

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 9th, 1942

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9th, 1942 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of February, 1942 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

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| General Taxes----- | \$2,945.64 | |
| Interest and Penalties----- | 339.96 | |
| Charges----- | 13.50 | |
| Special Assessments----- | 913.40 | |
| Building Permits----- | 239.00 | |
| Electrical Permits----- | 72.00 | |
| Dog Tax----- | 196.25 | |
| House Wrecking Deposit----- | 25.00 | |
| Prince George's County Income Tax----- | 104.01 | |
| Montgomery County Income Tax----- | 616.12 | |
| " " Police Telephone---- | 12.00 | |
| " " Fines----- | 4.50 | |
| Waste Paper Sold----- | 14.44 | |
| | | <u>\$5,495.82</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

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| Labor | 552.00 | |
| Material | 201.11 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | <u>65.13</u> | 818.24 |

SERVICE:

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| Garbage: Labor | 360.00 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 22.76 | |
| Trash: Labor | 344.00 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 20.29 | |
| Disposal | 66.25 | |
| Equipment (Bailer) | 24.00 | |
| Ash: Labor | 119.24 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 58.36 | |
| Street Lights | 526.67 | |
| Traffic Light | <u>4.39</u> | 1,545.96 |

POLICE:

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| Salaries | 580.00 | |
| Clothing Allowance | 40.00 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 22.79 | |
| Telephone-Coal-Lights | 65.77 | |
| Supplies & Misc. Supplies | <u>27.25</u> | 735.81 |

OFFICE:

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| Salaries | 660.00 | |
| Postage-Printing | 13.25 | |
| Telephones & Supplies | <u>24.74</u> | 697.99 |

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

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| (Storm Sewer Glazewood) | <u>1,504.79</u> | 1,504.79 |
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FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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| Account of Taxes | <u>1,500.00</u> | 1,500.00 |
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MISCELLANEOUS:

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| Library Assn | 210.00 | |
| Recording Fees | 1.50 | |
| Insurance | 32.00 | |
| Municipal Bldg. Expense (Including new Furnace) | 666.05 | |
| New Assessment Expense (Prince George's County) | 100.00 | |
| Montgomery County Police Tele. | 12.00 | |
| Dog Expense | 18.25 | |
| Refund Taxes | 34.60 | |
| Salary-Corporation Counsel | 50.00 | |
| " Justice of Peace | 25.00 | |
| E.E.Blodgett Retirement | 50.00 | |
| Henry Field's " | 25.00 | |
| Building Inspector Expense | <u>15.00</u> | <u>1,239.40</u> |
| | | <u>\$8,042.19</u> |

BANK STATEMENT:GENERAL ACCOUNT

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| Jan. 31, 1942 - On hand Citz. Bank | \$12,732.99 | |
| Deposits in February | <u>5,369.99</u> | |
| | 18,102.98 | |
| Feb. 28, 1942 - On hand | <u>6,196.56</u> | 11,906.42 |
| Jan. 31, 1942 - On hand Sub.Nat'l T.P. | 5,773.15 | |
| Deposits in February | <u>125.83</u> | |
| | 5,898.98 | |
| Feb. 28, 1942 - On hand | <u>1,845.63</u> | 4,053.35 |
| Jan, 31, 1942 - On hand Pr.Geo.Tr.Co. | 2,000.00 | |
| No deposits or withdraw. | | |
| Feb. 28, 1942 - On hand | | <u>2,000.00</u> |
| Feb. 28, 1942 - On hand in all Banks | | <u>\$17,959.77</u> |

REVOLVING ACCOUNT

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| Jan. 31, 1942 | - On hand Sub.Nat.T.P. | 323.72 | |
| | No deposits or withdraw. | _____ | |
| Feb. 28, 1942 | - On hand | | 323.72 |
| Jan. 31, 1942 | - On hand Citizens Bank | 14,540.00 | |
| | No deposits or withdraw | _____ | |
| Feb. 28, 1942 | - On hand | | <u>14,540.00</u> |
| Feb. 28, 1942 | - On hand in all Banks | | <u>\$14,863.72</u> |

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mr. Paul R. Carter regarding storm sewer at Elm and Poplar Avenues. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. J. B. Gass regarding trailer parked in yard at 319 Garland Avenue. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

From G. P. Adair, Corresponding Secretary, Parents-Teacher Assn. of Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, expressing appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the passing of Ordinance covering Penny Arcades in the Town of Takoma Park. Ordered filed.

