

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 20th, 1943.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15th, 1943 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$1,234.46
Less Discounts - - - - -	5.33
	<u>1,229.13</u>
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	19.36
Special Assessments - - - - -	176.37
Building Permits - - - - -	16.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	2.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	2.75
Montgomery County Fines - Sept. Oct. - -	102.00
" " " Income Tax - - - - -	344.59
Prince Georges County Fines - August - -	10.00
" " " Income Tax - - - - -	79.21
Montgomery County Police Telephone - - -	12.00
Material sold - C.E. Thomas - - - - -	14.00
Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - -	18.25
Old Office Safe sold - - - - -	20.00
	<u>\$2,045.66</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	430.36	
Material	407.97	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	158.59	
Street Resurfacing	2,283.66	
Storm sewer expense	<u>2,289.78</u>	\$5,570.36

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	448.72	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	67.40	
Disposal	48.00	
Trash: Labor	460.80	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	76.07	
Disposal	57.75	
Ash: Labor	88.00	
Street & Traffic Lights - -	<u>533.25</u>	1,779.99

POLICE:

Salaries	700.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	52.09	
Telephone-Coal-Lights	47.61	
Supplies	<u>3.46</u>	843.16

OFFICE:

Salaries	675.00	
Postage-Printing	7.00	
Telephones and Supplies	<u>29.93</u>	711.93

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:

Labor	<u>2.80</u>	2.80
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	316.66	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	42.55	
Honor Roll Expense	8.95	
C.E.Thomas-Material Purchased	14.00	
Recreation equipment for J. Enos Ray School	50.49	
Refund Taxicab Badges	2.00	
Dog Expense	6.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Henry Fields retirement	25.00	
Compensation Corporation Counsel	50.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	552.65

\$9,460.89

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

10/31/43- On hand Citizens Bank	\$16,936.96	
Deposits in November	<u>1,922.24</u>	
	18,859.20	
11/30/43- On Hand	<u>9,460.89</u>	\$9,398.31
10/31/43- On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	23,504.40	
Deposits in November	<u>123.42</u>	
	23,627.82	
11/30/43- On hand	<u>23,627.82</u>	
11/30/43- On hand in all Banks		<u>\$33,026.13</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

10/31/43 - On hand Sub Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u>          </u>	
11/30/43 - On hand		323.72
10/30/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	6,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u>          </u>	
11/30/43 - On hand		<u>6,000.00</u>
11/30/43 - On hands in all Banks		<u>\$6,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mr. George L. DeMott, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church, making an offer to the Mayor and Council to pay taxes on the Church property on Ethan Allen Avenue for the years 1936 up to and including 1943, without penalties and interest. Referred to the Finance Committee:

From Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond in connection with the curb and gutter recently washed out on Jackson Avenue, which had been constructed by the Contee Sand & Gravel Co., in which communication Mr. Lamond advised Council that in his opinion there was some neglect on both the part of the town and the Contee Sand & Gravel Co. in the execution of this work, and recommended that an effort be made to make a compromise with the Contee Sand & Gravel Co. in connection with the curb and gutter. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Clerk advised the Mayor and Council that the Potomac Electric Power Co. had advised that the only way a temporary hook-up could be made of the lights on the pillars at the entrance of Merwood Drive would be to install a meter and charge for the actual amount of electricity used, and also that the Electric Co. would not furnish the large globes or the bulbs, and that before these lights could be hooked up it would be necessary for the town to have an electrician examine the cables to see that there was no defects in same. After discussion of this matter Mayor Youngblood stated that he would take the matter up personally with the Hampshire-Greens Citizens Assn. and acquaint them with the expense in connection with this hook-up, and ascertain what their attitude was in the matter.

Mr. Phil Huck addressed Council regarding the lax laws in connection with the sale of real estate, and proposed that some steps be taken to make a law that more thoroughly protected the purchaser from being defrauded.

