

found not having a license to be fined in accordance with the Ordinance covering the harboring of dogs in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

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J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 19, 1943.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15th, 1943, and Special Meeting of March 22nd, 1943 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of March, 1943, was presented by the Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$2,804.28
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	237.94
Charges - - - - -	35.25
Special Assessments - - - - -	553.22
Building Permits - - - - -	224.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	1.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	302.50
Taxicab Permits - - - - -	3.00
Montgomery County Gasoline Tax - - - - -	1,033.87
" " Fines - - - - -	7.00
" " Telephone (Police) --	12.00
Franchise Tax - - - - -	10.00
Bank Share Tax - - - - -	665.39
	<u>\$5,689.45</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	410.02	
Material	70.62	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	165.83	
Poplar Ave. Storm Sewer	<u>1,876.32</u>	2,522.79
SERVICE: Garbage: Salaries	416.10	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	87.48	
Disposal	103.65	
Trash: Salaries	386.08	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	49.66	
Ash: Salaries	124.50	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	31.51	
Street Lights	480.97	
Traffic Light	1.06	
Trash Disposal	<u>52.85</u>	1,733.86
POLICE: Salaries	618.36	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	45.43	
Telephones-Coal & Light	71.74	
Supplies	<u>.98</u>	776.51
OFFICE: Salaries	652.80	
Postage and Printing	5.00	
Telephone and Supplies	<u>35.98</u>	693.78
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Association	270.00	
Insurance (Pumphrey)	32.00	
Recording fees	3.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	44.46	
Potter Suit expense	314.45	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
" " Transfers	16.00	
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>861.91</u>
		<u>\$6,588.85</u>

BANK STATEMENTGENERAL ACCOUNT

2/28/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	21,969.39	
Deposits in March	<u>5,654.23</u>	
	27,623.62	
No withdrawals in March		
3/31/43 - On hand		<u>27,623.62</u>
2/28/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	14,303.91	
Deposits in March	<u>35.22</u>	
	14,339.13	
Withdrawn in March	<u>6,588.85</u>	
3/31/43 - On hand		<u>7,750.28</u>
3/31/43 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$35,373.90</u>

REVOLVING FUND

2/28/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T. P.	\$ 323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
3/31/43 - On hand		<u>\$ 323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From T. Howard Duckett regarding taxes on Lots 10-11-12-17 and 9 In Block "C", and Lot 5 in Block "D", Maris Subdivision, in which Mr. Duckett offered to pay the actual taxes without penalties, and also to pay the special assessments against any of these lots without interest. Referred to Finance Committee.

Petition from eighteen property owners in the vicinity of Garland and Davis Avenues regarding the dumping of dirt in Davis Avenue, and also regarding water in Davis Avenue between Central and Garland Avenues. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From N. E. Pennington, Sr., Inspector for Montgomery County Health Department, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk regarding the unsightly condition of property of H. C. & M. D. Murray, located on Lincoln Avenue, in which letter Mr. Pennington advised that the Inspector for that area was investigating these conditions. This letter was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

Mr. J. Paul Smith, Junior Highway Engineer of the State Roads Commission, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk regarding drainage on New Hampshire Avenue, Mr. Smith advising that nothing could be done to relieve this situation. This letter was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk, advising that they would make an inspection of a complaint of Mr. Nichols of 110 Westmoreland Ave., in connection with water backing up into the sanitary pipes in his dwelling. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Sergeant C. E. Thomas of the Town Police Force, regarding the condition in the rear of stores on Laurel Avenue. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee:

Bids from Contee Sand & Gravel Co., Opha Mays and Eyre & Smallwood for the paving of a portion of Jackson Avenue, as advertised, was presented to the Council by the Clerk, and these bids were referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. R. F. Peters of 7200 Garland Avenue addressed Council regarding the storm water drainage on Jackson Avenue. Mr. Glorius also addressed Council regarding this same matter, and asked that immediate steps be taken to relieve this condition before the heavy spring rains began.

Messrs. Anderson, Gooch and Seitz, appeared before Council and advised that the citizens of New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision had organized a Community Association, and that they had come to the meeting this evening to thank the Mayor and Council for the consideration given them in the past, and hoped that they would merit favorable consideration in the future, as it was the purpose of the association to make this section a credit to the Town of Takoma Park.

Mayor Youngblood thanked these Gentlemen for appearing before Council, and stated that the Council was always ready to give their consideration to all matters pertaining to the welfare of the town.

Mr. Anderson called attention of the Council to the two entrance lights to the New Hampshire Avenue Highland Subdivision, these lights having been out of commission for sometime. Mr. Anderson stated that the residents would be willing to put these lights in shape for use, and furnish the necessary bulbs, and requested that the town give consideration to having the charge for the current used by these lights placed on the street light bill of the town. Mr. Anderson stated, to have these lights billed to the association, it would be necessary for them to put up a deposit for the meter, which they did not feel that they were able to do at this time. Mayor Youngblood referred this matter to Councilman Sidell, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee.