From the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission exempting the Town Building at 8 Columbia Avenue from payment for use of water. Ordered filed.

From Potomac Electric Power Co. advising that our applications for street lights from the month of September, 1941 to the present time have been denied by the War Production Board, due to the critical conditions existing in certain materials required for war purposes. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. M. E. McBride, Chief of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department regarding Civilian Defense in the Town of Takoma Park, and suggesting the use of the fire house as an ideal place for First Aid Station, Hospital and control center of the Town. Referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Mr. R. P. Frye, Building Inspector for the Town, reported six permits issued during the month of February.

Mr. E. B. Fetty, Electrical Inspector, advised Council that 86 inspections had been made during the month of February, and 21 or 22 permits were cleared through the power company during that month.

Mr. Fetty advised Council that it may be necessary to deviate somewhat in electrical regulations during the emergency, due to the shortage of certain materials to be used in war production.

Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr. addressed Council and requested that some attention be given to the passing of an Ordinance covering the burning of trash within the corporate limits of the town, thereby eliminating fire calls caused in a great many instances by the burning of trash.

This matter was discussed at length by the Mayor and Council, after which Mayor Youngblood stated that he would like the Law and Ordinance Committee to look into this matter and work something out that would tend to reduce the fire calls due to the burning of trash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$11,019.60 were offered for payment by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Russell, Chairman, stated that the usual routine work was carried out during the past month, as it was impossible to do much construction, due to the bad weather. Councilman Russell stated that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer hoped to get on the repair of sidewalks within the next week, and would stay on same until all sidewalks in the town were put in good shape.

Councilman Martin suggested that the Municipal Works Committee make an investigation of an unnecessary amount of steel and iron that is going to waste around the warehouse, in the shape of old equipment, etc. Councilman Martin stated that he would like to see this place cleaned up and the old material sold as scrape iron.

Regarding the communication from Fred L. Glaize, Jr. requesting the construction of culvert at the corner of Larch and Glaizewood Avenues between Lots 10 and 11 in Block 115, for which Mr. Glaize agrees to pay all expenses in connection with the construction of this culvert, Councilman Russell offered the following Ordinance, and moved the adoption of same.

ORDINANCE NO. 779

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

Section 1. That the property owners of Lots 10 and 11 in Block 115, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, having petitioned the Council for the construction of a concrete storm sewer running between the above mentioned lots, and having waived all legal requirements in connection with advertising and hearing of same, the Municipal Works Committee is hereby authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, to construct storm sewer culvert between the two above mentioned lots, starting at a point on Larch Avenue fronting these lots, and running to the rear of same for a distance of approximately 110 feet, and the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, 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 this culvert be constructed along the proper right of way allotted for this purpose, and the construction of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this culvert, as per agreement with the lot owners, be assessed in the regular manner against the property abutting the improvement.

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

In reference to request from property owner on Birch Avenue between Cedar and Dogwood Avenues, for the construction of curb and gutter, Councilman Russell offered the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 780

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

Section 1. That the owner of Lots 1, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Block 6A, and Lots 1, 2, 3 and Outlot "A", in Block 6B, and Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6C, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, having petitioned for the construction of curb and gutter abutting these lots, lying between Cedar and Birch Avenues, and having waived all legal requirements in the way of advertising or hearing in connection with same, the Municipal Works Committee is hereby authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the Town Charter, to construct cement concrete curb and gutter abutting these lots, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be 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 to proper grade, and that the construction of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

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.

