

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 20, 1942

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15th, 1942 and Special Meeting of June 29th, 1942, were read and approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$78.00
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	67.65
Charges - - - - -	13.50
Special Assessments - - - - -	239.11
Building Permits - - - - -	59.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	37.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -	1.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	19.25
" Impounding Fees - - - - -	7.00
Vendor Permit - - - - -	1.00
Taxicab Permit - - - - -	3.00
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	15.00
Interest Certificate of Deposit - - -	56.50
Montg. County Police Telephone - - -	12.00
" " Fines - - - - -	16.50
	<u>\$625.51</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:		
Labor	\$458.15	
Material	202.25	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Tools & Sup.	<u>169.61</u>	830.01
SERVICE:		
Garbage: labor	360.00	
gas-oil-auto upkeep	28.06	
Trash: labor	344.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	28.09	
Disposal	98.40	
Street Lights	528.98	
Traffic Light	<u>4.44</u>	1,391.97
POLICE:		
Salaries	580.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	47.88	
Tele.-Lights & Supplies	<u>43.53</u>	711.41

OFFICE:

Salaries	660.00	
Telephones & Supplies	41.83	
Postage (Misc. & Tax Bills)	58.60	
Printing	<u>61.75</u>	822.18

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor	80.00	
Misc. Supplies	<u>2.17</u>	82.17

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Birch Ave. Curb-Glaizewood Sewer		
Columbia Ave.	<u>900.93</u>	900.93

TAKOMA PARK VOL. FIRE DEPT:

Account of Taxes	<u>2,500.13</u>	2,500.13
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	210.00	
Insurance (Pumphrey)	32.00	
Tax Sale Expense	52.50	
Prince George's County Tfs.	20.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	47.47	
Dog Expense	13.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Compensation Corp. Counsel	50.00	
Salary-Justice of Peace	25.00	
E. E. Blodgett-Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields-	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	<u>606.97</u>

\$7,845.77BANK STATEMENT:GENERAL ACCOUNT

5/31/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$7,156.96	
Tf. from Rev. Fund (Citz.)	1,540.00	
Deposits in June	<u>625.51</u>	
	9,322.47	
6/30/42 Withdrawn in June	<u>7,496.37</u>	1,826.10
6/30/42 On hand		
5/31/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.K.	1,306.15	
No deposits in June		
	<u>1,306.15</u>	
6/30/42 Withdrawn in June	<u>349.40</u>	<u>956.75</u>
6/30/42 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$2,782.85</u>

REVOLVING FUND

5/31/42 - On hand Sub.Nat'l T.P. No deps. or withdrawals	323.72	
6/30/42 - On hand		323.72
5/31/42 - On hand Citz. Bank	9,040.00	
6/10/42 - Tfd. to General Acct.	1,540.00	
6/30/42 - On hand		<u>7,500.00</u>
6/30/42 - On hand all Banks		\$7,823.72

COMMUNICATIONS: From the Citizens Association of Takoma Park regarding destroying poison ivy in the Town of Takoma Park with special chemicals. Referred to Health and Welfare Committee.

Petition signed by twenty six residents of New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, asking for street improvements in that section. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Mrs. E. P. Normandy, regarding chickens kept on the premises of Mr. Harry Dodge on Birch Avenue. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

From five residents of Roanoke Avenue regarding condition of the street on the hill off of Kennebec Avenue, and between Houston Avenue and Flower Avenue. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Petition signed by One Hundred Fifty Nine (159) residents of the Hampshire Knolls #3 Subdivision regarding the bad condition of streets in that subdivision. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Petition signed by fifty nine (59) residents from the Glaizewood Manor Subdivision regarding the bad condition of the streets in that subdivision. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Citizens from the Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, Hampshire Knolls #3 Subdivision and the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, spoke in support of the petitions presented for the improvements in these subdivisions, and after a lengthy discussion of same, Mayor Youngblood advised them that an effort would be made to get the proper materials with which to put these streets in good shape, and that in

any event something will be done to give relief, and the Clerk was requested to contact the proper parties in an effort to get priority on materials necessary to be used in the surfacing of the streets in these subdivisions.

Mr. Engeberg addressed Council regarding the installation of curb and gutter around his property at the corner of Lincoln and Jackson Avenues, and was advised that an effort would be made to get the consent of other lot owners between Lincoln and Boyd Avenues to go ahead with this curb and gutter. Mr. Engeberg stated that he did not feel as though he should be compelled to pay for the curb and gutter around his entire property and not have the benefit of the side street exemption, which would be the case if the curb and gutter was installed adjacent to his property only. The matter was held in abeyance until other property owners could be consulted as to the installation of curb and gutter on Jackson Avenue to cover the entire block between Lincoln and Boyd Avenues.

