

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 19th, 1942.

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Heffner, Martin, Russell and Sidell, Councilman Taft being out of town and Councilman Carr being absent from the meeting due to illness.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21st and Special Meeting of September 19th, 1942 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$5,745.97
Less Discounts - - - - -	153.36
	\$5,592.61
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	153.50
Charges - - - - -	6.75
Special Assessments - - - - -	630.70
Building Permits - - - - -	24.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	12.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	14.50
Montgomery County Fines - - - - -	75.00
" " Police Telephone - -	12.00
Sale of one Building Code - - - - -	.50
Prince George's County Fines - - - - -	10.00
	\$6,531.56

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$483.55	
Material	702.63	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	239.19	
Resurfacing (labor and material)	1,912.00	3,337.37

SERVICE

Garbage: Labor	380.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	22.84	
Trash: Labor	343.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	33.94	
Disposal	106.05	
Street Lights	528.98	
Traffic Light	19.24	1,434.05

POLICE: Salaries	640.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	40.45	
Telephone & Lights	34.33	
Misc. Supplies	2.30	757.08

OFFICE: Salaries	675.00	
Postage & Printing	9.75	
Telephones	<u>18.01</u>	702.76
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS: Labor	84.75	
Misc. Expense	<u>2.12</u>	86.87
ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Birch Ave. (Curb and Gutter)	637.45	
Glengary Pl. " " "	35.90	
Jackson Ave. " " "	<u>12.15</u>	685.50
FIRE DEPT. Account of Tax Revenue	<u>2,372.38</u>	2,372.38
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Assn	270.00	
Audit	125.00	
Dog Expense	50.71	
Bldg. Permit Expense (Printing)	19.50	
Insurance (Pumphrey)	32.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	26.56	
Montg. County Police Telephone	12.00	
Publishing Audit	101.93	
Office Rent	55.00	
Insurance Premiums	677.03	
E.E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Justice of the Peace Salary	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	1,484.73
		<u>\$10,860.74</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

8/31/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$27,733.67	
Deposits in September	<u>6,160.12</u>	
	33,893.79	
Withdrawn in September	<u>10,860.74</u>	
9/30/42 - On hand		\$23,033.05
8/31/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	21,369.20	
Deposits in Sept.	<u>371.44</u>	
	21,740.64	
No withdrawals in Sept.		
9/30/42 - On hand		<u>21,740.64</u>
9/30/42 - On hand		<u>\$44,773.69</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

8/31/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	7,500.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
9/30/42 - On hand		7,500.00
8/31/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T. P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
9/30/42 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>
9/30/42 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$7,823.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Prof. E. W. Broome regarding sanitary conditions at the colored school on Ridge Avenue, in which Prof. Broome stated that the conditions complained of would be investigated.

From N. Meyer Baker regarding condition of Glaizewood Ave. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Attorney Emma Waldrop regarding claim of Mrs. Potter for injuries sustained in a fall upon broken sidewalk. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

At this time Mayor Youngblood stated that the hearing for the paving of a portion of Larch Avenue as advertised in Ordinance No. 802 would be held, and called upon anyone present interested in the matter who desired to address the Council. Attorney D. D. Lamond, representing the Estate of Fred L. Glaize, addressed Council in connection with this matter, and stated that the Glaize Estate had instructed him to register a protest against the paving of this portion of Larch Avenue. Mr. Lewis Davis, owner of Lot 11 in Block 113, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, addressed Council and stated that while he did not exactly oppose the installation of the street, he suggested that an attempt be made to make this street passable by the installation of a tar topping on same, and then if this did not prove successful, to install the paving.

This matter was discussed at length, after which, there being no one else present desiring to be heard, Mayor Youngblood referred same to the Municipal Works Committee for study and recommendation.

Mr. E. B. Fetty, Electrical Inspector, addressed Council regarding the necessity of making some changes in the Town Electrical Code, due to the lack of materials, and use of which the code stipulated. Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. Fetty that Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee, was out of the city at the present time, but as soon as he returned this matter would be taken up.

Mr. Harry Dodge addressed Council regarding the storm water situation in the vicinity of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues, and was advised that a study of this drainage was being made at the present time.

Mr. Andrew S. Rosemary of 103 Darwin Avenue addressed Council regarding the storm water drain pipe running through the Junior High School grounds, and asked that some steps be taken to control this water, as same was continually washing out Darwin Avenue abutting his property.

Mr. Geereart addressed Council and asked that the storm sewer recently placed under Holly Avenue and Darwin Avenue be continued down Grant Avenue, in front of the three properties which are under construction at the present time.

Mr. Conrad Bailer, owner of Lot 6 in Block A, Bonnie View Subdivision, addressed Council regarding the acceptance of Darwin Avenue abutting his property, stating that money was being held in escrow by the Federal Housing Administration until this street was accepted and taken over by the Town for maintenance. Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. Bailer that this matter would be gone into later on in the meeting.

Mr. Opha Mays addressed Council regarding the storm sewer situation on Jackson Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Sligo Parkway. Mr. Mays advised Council that he had recently completed construction of two dwellings on the lower end of Jackson Avenue and Sligo Parkway, and that under the present conditions it was difficult for the people living in these houses to get into same, due to the wash out by the recent heavy rains.

Councilman Russell, Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee, advised Mr. Mays that the Superintendent of Public Works and himself would meet with him on the grounds and see what could be suggested to remedy the condition at this point.