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

Regarding the communication from the District of Columbia in connection with the installation of storm water sewer and catch basin between Ash and Laurel Avenue, to take care of storm water coming from Eastern Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer and himself had investigated this matter, and advised that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer made an estimate of the construction of the sewer line from Eastern Avenue to Ash Avenue of approximately \$360.00. Councilman Russell expressed the opinion that due to the fact that this line would be constructed to take care of storm water coming from the District of Columbia, that the District of Columbia should be willing to pay for the construction of same, and after discussion of the matter, Councilman

Russell moved that the Town write the District of Columbia Sanitary Engineering Department, and tell them we will allow the District to drain their water into the Westmoreland Avenue sewer, but that they install the proper sewer from the district line to connect with the Westmoreland Avenue sewer, and that said sewer be constructed at their expense. This motion was seconded by Councilman Harrigan and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Harrigan, Chairman, reporting in connection with the letter from the Potomac Electric Power Co. regarding the denial from the War Production Board, in connection with the installation of street lights, stated that there was nothing much to do but write to the Potomac Electric Power Co. and cancel the orders, and ask them that installation be made just as soon as materials were released to do this work, and the Clerk was instructed to convey this information to the Potomac Electric Power Co.

Councilman Martin stated to the Mayor and Council that the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department were unable under the present budget to take care of the cost in connection with the present telephone extension from the Fire Department to the Police Station, and expressed the opinion that it was very essential that this extension be kept in service, in order that the Police Department may keep in touch with all alarms.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that the extension remain as it is and that the Town assume the responsibility for the payment of same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

Mayor Youngblood gave a summary of the activities of the Police Department during the month of February, 1942, and advised total arrests for all causes of 26, total convictions of 25, and total calls and complaints answered 137.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he had an application for use of the taxicab stand from Robert E. Allen of 7213 Flower Avenue, and that the police had investigated Mr. Allen's record and found same to be good. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that application be granted Mr. Robert Edward Allen to use space on the taxicab stand at Eastern and Laurel Avenues. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Mayor Youngblood also presented another application from Mr. James Hall for space on the taxicab stand formerly occupied by Mr. John W. Thorpe, Mr. Thorpe having notified the Town that he was discontinuing the use of the stand and turning his car over to Mr. Hall. After discussion of the matter, Councilman Taft moved that permission be granted Mr. James W. Hall to occupy the taxicab stand at the corner of Eastern and Laurel Avenues, said space being that formerly occupied by Mr. John W. Thorpe. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

In a communication from the Police Department, Council was notified that Town Officer Harry Ourand was confined to the hospital, due to illness, and that it may be sometime before he was in shape for duty. After discussion of this matter Councilman Taft moved that the salary of Mr. Ourand be continued until further determined. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

The matter of Dog Officer for the Town was discussed at length and Mayor Youngblood advised the Council that Mr. Adolph Dawes, who was already in the employ of the Town, had advised him that he would like to take this additional work on, and after discussion of the matter Councilman Heffner moved that Mr. Adolph Dawes be appointed as Dog Officer of the Town on the same basis as former dog officers. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Regarding the application of Walter C. Griffin for the rezoning from Residential "A" to Residential "C" of lots in Blocks 43 and 33, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, committee offered the following report on same:

"The application of Walter C. Griffing and Ben G. Wilkinson for a change of zoning from residential "A" to residential "C" of the following described property: Lots 1 to 9 inclusive, Block 43 and Lots 10, 11, 12, 31 and 32 in Block 33 of B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Maryland, was referred to the Committee of Civic Improvement and Education for consideration and report.

Pursuant thereto, your Committee on March 3, 1942 held a public hearing on said application. Notice of time and place of said hearing was duly served on all property owners in said Blocks.

At the hearing three persons appeared, Walter C. Griffin, Ben G. Wilkinson and William A. Mellon, and all three parties were in favor of the change from residential "A" to residential "C" as requested in said petition.

Therefore, your Committee recommends that said application be granted.

The Committee further recommends that a copy of this report showing the action of the Mayor and Council be transmitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and to the County Commissioners."

Councilman Martin moved the adoption of this report with recommendations therein, and upon being seconded by Councilman Taft same was adopted.

Councilman Martin stated that throughout the Country during the emergency Firemen were being sworn in as policemen, and that the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department had three full time men employed at the Fire Department and he would like to have these men sworn in by the Town as special police during the emergency.