Mr. E. B. Fetty, Electrical Inspector, addressed Council regarding wiring regulations in the Town, and stated that due to the scarcity of certain materials, it was impossible in some instances to live up to the present regulations, and stated that in the District of Columbia, restrictions had been relaxed in connection with electrical installations, and he would like permission to deviate from the electrical regulations where necessary for the duration of the present emergency.

Mr. H. M. Stackhouse of 36 Columbia Avenue addressed Council and expressed his thanks for the widening of Columbia Avenue and Carroll Avenue intersection, and suggested that parking be prevented on both sides of Columbia Avenue between Carroll and Pine Aves.

Mr. Stackhouse also suggested that in the future all residential buildings be required to have space for off-street parking.

Mr. Walter Griffin, an engineer of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, who was present, stated that there was such an Ordinance now in the Park and Planning Commission setup.

Mr. Stackhouse, as a committee member of the Interdenominational Vesper Services, being held every Sunday evening on the Town property at 8 Columbia Avenue, invited the Mayor and Council to take over and sponsor the vesper Services on Sunday evening, August 23rd, 1942, at seven o'clock P. M.

At this time the Clerk presented to Council the following bid from the Contee Sand and Gravel Co. for the paving of Columbia Ave. from Sycamore Avenue to Poplar Avenue:

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| 1. Grading and rolling roadway, per cubic yard,
excavated | \$1.00 |
| 2. Constructing straight cement curb, com-
bined with 2" gutter, per linear foot | 1.00 |
| 3. Construction circular cement curb, com-
bined with 2" gutter, per linear foot | 1.10 |
| 4. Constructing cement roadway 7 inches
in thickness, per square yard | 2.10 |
| 5. Constructing driveway approaches as
described in specifications, and in-
cluding necessary excavation, each | 18.00 |

The Clerk advised Council that proposals had been sent to nine different contractors, but that the Contee Sand and Gravel Company were the only bidders.

After discussion of this matter, and in view of the fact that the prices submitted were in line with past bids, Councilman Russell moved that the Contee Sand and Gravel Company be awarded the contract for the paving of Columbia Avenue as advertised. Councilman Taft seconded the motion and same was approved.

The Clerk presented to Council bid of the W. F. Lafrentz & Co. for the audit of the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer for the past fiscal year, the bid from the W. F. Lafrentz & Co. being the

only one received, and their bid for this work was \$125.00.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that the W. F. Lafrentz & Co. be awarded the contract for the audit. Councilman Carr seconded the motion and same was approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills were presented by the Finance Committee in amount of \$2,427.84, and payment of same was approved.

Treasurer's report for the fiscal year 1941 was presented by the Clerk as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	-\$68,582.64	
Less Discounts - - - - -	<u>2,062.59</u>	
		\$66,520.05
Back Taxes - - - - -		828.74
Interest and Penalties - - - - -		1,577.16
Charges - - - - -		290.50
Special Assessments - - - - -		7,564.03
Building Permits - - - - -		1,653.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -		576.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -		9.00
Dog Tax - - - - -		715.75
Dog Impounding Fees - - - - -		13.00
Vendor Permits - - - - -		45.00
Taxicab Permits - - - - -		27.00
Franchise Tax - - - - -		57.75
State Roads Commission (for Piney Br. Rd. grading)		995.00
Montgomery County - Income Tax - - - - -		2,816.12
" " Gasoline Tax - - - - -		1,887.51
" " Bank Share Tax - - - - -		386.49
" " Police Court Fines - - - - -		419.00
" " " Telephones - - - - -		144.00
Prince George's County - Income Tax - - - - -		324.01
" " " Gasoline Tax - - - - -		886.60
" " " Police Court Fines - - - - -		20.00
Tax Sale Certificate redemption - - - - -		39.97
Sidewalk Protection Deposits - - - - -		85.00
Commission Pay Telephone in Police Station - - - - -		2.11
Insurance Premium Refunds - - - - -		15.93
Building Codes sold - - - - -		1.00
General Taxes overpaid - - - - -		82.32
Material sold - - - - -		8.60
Interest on Certificate of Deposits - - - - -		152.12
Waste Paper sold - - - - -		<u>92.04</u>
		<u>\$88,234.80</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Special Street Construction	\$18,522.62	
Less Town Share - - - - -	<u>5,887.71</u>	\$12,634.91
<u>STREETS:</u>		
(Construction and Maintenance)		
Labor	7,292.56	
Material-Grading and Re-surfacing	7,860.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Tools and Supplies	2,181.95	
Storm Sewer Construction	3,375.22	
Town Share Special Assessment Works		
Jefferson Ave. Curb and Gutter	16.80	
Chicago Avenue Sidewalks	83.60	
Piney Branch Road Sidewalks	220.00	
Boston Avenue Storm Sewer	2,746.37	
Holly Avenue Paving	2,019.44	
Glaizewood Avenue Storm Sewer	<u>801.50</u>	26,597.44
<u>SERVICE:</u>		
Trash Collection	5,650.38	
Ash Collection	1,065.32	
Garbage Collection	4,775.78	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>6,226.26</u>	17,717.74
<u>POLICE:</u>		
Salaries	7,005.35	
Clothing Allowance	481.65	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Misc. Supplies	1,454.25	
Equipment (Office Chairs and New Car)	849.95	
New Furnace Installed	<u>170.00</u>	9,961.20
<u>OFFICE:</u>		
Salaries: Clerk & Treasurer, Supt. of Public Works, Additional Clerical, Building & Electrical Inspectors	7,920.00	
Telephones-Supplies and Misc.	468.89	
Postage-Printing and Advertising	424.23	
Equipment (Chair)	<u>4.00</u>	8,817.12
<u>PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:</u>		
Salaries	820.20	
Labor	464.00	
Equipment (Playground Apparatus)	169.12	
Supplies and Maintenance	<u>287.83</u>	1,741.15
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</u>		
Revenue from General Taxes	<u>8,500.13</u>	8,500.13
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>		
Recording Fees	30.00	
Dog Expense	143.88	
Building Permit Expense	43.61	
Electrical Permit Expense	22.54	
Office Rent	660.00	
Building Inspector Expense	180.00	
Library Association Appropriation	2,520.00	
Dues Montgomery County Civic Federation	15.00	
Tax Sale Expense	142.90	
Salary Corporation Counsel	600.00	
Refunds on Permits	22.00	

