

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
January 18th, 1943.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 21st, 1942 were approved.

Treasurer's report for the month of December, 1942 was presented by the Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$3,015.51
Less Discounts - - - - -	1.00
	3,014.51
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	68.75
Special Assessments - - - - -	562.00
Building Permits - - - - -	66.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	6.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	1.75
Vendor Permits - - - - -	1.00
Taxicab Permits - - - - -	15.00
Montg. County Police Telephone - -	12.00
" " Fines - - - - -	7.50
Lloyd Inc., Co. Dividend on former Treasurer's Bond - - - - -	250.00
	\$4,004.51

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$433.60	
Material	250.21	
" & Labor storm sewer	220.03	
Resurfacing Streets	2,603.86	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	50.97	
Tools & Supplies	10.41	3,569.08

SERVICE:

Garbage: Salaries	400.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	41.25	
Trash: Salaries	424.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	39.09	
Disposal	89.55	
Ashes: Salaries	144.95	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	48.66	
Street Lights	515.32	
Traffic Light	2.63	1,705.45

## POLICE:

Salaries	640.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	59.72	
Telephone-Coal-Lights	63.30	
Misc, Supplies	<u>7.90</u>	810.92

## OFFICE:

Salaries	675.00	
Postage and Printing	10.00	
Telephones & Supplies	<u>57.94</u>	742.94

## ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Columbia Ave. Paving	<u>135.00</u>	135.00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Revenue from taxes	2,000.00	
Extension Telephone	<u>21.12</u>	2,021.12

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	270.00	
Recording Fee-	.75	
Insurance-Pumphrey	32.00	
Municipal Bldg. expense	35.76	
Honor Roll Board	37.91	
Civilian Defense (helmets)	53.06	
Montgomery County Telephone	12.00	
Refund Taxes Overpaid	14.04	
Office Rent	55.00	
E. E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Building Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	<u>625.52</u>

\$9,610.03

BANK STATEMENTGENERAL ACCOUNT

11/30/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$15,555.36	
Deposits in December	<u>3,721.58</u>	
	19,276.94	
Withdrawn in December	<u>9,610.03</u>	
12/31/42 - On hand		9,666.91
11/30/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	22,299.96	
Deposits in December	<u>282.93</u>	
	22,582.89	
No withdrawals in Dec.		
12/31/42 - On hand		<u>22,582.89</u>
12/31/42 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$32,249.80</u>

BANK STATEMENT CONT'DREVOLVING FUND

11/30/42 - On hand Citizens Bank No deposits or withdrawals	7,500.00	
12/31/42 - On hand	<hr/>	7,500.00
11/30/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P. No deposits or withdrawals	323.72	
12/31/42 - On hand	<hr/>	<u>323.72</u>
12/31/42 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$7,823.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From A. T. Conner, State Milage Conservation Administration, regarding the submitting of the name of a person to supervise and control useage of public owned vehicles in their respective community. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From H. P. Rockwell, Jr. pf 1008 Hopewell Avenue regarding condition of streets in the Kentland Village Subdivision. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department recommending the appointment of Herald W. Hirst as Fire Marshall for the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Police report for the month of December was read by the Clerk, showing total arrests for all causes to be thirteen (13), and total calls and complaints One Hundred and Eleven (111).

Mrs. J. H. Robertson addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the collection of cans through the town, which were being cleaned and the labels removed from same and flattened. After a lengthy discussion of this matter, Mayor Youngblood recommended to Mrs. Robertson that she contact Major Fischer, and that possibly a feasible plan could be worked out for the collection of these cans, although the town at the present time are very short of labor, and were finding it very difficult to keep up with the regular garbage and trash collection. Major Fischer stated that he thought a plan could be worked out whereby these cans could be collected at different points without overtaxing his collection forces.

The matter of the disregard of tenants to the separation of the various classes of trash into separate cans, in order that they may be collected at the proper time, was discussed at length, Superintendent of Public Works Fischer advising the Mayor and Council that some people entirely disregard the matter of separation, and that tin cans were found in with the garbage, and combustible material mixed in with the combustible material, which handicapped his force very much in the collection of these items.

After discussion of this matter, it was recommended that the Mayor and Council, if possible, pass some kind of an Ordinance compelling the people to separate the garbage, ashes, combustible material and non-combustible material and tin cans, and Mayor Youngblood requested the Law and Ordinance Committee to look into this matter.

Mr. E. Brooke Fetty appeared before Council requesting certain changes in the wiring code in order to meet the present conditions, Mr. Fetty advising Council that it was impossible to obtain at the present time certain materials required by the code, and recommended that for the duration that the code be amended and such materials substituted as were available. Councilman Taft of the Law and Ordinance Committee advised that he had gone into this matter, and that while he had no definite report to make in connection with same, he would give it his prompt attention,

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairman Russell read a letter from the Citizens Bank requesting that a letter be written to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission advising that Commission that Linden Avenue from the circle to Hayward Avenue, due to the steep grade, would never be opened or improved as a street, the bank advising that this procedure would facilitate materially the laying of a house sewer for a house being constructed on the Linden Street circle. After a very lengthy discussion of this matter, the Council

being unable to reach a definite decision , it was moved that the Council meet in special session at an early date to give this matter further consideration.

Chairman Russell stated that Mr. Opha Mays had called him in regards to the paving of Jackson Avenue for a distance of 150 feet from Sligo Parkway, and that he had advised Mr. Mays to send in a petition signed by the property owners abutting this improvement, at which time the matter would be given consideration by the Mayor and Council.

