

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 15, 1943.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18th, 1943 and Special Meeting of January 26th, 1943 were approved.

Treasurer's report for the month of January was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$1380.40	
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	116.64	
Special Assessments - - - - -	1350.33	
Building Permits - - - - -	7.00	
Electrical Permits - - - - -	16.00	
Dog Tax - - - - -	94.00	
Taxicab Permits - - - - -	12.00	
Scrap Iron Sold - - - - -	34.88	
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	2.50	
Montgomery County Police Telephone - -	12.00	
" " Fines - - - - -	93.00	
Citizens Bank - Int. on Certificate Dep.	47.30	
		<u>\$3166.05</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	241.41	
Material	138.24	
Material-Storm Sewers	66.75	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	50.24	496.64

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	372.08	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	44.92	
Trash: Labor	335.80	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	31.61	
Disposal	82.10	
Ash Collection: Labor	117.45	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	28.43	
Street Lights	532.50	
Traffic Light	2.81	1547.70

POLICE:

Salaries	618.36	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	100.33	
Printing (Warrants)	9.75	
Telephones-Fuel and Lights	68.93	
Miscellaneous Expense	18.71	856.08

OFFICE:

Salaries	652.80	
Telephones and Supplies	23.07	
Postage and Printing	<u>29.00</u>	704.87

MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	270.00	
Insurance (Pumphrey)	32.00	
Dog Expense	11.38	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	82.00	
Honor Roll Expense	1.10	
E. E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	15.00	
Montg. County Police Tele.	<u>12.00</u>	578.48

\$4183.77BANK STATEMENTGENERAL ACCOUNT:

12/31/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	9,666.91	
Deposits in January, 1943	3,135.52	
1/28/43 - Tf. from Revolving Fund	<u>7,500.00</u>	
	20,302.43	
1/31/43 - On hand	<u>4,183.77</u>	\$16,118.66
12/31/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l Bank	22,582.89	
Deposits in January, 1943	<u>30.53</u>	
	22,613.42	
1/31/43 - On hand		<u>22,613.42</u>
1/31/43 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$38,732.08</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

12/31/42 - On hand Citizens Bank	7,500.00	
No deposits		
Tf. to Gen'l Acct. Citz.	<u>7,500.00</u>	
12/31/42 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/43 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>
1/31/43 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$ 323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Petition from property owners on Greenwood Avenue requesting the paving of this street to a width of forty feet from Carroll Avenue to the corporate limits of the town, of Division St. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from Opha Mays, E. C. Adcock and Ernest Wolfe, requesting the paving of that portion of Jackson Avenue abutting Lot 1 in Block 36, and Lots 46 and 47 in Block 37, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Sabina E. Grote requesting permission to plant three trees in the parkway in front of her property at 1101 Merwood Drive. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Edythe B. Walton, Corresponding Secretary of the Parents-Teacher Assn. of Silver Spring Intermediate School at Philadelphia and Chicago Avenues, regarding destruction of school property, and requesting adequate police protection to prevent further destruction at this school. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Walter Pritchard, Secretary of the Community League of Takoma Park, along with resolution from the League, regarding collection of garbage in the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

From Walter Pritchard, Secretary of the Community League of Takoma Park, requesting that a street sign be placed at the entrance of Manor Circle from Carroll Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Lewis Davis, requesting information as to when the proposed paving of Larch Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to Glaisewood Avenue would start. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from residents in the vicinity of 32 Carroll Avenue regarding unsightly condition of premises in the rear of building at 32 Carroll Avenue, and requesting that this condition be remedied at

once. Referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Letters were read from Senator Thomas E. Hampton and Commissioner Lacy Shaw, regarding proposed bill to be presented by the Montgomery County Delegates to the Maryland Legislature, authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to organize and put into effect and operate a trash and garbage collection and disposal system for the entire suburban area of Montgomery County, these letters being in reply to a letter from Councilman Taft, written at the request of the Mayor, in which it was set forth that the Town of Takoma Park would be opposed to a bill covering this service in the incorporated town of Takoma Park, where a satisfactory collection service has been maintained for years.

Both Senator Hampton and Commissioner Shaw advised that the town would be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with the proposed Legislation before same finally become a law.

Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr. at this time addressed Council and stated that the County Commissioners had authorized that such a bill be drawn up for presentation at this session of the Maryland Legislature, and that he had talked to Commissioner Shaw about the matter, and asked if any provision had been made to exempt incorporated towns that now have their own trash and garbage collection. Mr. Coffman stated that Commissioner Shaw had advised him that if any of the incorporated towns had a satisfactory trash and garbage collection of its own, that he at least would be glad to recommend that they be exempt from the general regulation. After talking to Commissioner Shaw, Mr. Coffman stated that he had suggested to the Mayor to take whatever steps necessary to put the position of the town before the County Commissioners, as he felt that such steps should be taken by the town for the reason that we are in a very concentrated area, and that the cost of the collection of the garbage and trash within the corporate limits of the town must be very low per house, and that the service could serve more houses in less

time to the town of Takoma Park than it could in the Chevy Chase, Silver Spring and Bethesda areas.