Fire Marshall Hirst reported to Council that Sergeant Thomas, Mr. H. L. Thornton and himself had made a survey of the rear of the stores on Laurel Avenue, and Mr. Thornton had agreed to pay for the cleaning up of the premises in the rear of these stores, but stated that he is unable to get anyone to do the work, and thought that maybe the town could arrange to do this work. Mr. Thornton also agreed to erect a fence on the rear of the lot, to keep papers from blowing on to the adjoining lots. Mr. Hirst stated that Mr. Thornton would notify all tenants that they must individually get separate containers for garbage, papers and other trash.

Fire Marshall Hirst stated that he did not think an incinerator there would help much in keeping down a fire hazard, and stated that he would recommend that the town pass an Ordinance prohibiting the burning of paper or other trash in the business districts of the town, making the business men responsible for their garbage and trash, and have the town make the necessary collections. He stated also that he believed this would be the only way to eliminate the continual fire hazard in the business sections of the town.

Mr. Norman Maberry, Deputy Air Raid Warden for the 13th and 5th Districts of Takoma Park, addressed Council regarding the purchase of stirrup pumps and the purchase of chassis for skid pumps. Mr. Maberry urged Council to seriously consider the purchase of 350 stirrup pumps and the necessary chassis for the skid pumps, stating that the stirrup pumps could be purchased for \$1.93 each, and the chassis for the skid pumps could be purchased at around \$195.00 each.

Mr. William Jeffries, Senior Warden of the 9th Precinct also addressed Council regarding the necessity for the purchase of these defense materials, as the different precincts were not able financially to assume any such expenditure.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter, during which Mr. Maberry cleared up a number of facts in regards to the proposed use of the equipment, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for further study and recommendation.

Mayor Youngblood again expressed his appreciation to those attending the meeting, and for their suggestions, and stated that the Mayor and Council were always willing to receive suggestions in any constructive criticism.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$7,757.19, were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

Regarding the letter from Mr. Duckett, and also regarding the purchase of chassis for skid pumps and stirrup pumps, Chairman Carr stated that he would like to have a little time to study this matter.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chairman Sidell stated that he had three applications for taxicab permits, as follows:

William C. Hatch, Owner	-	Wm. C. Hatch, Operator
Lawrence B. Eisenberg, Owner	-	Lawrence B. Eisenberg, Operator
William C. Hatch, owner	-	Edwin R. Rapp, Operator

Chairman Sidell stated that these men had been investigated, and that his committee recommended their approval, and upon motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Heffner, these applications were approved.

Chairman Sidell stated that he had another application from F. E. Allen as owner and operator for another car to occupy the stand, but that his committee felt this permit should be held up until such time as Mr. Allen could get the approval of the present owners operating from the stand, and stated that a meeting had been held with the operators who had organized, and they stated that at that time there were eighteen or twenty cars operating from the stand, and they wanted to know what Council was going to do about putting on more cars.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Sidell moved that the application be held until such time as Mr. Allen gets the approval of the Association. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Councilman Sidell advised Council that two meetings had been held with these cab owners, when they organized, and at that time they promised to provide the town with a list of all the approved drivers having some means of identification. Councilman Sidell advised they have not done this to do, and recently one of the cabs had a serious accident, and it was being operated by an unapproved driver. Councilman Sidell stated that his committee feels that there should be some action taken whereby this owner could be punished for violating his agreement, and after discussion of this matter, Councilman Sidell moved that all owners be notified by letter from the Council that in the future if any owner permits his cab to be driven by a driver that has not been approved by the Council, his license to occupy the stand will be revoked. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

At this time the matter of the request for the purchase of chassis for the skid pumps, and stirrup pumps, was brought up for discussion, after which Councilman Martin moved that the town purchase the chassis for the skid pumps when funds are available, and that the matter of the purchase of the stirrup pumps be left to the discretion of the Finance Committee. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the bids received for the paving of a portion of Jackson Avenue, Councilman Russell, Chairman, stated that after tabulation of the bids it appeared that the Contee Sand and Gravel Co. were low bidders, their bid being as follows:

1. Excess grading and rolling roadway, per cubic yard, excavated - - - - -	\$1.25
2. Constructing straight cement curb, combined with 2" gutter, per linear foot - - - - -	1.20
3. Construction circular cement curb, combined with 2" gutter, per linear foot - - - - -	1.20
4. Constructing cement roadway 7 inches in thickness, per sq. yard - - - - -	2.55
5. Constructing driveway approaches as described in specifications, and including necessary excavation, each - - - - -	25.00

