

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
August 17th, 1942

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell and Sidell. Due to a previous engagement Councilman Taft was unable to attend.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20th, 1942 and Special Meeting of July 29th, 1942 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$51,595.71
Less Discounts - - - - -	2,059.20
	<u>\$49,536.51</u>
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	43.54
Charges - - - - -	22.00
Special Assessments - - - - -	663.76
Building Permits - - - - -	33.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	9.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -	1.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	24.50
Impounding Fees - - - - -	4.00
Vendor Permits - - - - -	12.00
Tax Sale Certificate Redemption - - -	81.21
Montgomery County Income Tax - - - -	3,108.03
Prince George's County Income Tax - -	537.98
Sidewalk Deposit - - - - -	10.00
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	2.50
Montgomery County Police Telephone -	12.00
" " Fines - - - - -	7.00
Commission Pay Telephone - - - - -	.65
	<u>\$54,108.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	675.55	
Material	267.57	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Tools, etc.	<u>346.40</u>	\$1,289.52

SERVICE:

Garbage: Salaries	360.00
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	37.89



SERVICE CONT'D:		
Trash: Salaries	344.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	60.84	
Disposal	103.70	
Street Lights	511.92	
Traffic "	3.56	1,421.91
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POLICE:		
Salaries	640.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	44.76	
Telephone-Lights	27.58	
Misc. Expense	9.16	761.50
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OFFICE:		
Salaries	675.00	
Telephones	35.00	
Postage-Printing	51.00	761.00
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PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:		
Labor	80.00	
Salaries 6/15/42 to 7/31/42	540.00	
Supplies & Misc. Expense	28.07	648.07
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ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Birch Avenue Curb and Gutter	237.90	
Glengary Ave. Curb and Gutter	88.55	
Elm Avenue Curb and Gutter	129.00	
Columbia Avenue Paving	10.25	465.70
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MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Association	270.00	
Insurance (Pumphrey)	48.00	
"    Premiums	465.75	
Refund Electrical Permit	2.00	
Dog Expense	10.42	
Recording Fees	5.75	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	12.75	
Montg. County Police Telephone	12.00	
Refund Taxes Overpaid	1.94	
Automobile Damage(Fagenstrom)	11.85	
E.E.Blodgett retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	
Office Rent	55.00	1,010.46
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		\$6,358.16

BANK STATEMENTGENERAL ACCOUNT

6.30.42 - On hand Citizens Bank	1,826.10	
Deposits in July	34,494.09	
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Withdrawn in July	36,320.19	
7/31/42 - On hand	6,255.82	
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		\$30,064.37



## BANK STATEMENT

## GENERAL ACCOUNT CONT'D

6/30/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	956.75	
Deposits in July	<u>19,614.59</u>	
	20,571.34	
Withdrawn in July	<u>102.34</u>	
7/31/42 - On hand		<u>20,469.00</u>
7/31/42 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$50,533.37</u>

REVOLVING FUND

6/30/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	7,500.00	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u>                    </u>	
7/31/42 - On hand		7,500.00
6/30/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u>                    </u>	
7/31/42 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>
7/31/42 - On hand in all Banks		<u>\$7,823.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Alexander S. Clarke, Jr. regarding right-of-way for storm sewer over his property in Allegheny Avenue. Was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From A. S. Rosemary in the Bonnie View Subdivision regarding the sewer pipe coming from the property of the Takoma Park Junior High School on Piney Branch Road, same causing damage to his property in case of a heavy rain. This was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From garbage collection employees of the Town, asking an increase in salary. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From A. L. Conger of Jackson Avenue regarding the black-out warnings in the Town, and stated that in recent practice alarms the residents on Jackson Avenue and in that vicinity have been unable to hear these alarms. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From E. B. Fetty regarding changes in the electrical code of the Town, necessitated by the limitations by which wiring will have to be installed in the next few years. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From G. E. Robertson of Willow Avenue regarding damage done to his property by the heavy rain storm on July 20th, 1942. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.



From the Lyle Sign Co. regarding shipment of signs ordered by the Town of Takoma Park on July 11th, 1942, in which letter it was stated that the material for these signs had not been released by the Government War Production Board up to August 7th, 1942, the time of the writing of the letter. Also advised that as soon as this material was released, signs would be made and shipped immediately.

From Mrs. Mina E. Fischer, Secretary of the William Frederick Redman Auxiliary No. 350, asking for use of the hall at 8 Columbia Avenue on the evening of the second Monday of each month. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

A Petition from twenty two (22) residents in the vicinity of Poplar and Elm Avenues, asking the installation of adequate storm sewerage to take care of the flow of water coming down to the section of these two streets. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. McCurdy of 416 Poplar Avenue appeared before Council regarding the storm sewer situation at Poplar and Elm Avenues, and was advised that plans were being prepared for the installation of storm sewer in this section to relieve the existing condition.

A number of residents from the Hampshire Knolls No. 3 Subdivision addressed Council regarding the bad condition of the streets in this subdivision, brought about by the storm on July 20th, 1942, and were advised that steps would be taken to get these streets in shape at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Frank J. Olive of 500 Lincoln Avenue also complained of privies on Cherry Avenue, and asked that this matter be given attention with the view of eliminating same.

Mr. E. B. Fetty, electrical inspector, addressed Council regarding change in the electrical code for the Town of Takoma Park, necessitated by the scarcity of certain materials which were now required under the code. Mr. Fetty was advised that this matter had been referred to



Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Upon presentation of the bills, Councilman Martin moved that the reading of the bills be suspended, as the Finance Committee had approved same, and moved also that the bills be paid. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

These bills amount to \$2,986.64.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, presented taxicab application of James W. McCulloch, and advised that upon investigation it was found that this party had been arrested for traffic violation, and also for one disorderly conduct charge, and Councilman Sidell recommended and moved that this application be rejected. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Councilman Sidell also presented taxicab application of Orville A. Gibson, and stated that upon investigation it was found that this party was not a resident of the Town of Takoma Park, and recommended and moved that this application be rejected. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin, permission was granted Mr. A. C. Wolf to transfer his car licensed 13-466 to car licensed 13-465, the former car not being fit for service, George W. Pritchard being operator of same.

Councilman Sidell presented application for taxicab permit of Mrs. Mary J. Graves, and upon **motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Heffner, this application was approved.**

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, stated that he had hoped to have playground report ready for this meeting, but that same had not been as yet presented to him, and this report would be made at a later date.



At this time Councilman Martin brought up for discussion the matter of acceptance of streets in the new subdivisions by Superintendent of Public Works and the Town Clerk, and called to the attention of the Council letters which had been written by the Superintendent of Public Works and the Town Clerk to the Federal Housing Administration, accepting these streets after the developer had complied with certain requirements, and voiced the opinion that matters of this kind should be brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council, and that approval should come from the Mayor and Council. The streets referred to in particular were those in Hampshire Knolls No. 3 Subdivision, which were seriously damaged during the July storms.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that the Town Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Federal Housing Administration immediately, and ascertain if the money held in escrow for the properties in Hampshire Knolls No. 3 Subdivision, for the construction of streets and sewers, has been released. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

Councilman Martin criticised very vigorously the methods of handling street work in the Town, and stated that while he had had nothing more to say at this time, he had "some more criticism to make".

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the communication from A. S. Rosemary, in connection with the sewer pipe in back of the Junior High School on Piney Branch Road, Councilman Russell stated that this matter would be looked into and a report made on same at a later date.

Councilman Russell stated that outside of taking care of numerous complaints, he had no particular items to bring up, except to further discuss the matter of streets brought to the attention of the Council by Councilman Martin.

A further discussion of this matter brought up the question as to just how far the Town could go in compelling developers to improve



streets in new subdivisions. Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr. at this time offered a suggestion, that the question be referred to competent counsel to get legal advice on the matter. No definite action was taken by the Mayor and Council, and it was suggested that further discussion of the matter await reply to the communication which the Clerk was ordered to address to the Federal Housing Administration.

Councilman Martin at this time stated that he desired a change in his committee assignments, and that he would like to relinquish his Chairmanship of the Civic Improvement and Education Committee, but that he would not do so until after he presented a report of the playground activities during the past season, which report, he stated, would be forthcoming at the next regular council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Heffner, the meeting was adjourned at ten o'clock P. M.

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J. H. M. Dodd  
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood  
Mayor



SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
August 26th, 1942

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and make some arrangements for the repairs to streets which had been damaged by the recent heavy rains. Mayor Youngblood stated that Mr. William McCeney was ready to start work on these streets just as soon as the proper authorization was given.

In answer to inquiry by the Mayor, the Clerk advised that no reply had been received from the Federal Housing Administration to a communication written to that organization on August 18th, regarding money held in escrow for streets in Hampshire Knolls No. 3 Subdivision.

In discussing this matter, Councilman Russell, Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee, advised that he had tried to make considerable study of the F. H. A. plans and their methods in connection with their requirements of builders. Councilman Russell stated that he had a conference with Mr. Elliott of the Federal Housing Administration, and found the Federal Housing Administration in their contracts endeavored to follow the requirements in connection with streets of the Towns and Counties in which they various projects were going on; that he also learned that in some cases the towns and counties required the developer to top the streets with stone and tar, and in other cases the developer was required to bring the streets to grade, and the topping was installed by the counties or municipalities.



Councilman Russell stated that he had been advised by Mr. Elliott that there was no money in escrow at the present time on the Hampshire Knolls No. 3 Subdivision, and that he would so advise the Town by mail the following day, in answer to their communication of August 18th.

The matter of repairs to these streets was discussed at length, after which Councilman Russell moved that the Municipal Works Committee be authorized to start immediately to repair the streets damaged by the recent heavy storms. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

The matter of installation of curb and gutter on Jackson Avenue and a portion of Lincoln Avenue, was discussed at length, after which Councilman Russell presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption;

ORDINANCE NO. 794

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

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Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter on portions of Jackson and Lincoln Avenues, abutting Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block 90; Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13 in Block 91, and Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block 93, Beale Subdivision, and Lot 23 in Block 37, Gilbert Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$1.15 per linear foot, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the land abutting same in the usual manner.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their Regular Meeting on September 21st, 1942, convening at eight o'clock P. M. at the Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regard to the work herein proposed.

Councilman Taft seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, 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.



The matter of reinforcing the concrete pavement on Columbia Avenue, now under construction, was discussed, and Councilman Russell advised that the regular reinforcing mesh was not obtainable, but that a heavy fencing could be used which would answer the purpose satisfactorily, and advised Council that this fencing could be procured through Barber & Ross. Councilman Russell stated that the contractor, as well as Superintendent of Public Works Fischer, thought this reinforcing should be used, due to the steep grade on this street.

After further discussion of this matter, motion was made and approved to procure and use the heavy fencing material for the reinforcing of concrete on Columbia Avenue between Sycamore Avenue and Poplar Avenue, now under construction.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Russell, Council adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

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*J. W. Dodd*  
 Clerk

*O. H. Youngblood*  
 Mayor