A number of citizens from the Davis and Central Avenue area appeared before Council regarding storm water conditions in that area, and wanted to know what progress was being made towards the taking care of this storm water. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Chairman Russell of the Municipal Works Committee, advised these gentlemen that while some dirt had been dumped at various points in this area, in an effort toward off some of this storm water condition, that his committee would go into the matter again and see what could be done to help the situation further.

Mr. Charles W. Klaren, who operates a taxicab from the town taxicab stand, appeared before Council regarding the taxicab situation in the town, and requested that the Council set aside two more cab stands in the town, one at Erie and Flower Avenues and one at Grant and Carroll Avenues, and also that the cab stand at the corner of Eastern and Laurel Avenues be lengthened to accommodate more cars. Mr. Klaren stated to Council that if these two additional stands were established, that the cabs could be stationed on same and receive calls, and in a number of cases would save a lot of mileage, and thereby also create a saving in gasoline. After discussion of this matter, Chairman Sidell of the Municipal Service Committee, stated that same would require ~~some~~ some study, and that a report would be made at a later date.

Mr. E. B. Fetty, Electrical Inspector for the Town, appeared before Council regarding amending the Electrical Code of the Town to meet the scarcity of materials to be used, as set forth in the present code. Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee, being out of town, the Clerk placed before Council a proposed Ordinance, prepared by Councilman Taft before leaving, and after discussion of this Ordinance, Councilman Martin stated that he thought Council should

not keep postponing the adoption of such an Ordinance, and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 805

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

That in harmony with the request of the War Production Board and to assist in the war effort by conserving copper, rubber, and other critical materials used in the insulation of wires and apparatus for electric lights, heat, and power purposes, the National Electrical Code which was heretofore adopted and made a part of the regulations of the town of Takoma Park, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended and adopted as follows:

(1) Article 2331 of the National Electrical Code be amended to read as follows: The minimum size of Service entrance Conductors installed in or on a building shall not be smaller than #8 B & S. gauge where the current per terminal is not in excess of thirty (30) amperes, and the minimum size service raceway shall not be less than one inch.

Article 2331 be further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: (i) Service entrance Cable Types (SE and ASE), not installed in conduit, may be used as the service wiring method if run exposed on the surface of the building.

(2) Article 2357 be amended by substituting the following: Thirty (30) ampere service switches may be used to supply a connected load of not more than thirty amperes, or for a combination lighting, appliance and motor load requiring not larger than thirty ampere fuse protection.

(3) By adding a new article to be Article 3390, to read as follows:

Article 3390 Non-metallic sheathed cable may be used for both exposed and concealed work as set forth in Articles 3361, 3401 and 3409 inclusive, except that it shall not be imbedded in masonry, concrete, fill or plaster.

(4) Article 9500, Table 1, be amended to read as follows:

Size AWG MOM	Rubber Type R Type RW	Size AWG MCM	Rubber Type R Type RW
14	14	0	125
12	20	00	150
10	25	000	175
8	35	0000	225
6	50	250	250
4	70	300	275
2	90	350	300
1	100	400	325
		500	400

(5) Article 3342 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Armored Cable (type A.C.), may be used for both exposed and concealed work in dry locations.

Armored Cable shall contain lead-covered conductors (type A.C.L.) if used where exposed to the weather or continuous moisture, for underground runs and in basements deemed to be damp and in slabs in contact with earth.

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

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairman Russell presented to Council bid from Eyre & Smallwood in connection with the installation of the Poplar and Spring Avenue storm sewer, in which Eyre & Smallwood agreed to excavate and lay approximately 670 ft. of 48" and 530 ft. of 30" concrete pipe, and back fill same, for Three Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety (\$3,490.00) Dollars, and to excavate in driveway abutting the house of Mr. Harry Nichter for the laying of concrete block sewer, for One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars.

Chairman Russell advised Council that requests for bids had been sent to seven different contracting firms, but that the one bid was all that had been received, and was of the opinion that no other bids could be gotten, and recommended that this contract be awarded to Eyre & Smallwood in accordance with their bid. Mr. Smallwood being present advised that this work could be completed in about thirty good working days.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the bid of Eyre & Smallwood for the construction of this sewer, as set forth in their bid, be accepted and the contract awarded to them, said work to be completed within thirty working days. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

The matter of storm sewer to be installed on Grant Avenue abutting the property of Mr. Geeraert was brought up for discussion.

Councilman Russell expressed the opinion that he thought Mr. Geereart should be given some help by the town in connection with the construction of this sewer. Councilman Russell called to the attention of Council that in some instances the town had helped with the expense of these sewers by furnishing labor for the installation of same, the property owners to furnish the material, but that in this case he would recommend that the town furnish the material and the developer, or property owner, furnish the labor and install the sewer. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the town furnish the material for the construction of this sewer, and that Mr. Geeraert, the developer, furnish the labor for the installation of same, said installation to be under the supervision of Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin. Councilman Heffner stated that he was opposed to the town participating in the expense of this project, and called for a roll call vote. and upon a roll call vote, motion was approved; Councilman Martin, Russell and Sidell voting "yes", Councilman Heffner voting "no", Councilman Carr not voting.

Councilman Martin at this time inquired of Mayor Youngblood why letters were sent to Senator Hampton and Commissioner Shaw regarding a proposed bill to come before the Maryland Legislature, authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish and maintain a trash and garbage collection service in the metropolitan area of Montgomery County, in which letter it was requested that the Town of Takoma Park be exempt, due to the fact that the present trash and garbage collection carried on by the town was entirely satisfactory. Councilman Martin stated that he was not aware of any such action being taken by the Council. Councilman Martin stated that he had been thinking for a long time that a service should be organized for the collection and disposal of trash and garbage, and that if such a bill was presented he might be in favor of same.

Mr. J. W. Coffman, Sr. again addressed Council and expressed the view that such a bill to cover areas where there was no organized collection, such as Silver Spring and Bethesda, would be a "God send" to these communities, but that from figures advanced several years ago by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, it would be of considerable expense to the residents of Takoma Park.

Councilman Martin also advised that he was not aware of any definite action by the Council regarding the matter of the Potter suit, and was not aware of any such suit being filed until he saw an item in a Washington newspaper about same.

Councilman Martin was advised by the Mayor that while no definite action was taken by the Council in connection with the proposed bill for the collection of trash and garbage, same had been discussed, and that the letters were merely written in order that the town may be kept informed and be in a position to demand a hearing in case any features of the bill were detrimental to the interests of the town.

In connection with the Pottersuit, Councilman Martin was advised that this matter had been discussed at the regular council meeting of January 18th, at which Councilman Martin was not present due to illness, and was also discussed and acted upon at the special meeting of January 26th, at which meeting Councilman Martin was not present due to the fact that this meeting fell on the same night as the meeting of the Fire Department.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that more chairs were badly needed at the Health and Welfare Center on Columbia Avenue, and requested that the Clerk obtain prices on folding chairs.

Councilman Heffner stated that he had been informed that garbage was being dumped on Boston Avenue between Takoma Avenue and East-West Highway, and asked that the matter be looked into by the police, in and effort to ascertain the facts in the matter.

Regarding the petition from the Community League in connection with the collection of garbage in the town, Councilman Heffner stated that a study could be made of this matter, and suggested that a Committee be appointed to give study to same with the idea in view of making a monthly garbage collection charge against those stores in the town where it was necessary to collect a large quantity of garbage as compared to the usual house collection. Mayor Youngblood stated that he believed the Health and Welfare Committee to be the proper committee to make such a study and report back to the Council.

Councilman Heffner also stated that an effort would be made to contact the proper parties at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding the service to the town at the incinerator, Major Fischer having complained that on several occasions garbage had been taken to the incinerator after their closing time and that the man there would not accept same, and that it was necessary for the driver to bring the load back.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, stated that he had an application for permission to use space on the taxicab stand from Mr. R. D. Murray, and moved that permission be granted to Mr. Murray to use the stand. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Councilman Sidell also stated that he had three applications for drivers permits, all to drive the care of Mr. Murray's, but that these applications would be held in abeyance for further investigation.

Regarding the request of the taxicab men for additional taxicab stands at Erie and Flower Avenues and at Grant and Carroll Avenues, and for the lengthening of the stand at Eastern and Laurel Avenues. Councilman Sidell recommended that this matter be held in abeyance for the time being, until further study can be made of same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$1,461.74 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of same approved.

The matter of increase in the hourly wage rate of street and other employees of the town serving under Superintendent of Public Works Fischer was discussed at length, Superintendent Fischer having stated that it was almost impossible to get any additional labor at the present time at the rate of wages now being paid by the town. No definite action was taken by the Council in connection with this wage increase.

Financial statement from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department for the period from January 14, 1942 to January 13, 1943 was read to the Council by the Clerk and Treasurer, which statement showed a balance on hand as of January 13, 1943 of \$2,388.61.

Police report for the month of January, 1943, was presented to Council showing total arrests of 19, and total calls and complaints of all types 151.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

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J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood,
Mayor