and gutter on Elwyn Court.
3. Corner on Elm and Carroll Avenues cut back and widened.
4. Paving of a plot in front of Fire Department.

All of the above mentioned work has been approved by the Town Council.

Minor work done during the month are as follows:

Collection of leaves, which is getting heavier every year, moreover, since the Council went on record that the Town Ordinance be enforced prohibiting the burning of leaves on concrete pavements, this resulted in at least two full weeks work by the entire street force, the disposition of these leaves is another matter that has to be given consideration before another year is up, no body wants these leaves and if they are dumped on vacant property or unopened streets, kids come along and set them on fire, resulting in the calling out of the fire department.

Considerable grading and patching of streets has been done and more will follow. This week will be taken up in the repair of walks wherever it is necessary."

Regarding the communication from Mr. J. K. Williams in connection with curb and gutter in Birch Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that his committee would look into this matter and have a recommendation to make at a later date.

The attention of the Council was called to a condition existing on the property at 37 Carroll Avenue, where water was running out of the ground and on to the sidewalk. Superintendent of Public Works



Fischer stated that up to the present time they had been unable to determine the source of this water, and advised that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had made a thorough inspection of same twice, and had advised that this water was not coming from any of their mains, and after discussion of the matter, Superintendent of Public Works Fischer was ordered to see what could be done to correct the situation there, and if it was possible to correct same that he proceed immediately to do so.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Harrigan, Chairman, stated that his committee had nothing to report at this time.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report in connection with his Committee, but wished to advise that Major Fischer had laid concrete in front of the fire house, making available additional parking space, and asked if it would be possible for Major Fischer to do some repair work on the curbs in the vicinity of the Fire House.

Councilman Martin advised Council that the Clerk had turned over to him a check for \$50.00 and a letter from Mr. Orem, Superintendent of Schools in Prince George's County, and advised Council that Mr. Orem had sent this money to be turned over to the Fire Department to reimburse them for heat and light used during the time that the pupils of the J. Enos Ray School used the fire house for classes while the J. Enos Ray School was being rebuilt. Councilman Martin also requested that the Clerk write to Superintendent Orem expressing the appreciation of the Fire Department for this check.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, being absent, there was no report from his committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, suggested that the Council get up a roster of the men from Takoma Park who had joined the Army or Navy in the present crisis, and it



was the opinion of a number of the councilmen that a roster of this nature was really not a thing at this time, and that the inauguration of any such movement should be put into effect after the crisis is past, and after further discussion of this matter, it was decided that same should be held up until the war was over.

Mayor Youngblood at this time offered the following Proclamation:

#### A PROCLAMATION

In view of the treacherous attack upon our County by the Japanese on Sunday, and with respect to the serious situation confronting us as a Nation, I cannot refrain from urging upon the residents of our Town the need for composure and a willingness to cooperate in National Defense measures.

Let us all pledge our best individual and collective efforts to support the President in this crisis and determine to do our part in this World Battle to Preserve the Democratic Form of Government and the American Way of Life.

If you have not done so, I urge you to register for National Defense Organization work. You can do this by applying any week-day from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. at the National Guard Armory in Silver Spring.

O. W. Youngblood, Mayor

Takoma Park, Md.  
Dec. 8th, 1941

After the presentation of this Proclamation the Council went on record as being fully in accord with same, and that the facts set forth in the Proclamation be encouraged, and that all efforts be made to carry out the purpose of the Proclamation.

Mayor Youngblood also presented the month report of the activities of the Police Department, showing total arrests of twenty two.

Report of the Building Inspector was also presented by the Clerk, showing inspections during the month of November as twenty two.

There being no further business, on motion properly seconded, the Council adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

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*W. H. [unclear]*

*J. H. [unclear]*  
Clerk

*O. W. Youngblood,*  
Mayor



SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
December 29, 1941

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

Meeting called for the purpose of discussing Civil Defense matters and traffic problems needing attention.

Meeting with the Council were Chief Winterberg, Captain McBride and Mr. Iverson of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, and Corporal Watkins of the Montgomery County Police force, and Sergeant Thomas of the Town Police force.

A lengthy discussion was entered into by all present regarding Civil Defense matters in the Town during the present war emergency, and during the discussion the fact was brought out that up to the present time a great number of the inhabitants of the Town were not fully aware of what was expected of them should a black-out alarm sound, and also the fact that the present alarm system was not at all adequate to cover the Town. Much constructive information was brought forth by suggestions from those present, the fact being stressed that the matter of direction of Civil Defense for the Town of Takoma Park should be in the hands of the Mayor and Council, and this phase of the discussion was closed with a statement from Mayor Youngblood that he had been asked by Mr. Joseph Simpson if he would take the Chairmanship of the Civil Defense in the Town and set up a proper organization. Mayor Youngblood stated that while he was not able to see his way clear to give any more of his time, he would be glad to take the Chairmanship if the Council would go along with



him and share the responsibility. Mayor Youngblood also stated that he would endeavor to get the heads of the Civil Defense movement in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and the District of Columbia together to discuss this matter and ascertain whether it was agreeable to the two Counties for the Mayor and Council to take over this Civil Defense, and also to discuss proper coordination with the District of Columbia representative.