The following general report was made by Councilman Russell in connection with street work, garbage and trash collection:

"Very little street work is being done at the present time, owing to weather conditions and primarily to the shortage of labor. Until about October 1st the town laborers numbered sixteen men; today a total of six men did such work as they were able to do, which consisted of three men on the garbage truck and three men on the trash truck. If no more men show up during the remainder of this week, no ashes will be collected on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, because the least number of laborers required on each truck, i.e. garbage and trash, is three men to each truck."

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$1293.64 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of same was approved.

Regarding the letter from Mr. Albert E. Brault of the Montgomery County Civilian Defense, in which Mr. Brault stated that 468 stirrup pumps had been allocated to Takoma Park, Chairman Carr advised that this matter had been taken up with Mr. Norman Maberry, Deputy District Warden of Takoma Park, in order that some information may be obtained as to the number of pumps which could be used in each of his precincts. Chairman Carr advised that he had received a reply from Mr. Maberry recommending the purchase of 220 of these pumps, although 35 of this amount was in Precinct No. 22, which is out of the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park. Chairman Carr stated that his committee had gone over the matter, and after giving same every consideration, the committee recommended, and Chairman Carr moved that the Council

do not at this time purchase any of these stirrup pumps. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved. The Clerk was authorized to write Mr. Maberry the decision of the Council in this matter.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: In connection with the letter from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, recommending the appointment of Mr. Hearld Hirst as Fire Marshall for the Town of Takoma Park, Chairman Sidell moved that Mr. Hearld Hirst be appointed Fire Marshall for the Town of Takoma Park, without compensaion. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

On motion of Chaiman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Taft, a set of seat covers was ordered purchased for the Town Police car.

Chairman Sidell stated that he had two taxicab applications for use of the town taxicab stand, one from Charles Klaren, to be operated by Vance K. Springer, and the other from Ralph H. Ricks, to be operated by Mr. Ricks himself. Chairman Sidell stated that these applications had been turned over to the police for investigation, and the reports on same were favorable. Chairman Sidell moved that Mr. Klaren and Mr. Ricks be granted permission to occupy the Town Taxicab Stand. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Chairman Sidell also reported progress on repairs to the Police Station.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Chairman Heffner stated that he had received a letter from Mr. J. H. Nies, Manager of the Washington Sanitarium regarding the unsightly condition in the rear of the stores at the corner of Erie and Flower Avenues. Chairman Heffner stated that he had the police check up on this matter, and to notify the owners of these stores that the place must be kept clean and all refuse placed in containers. Chairman Heffner also advised that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer stated that if the garbage and trash were place in containers it would be collected twice each week.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding the letter from Mr. A. T. Conner, State Mileage Conservation Administrator, regarding the appointment of administrator to supervise and control useage of public owned vehicles, Councilman Taft recommended and moved the appointment to this office of Superintendent of Public Works William F. Fischer. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

Councilman Taft, in answer to a letter from the Montgomery County Charter Board, asking suggestions from the Town as to their desires in matters in connection with the Charter, stated that he had given some some study, and read a proposed reply to the Montgomery County Charter Board. After discussion of this matter it was moved to table same until a later date, as Councilman Taft stated that he understood an immediate reply was not necessary, that there was still time to give the matter further consideration.

Due to ~~the~~ fuel conservation in the Fire Department, and the large amount of fuel necessary to heat the large Fire Department Hall, on motion properly seconded, it was moved and approved that the regular meetings of the Council be held in the Town Offices in the Citizens Bank Building, until further notice.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

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*J. Alvin Dodd*  
 Clerk

*O. H. Youngblood,*  
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JANUARY 26th, 1943.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 P. M. Those present were Mayor Yougblood, Councilmen Heffner, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Meeting called primarily for the purpose of discussing the matter of communication from the Citizens Bank regarding Linden Avenue, and their request for an agreement by Council not to improve Linden Ave. from Linden Circle down to Hayward Avenue. Councilman Russell, Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee, stated that he had made a further inspection of the situation, and stated that his committee made the following recommendation:

"That the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission be advised that the Council would never open Linden Avenue beyond the point 300 feet west of the center line of Elm Avenue, or wherever the grade at the center line of the street starts down the hill at approximately a forty degree slope."

After a further discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the recommendation of the committee on streets, as stated, be adopted and a letter written to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission advising them of the action of the Council. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

In reference to the grading or improvement of this street from Elm Avenue to the circle, this matter was discussed at length, after which Councilman Russell made the following motion: That Linden Avenue should be graded in accordance with the profile furnished by the County Engineer from Elm Avenue to the circle, rather than to finish and hard-surface the alley or lane running from Linden Ave. to Heather Avenue, as it is considered advisable to have Linden Avenue opened from Elm Avenue to the Circle. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.



The matter of the suit against the town by Mrs. Anne H. Potter for injuries sustained by her due to an alleged fall on a broken sidewalk, Councilman Taft stated that he had registered appearance in the Court, and that an answer to the suit must be filed by February 6th, 1943. The question of the employment of an Attorney to represent the Town was discussed at length, after which Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee, was authorized to employ Donand D. Lamond as counsel for the Town, with the understanding that he associate himself in the defense of this suit with Attorney Bernard Welsh of Rockville, Maryland.

Councilman Sidell, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee, stated that he had three applications, one for occupying the taxicab stand by Bruce S. Hannah, and one from Loren W. Franzina requesting a permit for Eugene A. Gardner to operate a Dodge Sedan now occupying the stand under permit of Mr. Franzina, and another from Charles W. Klaren, making application for Roy B. Linkins to operate Dodge Sedan now occupying the stand under permit of Mr. Klaren. Councilman Sidell stated that these applicants had been investigated and a favorable report made on same by the police, and moved that these three applications be granted. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

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J. H. Sidell  
 Clerk

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 Mayor