Mr. Roy F. Peters, 7200 Garland Ave. addressed Council regarding the storm water situation in the vicinity of Jackson Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, and was advised by Councilman Russell, Chairman, of the Municipal

Works Committee that nothing definite had been figured out for this area, but that a number of suggestions were under consideration, and that he hoped a solution would be worked out in the very near future.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$6,499.03 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, stated that he had an application for taxicab permit from Mr. Donald Mantz, and advised Council that the police had made an investigation of this application and found same unfavorable, and that the committee recommended, and he so moved, that the application of Mr. Mantz be not approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that he had a number of letters regarding the poison ivy campaign, and that he had been advised by Mr. Kephart that there was about five gallons of the chemical available for the purpose of destroying this poison ivy, and that he had contacted Mr. Rufust Shenk, the gardener, and that Mr. Shenk agreed to use his spray and truck to go over the town and destroy this poison ivy, and that his charge would be for services \$12.00 per day. Councilman Heffner was instructed to follow this plan if the materials to be used were still available.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, reporting in connection with the play ground report presented at the last meeting, that he believed, due to the manner in which the play grounds were conducted, that the Council should adopt a resolution expressing thanks to Mrs. Marion Rockwood for her cooperation in making the play ground season a successful one, and on motion properly seconded the Clerk was authorized to write a letter to Mrs. Rockwood expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her efforts in behalf of the play ground.

Councilman Martin also stated that letters had been received from store keepers in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue, in answer to letters written by the Clerk regarding the necessity of keeping the property in the rear of these stores clean. Councilman Martin advised that the store keepers had expressed that they were in agreement with this move and suggested that some plan be made by which the trash could be picked up. This matter was discussed at length, but no definite action taken in connection with same, except that Major Fischer advised that he would be glad to look into the situation and see what could be done by the town trash collection truck to take care of this matter.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Russell, Chairman, brought up for discussion the acceptance of streets in new subdivisions, the improvements upon which lots are being financed by the Federal Housing Administration, and took up for discussion first, Lot 8 in Block 91, Beale Subdivision, assessed in the name of Smith & Gottlieb, and Councilman Russell moved that the Federal Housing Administration be advised that the Town will accept the street abutting Lot 8 in Block 91, Beale Subdivision, for topping and future maintenance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

In connection with Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Block 107, Glaisewood Manor Subidvision, Councilman Russell stated that the curb and gutter had been put in abutting these lots, and that this street had been brought up to grade and gravel topping put on, and moved that the Federal Housing Administration be advised that the town will accept the street abutting these lots for topping and future maintenance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

The matter of acceptance of Darwin Avenue, abutting Lot 5 in Block A, Bonnie View Subdivision, was next brought up for discussion, after which Councilman Russell moved that the Federal Housing Administration be advised that the town accepted Darwin Avenue abutting Lot 5 in Block A, Bonnie View Subdivision, for topping and future maintenance.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

The next matter for discussion was the acceptance of streets abutting Lots 10 and 11 in Block 4, and Lot 11 in Block 7, Hillwood Manor Subdivision. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the Federal Housing Administration be advised that the Town will accept streets abutting Lots 10 and 11 in Block 4, and Lot 11 in Block 7, Hillwood Manor Subdivision, for topping and future maintenance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the letter from Mr. J. D. Becker, which had been referred to the Municipal Works Committee, in which Mr. Becker asked for acceptance of the street in front of his property, Lot 1 in Block 115, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision for permanent maintenance. Councilman Russell advised Council that the curb and gutter had not been installed in front of this property, and that nothing could be done in connection with the acceptance of this street until this curb and gutter had been properly installed, and the Clerk was authorized to so write Mr. Becker.

Regarding the hearing held this evening for the paving of that portion of Larch Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to Glaizewood Avenue, Councilman Russell voiced the opinion that the only way to make a successful job of this street and make it hold, due to the steep grade of same, would be a permanent paving with concrete, and after discussion of the matter, Council Russell offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO 803

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

Section 1. That under authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hearing, as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of Larch Avenue as advertised in Ordinance No. 802, adopted by the Mayor and Council September 21st, 1942, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one-third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the Town; said cost to include any and all street inter-sections and exemptions on corner lots and otherwise. *See 16:102*

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvement herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, and the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of six per-cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

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

The Clerk was then authorized to advertise for bids for the paving of that portion of Larch Avenue as set forth in Ordinance No. 802, said bids to be opened at a Special Meeting on November 2nd, 1942 at the Town Offices at eight o'clock P. M.

The Clerk presented to Council a resubdivided Plat of Lots A, 2 and 3 in Block 63, and Lot 8 in Block 62, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, said Lots being resubdivided into Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Block 63, and Lots 19 and 20 in Block 62, said Plat being presented by Thorwald and Ethel M. Thomsen.

After discussion of this matter Councilman Martin offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 804

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

Section 1. That the Plat of resubdivision of Lots A, 2 and 3 in Block 63, and Lot 8 in Block 62, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, into Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Block 63, and Lots 19 and 20, Block 62, as presented by Thorwald Thomsen and Ethel M. Thomsen, 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 Heffner, Martin, Russell and Sidell. Voting Nay, none.

The Clerk advised Council that a movement had been started for the erection of a "service Board" list^{ing} the names of men in the armed forces of the United States in Takoma Park, both in the Maryland and the District of Columbia side, and the Clerk requested the Council to sponser this movement, and to allot the necessary amount of money needed for the erection of same. After discussion of this matter, motion was made by Councilman Martin that the Council sponser this movement, and upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell said motion was approved.

On motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 12:05 A.M.

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J. Adam Sidell
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor