

tion of a Municipal Building to house all departments of the town, so that at the proper time the preliminary work in connection with same would be out of the way.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at ten P. M.

J. William Dredel  
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood  
Mayor

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REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
AUGUST 16th, 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 ill was unable to attend.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19th, 1943 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$58,118.59
Less Discounts - - - - -	2,316.39
	<u>\$55,802.20</u>
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	42.56
Charges - - - - -	23.75
Special Assessments - - - - -	347.12
Building Permits - - - - -	27.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	10.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	72.50
Misceallaneous Permits - - - - -	12.50
Franchise Tax - - - - -	20.00
1 Bldg. Code sold - - - - -	.50
Montgomery County Fines - - - - -	54.00
Prince Georges Fines - - - - -	45.00
Tax Sale Certificate redeemed - - - - -	66.26
Montgomery County Police Telephone -	12.00
Material sold - - - - -	9.40
Commission Pay Telephone Police Station	<u>3.75</u>
	\$56,548.54



DISBURSEMENTS

## STREETS:

Labor	470.15	
Material	123.32	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	105.00	
Storm Sewers	754.38	
Street Resurfacing	<u>1,957.18</u>	3,410.03

## SERVICE:

Garbage: Salaries	586.86	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	53.72	
License	25.00	
Trash: Salaries	508.40	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	90.99	
Disposal	77.35	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>516.07</u>	1,858.39

## POLICE:

Salaries	736.88	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	64.11	
Telephones and Lights	44.12	
Misc. Supplies	<u>7.85</u>	892.96

## OFFICE:

Salaries	686.96	
Postage and Printing	98.49	
Telephones-Supplies	<u>28.59</u>	814.04

## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor	98.23	
Misc. Expense	<u>18.45</u>	116.68

## ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Greenwood Avenue Paving	9.00	
Columbia " "	2,537.70	
Larch " "	<u>2,705.15</u>	5,251.85

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	316.66	
Insurance Premium	427.06	
Tax Sale Certificate	66.26	
Insurance-Pumphrey	16.00	
Dog Expense	41.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	111.18	
Tax Sale Expense	100.00	
Final settlement Pumphrey claim	450.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Legal Expense-Walker case	25.00	
Honor Roll Expense	1.95	
Office Rent	55.00	
E. E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Corporation Counsel	<u>50.00</u>	1,772.11

\$14,116.06



BANK STATEMENT

## GENERAL ACCOUNT:

6/30/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$6,151.08	
Deposits in July	<u>40,502.71</u>	
	46,653.79	
Withdrawn in July	<u>13,650.06</u>	
Transferred to Revolving Fund	33,003.73	
Certificate of Deposit	<u>6,000.00</u>	
7/31/43 - On hand		27,003.73
6/30/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	1,074.30	
Deposits in July	<u>16,045.83</u>	
	17,120.13	
Withdrawn in July	<u>466.00</u>	
7/31/43 - On hand		<u>16,654.13</u>
7/31/43 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$43,657.86</u>

## REVOLVING FUND:

6/30/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
7/31/43 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>
7/30/43 - Deposit in Citizens Bank		
Certificate of Deposit	<u>6,000.00</u>	
7/31/43 - On hand		<u>6,000.00</u>
7/31/43 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$6,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Carlyle B. Haynes regarding improvement of surroundings at Spring Park on Poplar and Elm Avenues. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From D. D. Lamond, Corporation Counsel, regarding dedication from R. J. Speir of land in Greenwood Avenue necessary in connection with the paving of Greenwood Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Albert E. Brault, Commander of Montgomery County Civilian Defense, regarding the loan to the town of a truck for civilian defense purposes. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Ronald Senseman, Architect, regarding Post-War construction within the Town of Takoma Park. Mayor Youngblood requested that this letter be referred to him.



From Mr. Joseph Geeraert regarding the surfacing of a portion of Grant Ave., which Mr. Geeraert is developing at the present time. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$6,479.48 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was recommended. On motion properly seconded these bills were ordered paid.

Councilman Carr also presented two bids to the Council for the auditing of the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, one from L. W. Lefrentz & Co. and another from Mr. A. W. Vine. The bid of L. W. Lefrentz & Co. for this work was \$125.00, and the bid of Mr. A. W. Vine was \$100.00. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Carr moved that the contract for the auditing of the Town Clerk & Treasurer's books be awarded to Mr. A. W. Vine, he being the low bidder. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

Councilman Carr also presented a petition from the garbage crew, which petition requested an increase in wages. After a lengthy discussion of this matter, in which it was brought out that the garbage crew had had two increases in the past year, and than an additional increase had not been provided for in the budget, Councilman Carr moved that the request of the garbage crew for an increase in wages be rejected. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, presented the following taxicab applications for driver's permits only, and after discussion of the matter, Councilman Sidell moved that these permits be approved, and upon being seconded by Councilman Heffner the motion was approved:

Luther W. Cramer, Owner	-	Alfred H. Ferraco, Driver
Ralph H. Ricks, Owner	-	W. Raymond Ricks, "
" "	-	Edmond Leach "
Willard K. Bennett "	-	Robert Paul "
Laren W. Franziana "	-	Warren F. Busby "
A. C. Wolfe "	-	A. C. Wolfe "
Wm. C. Hatch, "	-	Hardy G. Loomis "
R. D. Murray, "	-	J. R. Hopkins "



Councilman Sidell also brought to the attention of Council a request for cab stand space and driver's permit on the following:

Harry L. McCullough and Pearl B. Brensinger, owners  
Harrey C. Brisco, Driver

Harry L. McCullough and Pearl B. Brensinger, owners  
Edwin Rapp, Driver.

and upon motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Heffner this application was approved.

Councilman Sidell brought to the attention of Council, application for driver's permit of H. G. Bogelman, to drive for Willard K. Bennett, and also of Walter E. Joerg, to drive for O. L. Lowry, Councilman Sidell stated that these applications had just been given to him this evening, and that his committee had not had time to investigate same, and requested that same be tabled until the records of these two applications could be investigated.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that he thought it would be a good thing for the town to give consideration to the erection of a swimming pool at Spring Park, in order that the water coming from this spring may be utilized. A short discussion was entered into by the Council in connection with this matter, after which Mayor Youngblood stated that this suggestion would be kept in mind.

Councilman Heffner stated to Council that he believed the Town should take steps to have the Capital Transit Co. re-establish the old bus service to and from Takoam Park, and moved that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Capital Transit Co. requesting immediate restoration of the bus service to and from Takoma Park, in order that the thousands of citizens working in the city may be able to go to and from their work with less inconvenience. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

It was also requested that copies of this letter to be to the Public Service Commission, and to Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Congressman from the 6th Maryland Congressional District.



Councilman Heffner stated that the County Commissioners had placed in the Takoma Park Health and Welfare Clinic, twenty additional chairs, and moved that the Clerk be instructed to write the County Commissioners of Montgomery County expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the placing of these additional chairs in the clinic. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the letter of Mr. Joseph Geeraert, requesting the topping of a portion of Grant Avenue, and also requesting that the town advise the Federal Housing Administration that they, the Town, would top this street and maintain same in the future, Councilman Russell stated that he had gone over this matter with his committee, and that, as this plat had been approved in 1941, at which time the Town was topping and maintaining these streets, his committee recommended and he moved that the Federal Housing Administration be advised that the town would approve and accept this street for topping and maintenance at such time as the street is properly graded, 8" of gravel placed in the street and concrete curb and gutter installed in accordance with the specifications of the town. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

In connection with the letter from Mrs. B. S. Chaney, presented at a former meeting, in which Mrs. Chaney requested the construction of curb and gutter abutting her lots on Manor Circle, Councilman Russell stated that this matter had been investigated, and he would recommend that curb and gutter be installed as per the request of Mrs. Chaney, and presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 816

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

Section 1. That the owner of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 45, Carroll Manor Subdivision, having petitioned for the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter abutting her property on Manor Circle, and having waived all legal re-



quirements in the way of advertising or hearing in connection with same, the Municipal Works Committee, through its Superintendent of Public Works, is hereby authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, to construct said curb and gutter, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of same.

Section 2. That assurance is made that this curb and gutter is constructed to proper grade, and the cost of the construction of the work to be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this curb and gutter be assessed in the regular manner against the owner abutting the improvement.

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

The matter of continuing Manor Circle through to Boyd Avenue, which would necessitate the purchasing of a lot from Mr. Charles S. Thomas, was discussed at length, after which Councilman Martin moved that the town go into the matter of procuring a price on this lot from Mr. Thomas, and that further consideration be given to the matter after the information as to the price of lot was secured. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

Regarding this same matter, Councilman Russell moved that Engineer Seybolt be procured to make a drawing of the proposed extension of Manor Circle to Boyd Avenue, and that Supt. of Public Works Fischer be requested to keep after Mr. Seybolt in an effort to get this through at the earliest possible moment. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

The matter of enlargement of the storm sewer beginning at Spruce Avenue and running through to the open stream on Maple Avenue, was discussed, and Councilman Russell stated that he would have some definite recommendation to present to Council at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Martin called attention to a shed which had been constructed on the north side of Maple Avenue, between Grant and Sherman



Avenues, same having been constructed without a permit having been issued. Councilman Martin at first requested that the Council order the Supt, of Public Works to remove this shed. After discussion of this matter, the Clerk was requested to write the owner of these lots and request that the shed be removed within ten days, or the Supt of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park would remove it.

In connection with the request of Mrs. Ralph W. Brown, that the Town appropriate money for the purchase of playground equipment for the J. Enos Ray Recreation Center, Councilman Martin stated that the letter sent by Mrs. Brown had unfortunately been left at his home. After discussion of this matter, on Motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Heffner, the Clerk was instructed to write Mrs. Brown that the town would contribute money to the extent of \$60.00 for the purchase of this equipment.

The matter of cleaning up Spring Park at Poplar and Elm Avenues was brought up for discussion, and Supt. of Public Works Fischer advised that he had had this park cleaned up several times, but that as fast as it was cleaned up other papers and broken bottles are continually thrown upon the ground.

The matter of concreting the roadway in Spring Park was discussed at length, after which Councilman Martin moved that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to concrete the roadway in Spring, and do any necessary work to adequately take care of overflow of water from the spring. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

The matter of condition of the playgrounds at the J. Enos Ray School was discussed at length, after which Councilman Martin moved that the Clerk be instructed to write the Board of Education of Prince Georges County, requesting that they do something immediately to clean up the playgrounds at this school, and that the equipment be put in shape to be used by the children using this playground. This



motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Regarding the letter from Mr. Brault in connection with the loan of a truck to the town for Civilian Defense purposes, the matter of the agreement which the town would have to sign for the safe return of this truck was discussed at length, after which Councilman Martin moved that the Clerk write to Mr. Brault to ascertain just what sort of an agreement the town would have to enter into in connection with the upkeep and return of this truck. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Regarding the Post-War construction of a Town Building to house all of the Town Departments, Councilman Martin stated that formerly he was not in favor of such a building, as it would have taken revenue away from the Fire Dept., but that since the Fire Dept. was receiving proper revenue through taxes, he would be in favor of a Town Building, but that he would not be in favor of building same on any site other than the one owned by the town on Columbia Avenue.

The following Ordinance was presented to the Council by the Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 817

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

Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete paving of Columbia Avenue, as authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 788, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on May 11th, 1942, said assessment being fixed at \$4.00 per linear foot, be and the same is hereby approved. 15, 130, 144

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 Sidell and was seconded by Councilman Martin. This Ordinance was adopted upon a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell and Sidell. Voting Nay, none.

The Clerk also presented to Council the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 818

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

Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete paving of Larch Avenue, as authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 803, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on October 19th, 1942, said assessment being fixed at \$3.65 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 Sidell and was seconded by Councilman Martin. This Ordinance was adopted upon a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell and Sidell. Voting Nay, none.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:20 P. M.

*J. J. Sidell*  
Clerk

*D. H. Youngblood*  
Mayor

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