DISBURSEMENTS CONT'D:

Refund Sidewalk Protection Deposits	75.00	
Refund Taxes	39.40	
Tax Certificate Redemption	39.97	
Insurance Premiums	1,604.79	
Insurance (Pumphrey)	400.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	175.00	
Montg. County Police Telephone	144.00	
Welfare Center Telephone	19.15	
Auditing Town Books	125.00	
Town Maps Purchased	40.00	
Sanitary Inspector Expense	202.15	
Municipal Bldg. Exp. - Fuel - Janitor - Misc.	524.68	
Municipal Bldg. New Furnace Installed	595.00	
Montg. & Prince George's transfers	67.50	
Grading Piney Br. Rd. (Funds from St. Roads)	850.00	
Assessment Expense	100.00	
Election Expense	116.75	
Purchase of Right-of-Way (George)	75.00	
Pr. George's County Atlas Expense	36.00	
Expense Altemus & Stevens Damage Suits	289.25	
E. E. Blodgett - Retirement	600.00	
Henry Fields - Retirement	300.00	10,798.57
	<u>TOTAL</u>	\$96,768.26

CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT

Balance on hand June 30th, 1941	19,140.03	
Receipts Fiscal Year of 1941	88,234.80	
	<u>107,374.83</u>	
Disbursements Fiscal Year of 1941	96,768.26	
Balance on hand June 30th, 1942		<u>\$10,606.57</u>

FUNDS LOCATIONGENERAL ACCOUNT:

June 30th, 1942 - Citizens Bank	1,826.10	
June 30th, 1942 - Sub. Nat'l T.P.	<u>956.75</u>	2,782.85

REVOLVING FUND:

June 30th, 1942 - Citizens Bank		
Certificate of Dep.	7,500.00	
June 30th, 1942 - Sub. Nat'l T.P.	<u>323.72</u>	<u>7,823.72</u>
June 30th, 1942 - Total Funds onhand in all banks		\$10,606.57

(Petty Cash Fund on Hand - \$30.00)

On motion of Councilman Carr, seconded by Councilman Taft, the report was ordered accepted, and authorization given for the publication of same in the local papers for the benefit of the tax payers.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Regarding the communication from the Citizens Association in connection with the poison elimination campaign, Councilman Heffner, Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee, recommended and moved that the Town accept the offer of the Citizens Association, and appropriate sufficient funds and necessary help to take care of this work. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

A poster regarding the quarantining of dogs in certain parts of the State of Maryland from June 11th to September 15th, 1942, was brought up for discussion, as well as the procedure in connection with the complaints on dogs in the Town of Takoma Park, regarding the disturbing of the neighborhood by barking. Mr. J. W. Coffman, Sr. voiced the opinion that it should not be necessary to make the name of the individual making the complaint public, as it only caused ill feeling in the neighborhood, and Mr Coffman recommended to the Council that the Law and Ordinance Committee give consideration to this Dog Ordinance with respect to the individual filing the complaint.

During this discussion an alert Air Raid Alarm was sounded, taking the Mayor away from the meeting, and on motion properly seconded the Council adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

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J. William Dadd
 Clerk

O. S. Youngblood
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 29th, 1942

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

Discussion in connection with Dog Ordinance in the Town of Takoma Park was held, especially regarding running at large in the town without muzzles and unattended, after which discussion, the Clerk was authorized to insert in the local paper, Article 7 of the Ordinance covering the keeping of dogs in the Town of Takoma Park.

Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee, presented to Council for discussion the matter of membership in the League of Municipalities, and after going into this matter thoroughly Councilman Taft moved that the Town not subscribe as a member of the League of Municipalities, and the Clerk be hereby authorized to notify the proper parties of the decision of the Mayor and Council in connection with this matter. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

In connection with the letter from Attorney Emma B. Waldrop, regarding injuries sustained by Mrs. Ann Potter on Woodland Avenue on March 1st, 1942, Councilman Taft stated that he had had an engagement with Attorney Waldrop to discuss this matter, but was forced to cancel same, and that an engagement would be made at a later date to discuss the matter with the Attorney for Mrs. Potter, after which he will make a full report to the Mayor and Council.

Regarding the claim of Mr. M. E. Fagerstrom in connection with damage to his automobile in the amount of \$11.85, Councilman Taft stated that this matter had been investigated, and he was of the

opinion that Mr. Fagerstrom should be paid thesedamages, and moved that the Town make payment of this claim of Mr. Fagerstrom for \$11.85. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved. Councilman Martin voting "No".

In connection with letter from the Christian Church at the corner of New York Avenue and Chicago Avenue, in which they ask for a 50% reduction on their sidewalk assessment, Councilman Russell, Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee, to whom this letter had been referred, stated that he did not believe this was a matter for his committee, and asked that this communication be referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee, which request was granted by the Mayor, and same was referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

In connection with the construction of curb and gutter requested by property owners on Glenside Drive and Haverford Road, in the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdvision, Councilman Russell stated that this matter had been investigated, and recommended that this curb and gutter be constructed immediately, and offered the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 793

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

Section 1. That the owners of Lot²⁻ 3, Block 8; *See p. 183* Lot 1 in Block 3; Lots 2, 3 and 4 in Block 4, New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, having petitioned ~~the~~ the Mayor and Council for the construction of concrete ~~x~~ curb and gutter abutting their properties, 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 curb and gutter abutting the above mentioned lots, 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 this curb and gutter is constructed to proper grade, and that the construction of same be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of construction of this

curb and gutter be assessed against the property abutting the improvement.

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

Letter from Mrs. Florence Hunter was read by the Clerk regarding the drainage condition at the intersection of Poplar and Elm Avenues, and after discussion of the matter, the Clerk was requested to write Mrs. Hunter and advise her that the Mayor ~~and~~ and Council were studying plans for correcting this condition.

Storm sewer conditions in the town were discussed at length, after which Councilman Russell moved that we construct proper storm sewer from Elm Avenue and Poplar Avenue to the back of the property of Mr. H. Nichter on Spring Street. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Russell also moved that we construct a storm sewer from Allegheny Avenue to the present 4' x 6' culvert, through the Alexander Clark Property, after proper permission was given by Mr. Clark to construct same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Russell also moved that we construct proper size drain pipe on the property of Mrs. G. L. Apperson, 238 Willow Ave. to the rear of her lot, to connect with the present sewer. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Sidell, the application of Mr. O.L. Lowry to occupy the Town Taxicab Stand, was approved.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Russell, the application of Mr. B. E. Allen, to occupy the Town Taxicab Stand, was approved.

In connection with the chain barricade installed on Merwood Drive in front of the property of Mr. S. E. Grote, 1101 Merwood Drive, Council was notified that Mr. Grote had not adhered to the request of the police to remove this barricade, and requested the Clerk to advise this party that the barricade must be removed within five days, or action would be taken by the town to have same removed.

Letter was presented by the Clerk from Mr. Horace E. Flack, Secretary of the Maryland Legislative Council, in connection with proposed Town legislation to be considered at the 1943 session of the General Assembly, and the Clerk was authorized to write Mr. Flack that at the present time the Council had no new legislation in mind, but that should anything arise, the matter will be taken up in ample time to prevent any "legislative jam".

There being no further business, the Council, on motion properly seconded, adjourned at 10:25 P. M.

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J. W. Dodd

 Clerk

O. H. Youngblood

 Mayor