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the contract for paving of that portion of Jackson Avenue as advertised be awarded to the Contee Sand and Gravel Co., whose bid is slightly lower than any other bid, and the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with the Contee Sand and Gravel Co. for the execution of this work. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the Petition in connection with the dumping of dirt in Davis Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that he thought we should at least write someone who signed this Petition that Council would entertain a request by them for the erection of curb and gutter on both sides of Davis Avenue, from Garland to Central Avenue, in lieu of the dirt that was placed there, as the placing of the dirt was a necessary requirement to control the water on Davis Avenue.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided, in order to save time, that a hearing be advertised and held on the construction of curb and gutter in Davis Avenue from Central to Garland Avenue, and after further discussion, Councilman Russell offered the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 808

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council having under consideration the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter in Davis Avenue from Central Avenue to Garland Avenue, abutting Lot 16 to 22 inclusive, Block "B", Cunningham Subdivision, and Lots 1 to 8 inclusive in Block "D", Cunningham Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$1.25 per linear foot, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the lot abutting same in the usual manner. *See p. 67*

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on May 17th, 1943, convening at eight o'clock P.M. at the Town Offices in the Citizens Bank Building, 16 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the work herein proposed.

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

Regarding the Willow Avenue Storm Sewer, Councilman Russell stated that Supt. Fischer advised him that he was of the opinion that if Mr. Seybolt, the Engineer, was hired for the engineering on this job, that he, Supt. Fischer, would have to do all the work, but that some steps should be taken immediately to get a proper engineer, so that this work could be started before the heavy rains set in.

Regarding the Central Avenue sewer, Councilman Russell stated that he had made a drawing of this project and submitted same to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and that they have approved the drawing insofar as size is concerned, and Councilman Russell stated that he was positive that a 24" pipe would be sufficient.

He also stated that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had asked him to establish the grades with relation to the standard sea level grades that they have established for all their sewers, water, etc., and that they had given him data that would enable him

to get some of the starting points. Councilman Russell stated that the Sanitary Commission had held up final approval on this project until we can work out our grades to conform with their grades.

Regarding the storm sewer on Grant Avenue, on which the town agreed to furnish the material, and on which Mr. Geeraert agreed to furnish the labor for the installation of this sewer, Councilman Russell stated that a proper grade would have to be established on this work. After discussion it was decided that Councilman Russell and Councilman Martin would take a transit and run these grades before work was started on this sewer.

Regarding the letter from Mr. T. Howard Duckett, in connection with the taxes and special assessments on Lots 10-11-12-17 and 9 in Block "C" and Lot 5 in Block "D", Cunningham Subdivision, Councilman Carr moved that Mr. Duckett be advised that the town will accept his proposition to pay the taxes due on these lots without penalty, and will also be willing to accept this special assessment payments without interest. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented to Council the following Ordinance in connection with the assessing of curb and gutter recently constructed in Jackson Avenue:

ORDINANCE NO. 809

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

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 Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter abutting Lots 14-15-16-17-18-19 and 20 in Block 90, Beale Subdivision, and Lot 23 in Block 37, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, as authorized under Ordinance No. 795 and 796, adopted by the Mayor and Council September 21st, 1942, said assessment being fixed at \$1.15 per linear foot, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall be due and payable within ninety days from this date, provided, however, that if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days of the approval thereof, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable likewise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further that

payment in any amount may be made between the said annual payments, if so desired. Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum will be charged on deferred payments, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

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

Wm. F. Fischer, Supt. of Public Works, called to the attention of Council that Mr. Best Seek was interested in purchasing the old road scraper which the town owned, and that he had made an offer of \$25.00 for same. Supt. Fischer expressed his opinion that the scraper was worth more than that amount even if only used for scrap. After discussion Councilman Russell moved that the old road scraper be sold to Mr. Best Seek, but that the price be \$50.00, Mr. Seek to remove the scraped from the premises himself. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

Supt. Fischer also called attention of the Council to the bad condition of Sligo Parkway from Carroll Avenue to the Flower Evenue Bridge, and stated that he had repaired this road several times during past years, but that same being in the park set-up, he thought it was the responsibility of the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, but that if Council so instructed him, he would repair this road and put same in the best shape possible. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Irwin Kaplan, Chief Engineer of the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, and see if the Commission would not make the proper repairs to this road.

The Clerk called attention of the Council to the complaint of Mr. Pierson regarding water coming on to his property from a pipe running down from Carroll Avenue across the property of Mrs. Degges. After discussion of this matter, it was decided that the Municipal Works Committee

would visit these premises and see that could be done to correct the situation.

The matter of replacing the back-stop on the Philadelphia Avenue Ball Field was brought to the attention of Council by Councilman Martin, and after discussion, Supt. Fischer was instructed to take steps to either repair the old back-stop, or replace same in the best possible manner just as soon as he could find the time to do this work.

Regarding the Petition for the paving of Greenwood Avenue, the Clerk was instructed to contact the Columbia Union Conference and Mr. J. H. Cramette, to ascertain if they would not dedicate enough of their land abutting Greenwood Avenue to make this street a uniform 45 ft. street from Carroll Avenue to the town corporation line.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

J. Wm. Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

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