

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 19, 1942

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8th and Special Meeting of December 29th, 1941 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$2,511.76
Interest and Penalties-----	103.61
Special Assessment-----	464.11
Building Permits-----	100.00
Electrical Permits-----	74.00
Dog Tax-----	.50
Commission Pay Telephone Police Station--	.48
Montgomery County Police Telephone-----	12.00
" " Fines-----	51.50
	<u>\$3,317.96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	610.00	
Material	267.57	
Storm Sewers	189.45	
Gas, Oil, Auto Upkeep, Supplies	<u>218.69</u>	1,285.71

SERVICE:

Garbage: Salaries	360.00	
Gas, Oil, Auto Upkeep	21.52	
Trash: Salaries	320.00	
Gas, Oil Auto Upkeep	17.78	
Disposal	80.70	
Ash: Labor	111.25	
Gas, Oil, Auto Upkeep	47.26	
Street Lights	<u>507.82</u>	1,466.33

POLICE:

Salaries	592.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas & Oil	23.57	
Plumbing Repairs	14.00	
Telephones & Fuel	49.02	
Misc. Expense	18.59	
Equipment (Chairs)	<u>19.50</u>	756.68

OFFICE:

Salaries	660.00	
Telephone & Supplies	28.97	
Postage	4.24	
Printing	<u>36.75</u>	729.96

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Elwyn Court	135.85	
Holly Ave.	<u>77.90</u>	213.75

Fire Department

Fire Department	<u>500.00</u>	500.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	210.00	
Municipal Bldg.	36.20	
Pr. Geo. County Transfers	37.50	
Montg. County Police Tele.	12.00	
Sanitary Insp. Salary & Expenses	102.15	
Insurance	32.00	
E. E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Salary Corporation Council	50.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	
Salary Justice of the Peace	<u>25.00</u>	649.85

\$5,602.28

BANK STATEMENT:GENERAL ACCOUNT

Nov. 30, 1941 - On hand Citizens Bank	8,192.53	
Deposits in December	<u>2,861.91</u>	
	11,054.44	
No withdrawals in Dec.		11,054.44
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand		
Nov. 30, 1941 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	16,183.86	
Deposits in December	<u>456.05</u>	
	16,639.91	
Withdrawn in December	<u>5,602.28</u>	
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand		11,037.63
Nov. 30, 1941 - On hand Pr. Geo. Tr.Co.	2,000.00	
No deposits or withdraw.		
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand		<u>2,000.00</u>
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$24,092.07</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Nov. 30, 1941 - On hand Sub. National T.P. No deposits or withdrawals	323.72	
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand	<u> </u>	323.72
Nov. 30, 1941 - On hand Citizens Bank No deposits or withdraw.	14,540.00	
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand	<u> </u>	14,540.00
Dec. 31, 1941 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$14,863.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From C. L. Wood, Chief Sanitation Officer, Prince George's County, regarding sewer connection on Central Avenue abutting property owned by A. R. Callisto. Ordered filed.

From G.A. Cook, Secretary of the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce, regarding community tree planting to enhance the attractiveness of the Town, and also requesting that the spending of public monies not used in the prosecution of the war, be held to the lowest possible figure. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From the Municipal League of Montgomery County, Mr. Clyde C. Hall, Secretary, requesting the views of the Mayor and Council as to the abolishment of the regular meetings, and that meetings be held only when there is sufficient business on hand to require same. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the Chief of the Town Police force, expressing appreciation for the cooperation of Sergeant C. E. Thomas for his aid in apprehending Patrick Michael Fitzpatrick, a fugitive from justice. Ordered filed.