Councilman Martin, who is also President of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, brought up the matter of lack of information as to just what the Fire Department was to do in case of a black-out alarm, and also stated that all the information the Fire Department had was that they had been asked to train at least 175 auxiliary firemen and to keep the engine rooms locked until an alarm was sounded.

The matter of regulations and duties of auxiliary police was discussed at length, and Mayor Youngblood stated that matters of this nature could not be discussed intelligently until after proposed meeting was held with the different Defense Officials under the present set-up, and stated that after such a meeting plans could be formulated by the Town Officials if the County Authorities were willing to place same in their hands.

Chief Winterberg of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department turned over to the Clerk a report of the meeting of the SPECIAL FIRE COMMITTEE, which was read to all present, same being as follows:

SPECIAL FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUBJECT: FIRE DEFENSE NEEDS FOR THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK  
 PLACE: TAKOMA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 TIME: 8: o'clock P.M.  
 DATE: December 27, 1941.



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief J. Winterberg, Capt. M. McBride,  
Pvt. C. Thomas, Pvt. N. Jones and Pvt.  
H. Hirst.

The Honorable Mayor  
and  
Members of the Town Council.

Gentlemen:

Due to the present emergency the Fire Committee of the Takoma Fire Department recommends the following equipment, etc. as a minimum for the Fire Defense of the Town of Takoma Park.

15,000 feet 2½" Fire Hose, 30 Play Pipes (Nozzles), 30 Plug Wrenches, 5 Trailer Pumps, 30 All Service Gas Masks, 150 Gas Masks (Auxiliary Firemen), 150 Running Coats, 150 Helmets, 150 Pairs Boots (Hip), 150 Identification Arm Bands (Aux. Firemen).

Installation of small 290 G.P.M. pumps to be mounted on Town Trucks.

Provide dams at strategic points. Namely: New Hampshire Avenue and Sligo Pkway; Flower Avenue and Sligo Pkway; Carroll Avenue and Sligo Pkway; Parkside Drive and Sligo Pkway; Piney Branch Road and Sligo Pkway; Elm and Poplar (Swimming Pool); Sherman and Maple Avenues."

This report was ordered held for future study and action at a later date.

Mr. Martin Iverson, representing the American Legion, stated that the organization he represented had established an Air Raid Lookout Station a short distance from Takoma Park, and that the Legion did not have enough men to man this station 24 hours per day seven days each week, and stated that they would be pleased to have volunteers for this work. Mr. Iverson also stated that some funds would be needed to improve the present lookout, and requested that the Mayor and Council give study to the matter of an appropriation to be used to help put this lookout station in proper shape.

Sergeant Thomas of the Takoma Police force stated to the Mayor and Council that the present Town Police Car had been driven over eighty thousand miles and was in very bad condition, and asked that the Council consider the purchase of a new Town Police car. Sergeant Thomas stated that repairs to the present car would run in the neighborhood of \$75.00 to \$100.00, and recommended that an order be placed for a new car at this time and before the present emergency made it difficult to obtain a new car. During the discussion of this matter, Sergeant Thomas notified the Mayor and Council that the Takoma Motor Co. would furnish a Delux two door police car equipped with 100 h.p. motor for \$1,023.94, and would make an allowance of \$253.00 turn-in value on the old car, making a net price of the new car delivered of \$770.94. After further discussion on the matter, Councilman Heffner moved that the Clerk be authorized to purchase a new police car from the Takoma Motor Co. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.



The Matter of purchase of a portable search light for the new car was discussed, but no definite action taken on same.

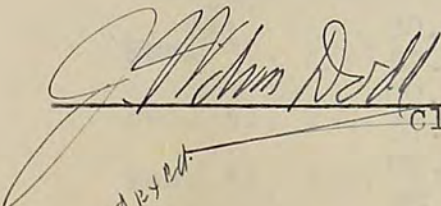
Sergeant Thomas advised Council that Mr. Charles Downey, who had been appointed Dog Officer for the Town, had not been active for some time and had not as yet turned in his equipment, and Sergeant Thomas asked permission of the Mayor and Council to demand the return of this equipment from Mr. Downey. Sergeant Thomas was ordered to contact Mr. Downey and secure the equipment belonging to the Town which he had in his possession.

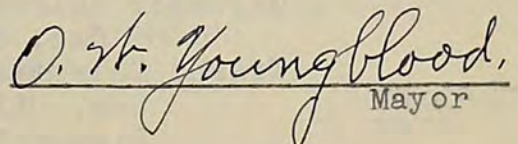
It was ordered that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer be requested to paint curbs at all dangerous intersection twenty feet from intersection of the streets, and also to replace all traffic signs where needed, , as soon as signs were available.

Councilman Taft moved that parking at all times be restricted on the east side of Boyd Ave. from Carroll Ave. to Jackson Ave. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Councilman Taft also moved that the taxicab stand at the intersection of Laurel and Eastern Avenues be moved back a distance of twenty feet on Laurel Avenue, and that the curb on Laurel Avenue, at the present taxicab stand, be painted for a distance of twenty feet from the intersection of Eastern Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

  
 Clerk  
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 Mayor