Mayor Youngblood advised Councilman Martin that he would take care of this matter.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, for the Law and Ordinance Committee, offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 781

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

Section 1. That the Plat of dedication of Long Branch Parkway and Sligo Creek Parkway, Prince George's County, Maryland, as prepared by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, conveying certain land for public use by Hillwood Development Co., Inc.,

Doran S. Platt, President, New Hampshire Homes, Inc.,
C. M. Plunkert, President, Wm. A. Mellon, V. Belle Mellon,
and Frank W. Jackson, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That by the approval of this Plat dedi-
cating these Parkways by the Mayor and Council of the
Town of Takoma Park, do not in any way bind the Town of
Takoma Park to incur any future expense in the maintenance
of these Parkways, building of bridges, construction of
culverts or storm sewers, at any future time.

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 Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell
and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Taft also offered the following Ordinance and moved
its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 782

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

Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the
Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of
cement concrete paving of Holly Avenue between the end
of the old concrete paving and Philadelphia Avenue, as
authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 764, passed
and approved by the Mayor and Council on October 6th,
1941, said assessment being fixed at \$3.25 per linear
foot, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall
be due and payable within ninety days from this date,
provided, however, that if so desired said assessment
may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first
due and payable within ninety days of the approval thereof,
and each subsequent annual payment due and payable like-
wise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further
that payment in any amount may be made between the said
annual payments if so desired. Interest at the rate of
six per cent per annum will be charged on deferred pay-
ments, said interest beginning thirty days from the date
of levy.

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 Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell
and Taft, Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Taft also offered the following Ordinance and
moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 783

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

Section 1. That, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, a meeting of the citizens of the Town will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, on Monday evening April 20, 1942, convening at eight o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Councilman, to be voted on at the Town election on May 4th, 1942.

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 Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Taft also offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 784

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

Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter in Elwyn Court, as authorized under the provisions of Ordinance No. 765, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council October 6th, 1941, said assessment being fixed at 80¢ per linear foot, be and the same is hereby approved. *d-42*

Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall be due and payable within ninety days from this date, provided, however, that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days of the approval thereof, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable like wise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further that payment in any amount may be made between the said annual payments if so desired. Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum will be charged on deferred payments, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

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 Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Taft presented Plat of resubdivision of Lots 10 and 11 in Block 37, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, offered by William A.

Mellon and others, and advised Council that while this Plat had not been signed by all parties participating in same, he offered the following Ordinance and moved that the Town Clerk be requested not to ~~xx~~ sign said Plat for the Town until said Plat had been properly signed by all parties participating in the resubdivision:

ORDINANCE NO. 785

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

Section 1. That the Plat of resubdivision of Lots 10 and 11 in Block 37, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Town of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, into Lots 44 to 49 inclusive, as presented by Wm. A. Mellon, V. Belle Mellon, Opha Mays, Belle F. Mays, Florian F. Mack and Ethel M. Mack, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That all ungraded streets on said Plat dedicated for public use, when graded to proper grade, be graded 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 gutters, sidewalks, and any necessary storm sewers or bridges, to be charged against the lots abutting said streets as shown on said plat, 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 Sidell and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

The matter of Civilian Defense in the Town of Takoma Park was discussed at length in connection with the letter received from Fire Chief McBride of the Takoma Park Fire Department, in which it was proposed to make the Fire Department Building a central clearing station, and after a lengthy discussion of same it was moved and approved that the Mayor appoint a committee to confer with Mr. Brault, Director of the Montgomery County Civilian Defense and with Mr. Sherwood, Director of the Prince

George's County Civilian Defense, and after the approval of said motion, Mayor Youngblood appointed Councilmen Russell, Taft and Sidell as a Committee to meet with Mr. Brault and Mr. Sherwood, and the Clerk was requested to contact these two gentlemen and arrange for a meeting with the Committee from the Council, as well as a Committee from the Fire Department, from the Chamber of Commerce and the Community League of Takoma park.

XX-See omission-

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Heffner, Council adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

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J. A. Dadd
Clerk

O. N. Youngblood
Mayor

Omission;- On motion of Councilman Taft, Seconded by Councilman Martin, the offer of T. Howard Duckett to pay \$850.00 to clear all general taxes and special assessments on Lots 5, 6, 7, Block B Cunningham Sub-Division to date, was approved.