From AlRoy Properties, Inc. asking that Jackson Ave. and Central Avenue be brought to grade, in order that this street might be properly improved. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Washington Missionary College requesting that "no

Parking between Signs" be placed on Flower Ave. between the school walk and the walk crossing Flower Ave. at the school, and near the intersection of Carroll and Flower Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. Charles M. O-cracker, Sanitary Inspector, regarding rat infested places in the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Mr. George B. Thomsen of 910 Larch Ave. addressed the Council regarding the condition of Larch Avenue, and also regarding the stagnant water on lots adjacent to his property. Mr. Thomsen was advised by Mayor Youngblood that this matter would be looked into and an effort made to correct same immediately.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$2490.20 were presented by the Finance Committee for payment, and payment of same was approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Russel, Chairman, offered the following report, and on motion same was ordered filed;

"The Committee has a rather small report, owing to the fact that two holidays were included in this month, as well as some freezing weather. The activities of the street forces were limited to the construction of the drain water sewer from the Glickman Service Station on Grant and Carroll Avenues to existing sewer on Hancock Ave., the filling of the entire length and width of Boston Avenue from Piney Branch Road to Takoma Ave., which required about 8000 cubic yards of dirt. Concrete curb and gutter were installed on Jackson Avenue and Hilton Avenue. Work will shortly commence on the laying of 30" concrete pipe for storm sewer proposed on Glazewood Avenue, also work on the authorized construction of curb and gutter on Birch Avenue and Boyd Avenue!"

Regarding the communication from property owners on Birch Avenue between Cedar Avenue and Dogwood Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that his committee recommended the installation of this curb and gutter at a time when it was deemed safe by the Superintendent of Public Works to construct same, and Councilman Russell offered the following

Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 775

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 provisions of the Town Charter, to construct cement curb and gutter in Birch Avenue abutting lots 1 and 2 in block 6C; lots 2 and 3 in block 6B; and lots 1-10-11-12 in block 6A, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, all property owners abutting this improvement having petitioned for said curb and gutter, and thereby waiving all legal requirements in connection with advertising and hearing regarding construction of same, and the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park is hereby authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of same.

Section 2. That assurance is made that the curb and gutter be constructed at proper grade, and that the cost of the work to be held at a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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.

Councilman Russell moved the adoption of this Ordinance and the adoption of same was seconded by Councilman Taft, and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Harrigan, Chairman, stated in connection with the letters of the AlRoy Properties, Inc. and the Hillwood Development Co., Inc., requesting street lights, that his committee had investigated the installation of these lights and recommended same. Councilman Harrigan moved the installation of the following 100 c.p. street lights:

Pole No.	829457	-	Glenside Drive south of Hillwood Drive
"	829559	-	" " north of Oakton Drive
"	726144	-	Central and Jackson Avenues
"	726115	-	" Avenue south of Jackson Ave.
"	726541	-	" " " " " "
"	726543	-	" " " " " "
"	726545	-	" " " " " "
"	726307	-	Jackson Avenue east of Central Ave.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Taft this motion was approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, stated regarding a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, in connection with the planting of trees, and the curtailment of spending Town funds on unnecessary projects, that he was in full accord with the request of the Chamber of Commerce, and recommended and moved that the Council go on record as approving the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Mr. J. W. Coffman, President of the Chamber of Commerce, enlightened Council on the matter of tree planting, stating that it was not the sole purpose of the recommendation to have the Town install these trees in parkings and bear the total expense of same, but that the idea was to have the private property owners plant trees on their property, in order to beautify their own property as well as the Town.

Regarding the letter of the Municipal League of Montgomery County, in reference to holding meetings only at such times as there was business to be taken care of, Councilman Martin stated he thought this an excellent idea, and upon motion of Councilman Martin, properly seconded, the Council went on record as being in favor of holding the meetings as recommended in the letter from the Municipal League.

Regarding the letter from the Fire Committee, in reference to additional equipment needed by the Fire Department for Defense, Councilman Martin stated that the amount of equipment needed would run into a large sum of money, which the Fire Department nor the Town would be able to finance at this time, and Councilman Martin recommended that this matter be tabled for the present.

Report was read from Mr. Herald W. Hirst regarding the fire at premises known as 637 Carroll Avenue, assessed in the name of J. P. Neff, and in his report Fire Marshall Hirst stated that in his opinion the building was beyond repairs, and recommended that same be condemned.

Letter was also read from Building Inspector Roy P. Frye regarding this building, in which it was recommended by Mr. Frye that the building be condemned and torn down immediately.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that the recommendation of the Fire Marshall and the Building Inspector be approved, and that this building be condemned and the owner be instructed to demolish same within a reasonable length of time. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Regarding the Sanitary report of Sanitary Inspector Charles A. Overacker, which was called to the attention of the Mayor and Council by the Clerk, the Clerk was authorized to go over this report and take up with the Health Department of both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, such matters as needed correction, and was also instructed to advise the Takoma Park Health and Welfare Association, and the Community League, of the report of the Sanitary Inspector, and the action that was being taken in connection with same.

Mayor Youngblood gave a report of the activities of the Police Department during the month of December, 1941.

In reference to the letter from Mrs. Vera Lockwood, regarding the parking regulations of "one hour" in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue, Mayor Youngblood stated that the police had made a canvas of the merchants in this block, and the report of the police was that the vast majority of the merchants in this block desired the "one hour" parking regulation to remain in force, and upon motion properly approved it was agreed not to make any change in this regulation.

SOCIAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, speaking in the absence of Chairman Heffner, stated that Councilman Heffner had called to his attention the leaving of lights on in the building at 8 Columbia Avenue, and also the unnecessary waste of fuel in the heating

of the building, due to the fact that the parties last leaving the building did not set back the heat control thermostat. After discussion of this matter it was suggested that the organizations using this building be contacted and asked to use a little more care, in order to keep down the operating expenses of the building.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the Police Department had recommended that parking be prohibited on the west side of Fremont Avenue, and also recommended that parking be prohibited on the northeast side of Flower Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Division St., and also recommended that the "one hour" parking regulation on Carroll Avenue from Elm Avenue to Tulip Avenue be changed to "two hours". Mayor Youngblood also advised Council that it was the recommendation of both the Police Department and the Fire Department that parking be prohibited on both sides of Denwood Avenue to Park Avenue, and on Park Avenue from Denwood Avenue to Maple Avenue. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that parking be prohibited on the west side of Fremont Avenue, and on the northeast side of Flower Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Division St., and that parking be prohibited on both sides of Denwood Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Park Avenue, and on both sides of Park Avenue from Denwood Avenue to Maple Avenue, and that the "one hour parking" regulation on Carroll Avenue from Elm Avenue to Tulip Avenue be changed to "two hours parking". This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

In reporting to Council regarding Civilian Defense, Mayor Youngblood stated that he had held a meeting with Mr. A. E. Brault and Mr. Joseph Simpson of the Montgomery County Civilian Defense Organization, in an effort to see if the Town would not be permitted to take over the Civilian Defense work in the Town, and after a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Brault advised that the various counties of the State had been designated to organize Civilian Defense, and that it was not

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within the jurisdiction of the County Organization to turn over to the Municipalities the Civilian Defense. Mr. Brault stated that the County Organization had gotten under way to such an extent that he believed it would bring about a state of confusion if Civilian Defense in the case of incorporated towns were turned over to the town authorities at this time. Mr. Brault advised, however, that when the organization was a little nearer completion, he would be glad to give to the Town authorities a complete list of those participating in Civilian Defense in the Town of Takoma Park, and to give to the Town Officials copies of literature that might be sent out from time to time, in order that the Town Officials might be in a position to pass any information on to those desiring it.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he desired the citizens of Takoma Park to know that the Mayor and Council had made every effort to take over the organization of Civilian Defense in the Town, and that even though the County Civilian Defense Organization had refused same, the Mayor had nevertheless stated to them that they could at all times depend upon the full cooperation of all Town Officials in carrying out the Civilian Defense movement.

On motion properly seconded the Council adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

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J. William Dord

 Clerk

D. St. Youngblood

 Mayor