Mr. Michael Anderson of Greenwood Avenue addressed Council regarding some difficulty he had had with the Town Building Inspector, Mr. R. P. Frye. Mr. Frye being present, stated that he was ready and willing at any time to answer any questions that the Mayor and Council desired to ask him.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding the letter from the Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond, in connection with the wash-out of curb and gutter on Jackson Avenue, Mr. Lamond stated that he thought that some compromise might be made with the Contee Sand & Gravel Co., and after discussion of this matter Councilman Carr moved that the Contee Sand & Gravel Co. be offered \$200.00 in full settlement of the Town's expenses in connection with the construction of the curb and gutter on Jackson Avenue which had been destroyed by the storm. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

Regarding the communication of the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Councilman Carr moved that we accept the offer of the Church, that they pay the taxes, \$343.70, without any penalties or interest. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$2,299.54 were presented for payment by the Committee, and payment was approved.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:** Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report in connection with his committee, but would like to call attention to the water standing in the street at Columbia and Poplar Avenues, due no doubt to a leak in the water main, and the Clerk was instructed to take this matter up with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in an effort to have this condition corrected.

Councilman Heffner also called attention of the Council to several bad holes in Carroll Avenue for the full length of the street, and after discussion of this matter the Clerk was instructed to write to the State Roads Commission in an effort to have these bad places repaired.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Regarding the communication from the Suburban National Bank of Takoam Park, requesting permission to connect their burglary alarm system with our police station, Chairman Sidell moved that in accordance with their request that the bank be allowed to connect this system with our Police Station. Motion seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

The matter of taxicab fare zones was brought up for discussion and Chairman Sidell laid before the Council a map showing the different zones proposed by the Taxicab Association, which map set forth that Zone #1 would be a 25¢ zone for two passengers and 10¢ for each additional passenger going to the same address. Zone #2, 35¢ for two passengers and 10¢ for each additional passenger going to the same address. Zone #3, 50¢ for two passengers and 10¢ for each additional passenger going to the same address (Plat showing the different zone boundries filed in the Town Office in file marked "Taxicabs").

After discussion of this matter, Chairman Sidell moved that the rates as proposed on the plat presented by the Taxicab Association be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Chairman Sidell presented application for driver's permits for Joseph Eickhorn, Vivian Elizabeth Lowry and E. L. Smith. Chairman Sidell advised Council that Lieut. Thomas had not completed the investigation of these drivers, and moved that these applications be approved when their reports are in, provided the reports are acceptable to the committee. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Chairman Sidell also presented the following applications for Taxicab Stand permits:

Luther W. Cramer, 1013 Elm Ave.,	Parkard	1940	-	Title	No.
" " "	Chev.	1940	-	"	No.
Wm. C. Hatch, 7305 Flower Ave.	Packard	1940	-	"	No. C 554959
Marie J. Graves, 18 Carroll Ave.	Chev.	1942	-	"	No. C 532638
Minnie L. McCullough, 35 Laurel	Buick	1940	-	"	No. TC-516233
Rawlins D. Murray, 809 Davis Ave	Plymouth	1938-	-	"	No. C505732
Mary E. Christensen, 35 Laurel	Packard	1940	-	"	No. C556038
Walter B. Winegar, 8808 Reading Rd.	Plym.	1940	-	"	No. C595620K
Edna M. Winegar, " " "	S.S. Mercury	1939	-	"	No. TC622000
Walter B. " " "	" Plymouth	1940-	-	"	Mo. G530996
Orvil L. Lowry, 8504 Glenview Ave.	Chrysler	1940-	-	"	No. C440658
" " and W.B. Winegar	"	1938-	-	"	No. TC631431

Vivian E. Lowry,	8504 Glenview Ave.	Dodge 1938	-	Title No.	TC621999
Harry L. McCullough,	27 Sycamore "	LaSalle 1937-	"	No.	C576071
Arnold C. Wolfe,	7403 Flower Ave.	Chev. 1938-	"	No.	C280793
Myron V. Cramer,	6609 Poplar "	DeSota 1938	"	No.	C624835
Luther W.	1013 Elm Ave.	Chev. 1940-	"	No.	C625923

Chairman Sidell recommended the approval of these applications and moved that the permits be granted to these applicants for the year beginning January 1st, 1944. This motion was seconded by Chairman Heffner and approved.

Lieut. Thomas recommended to the Council that the telephone booth at the corner of Eastern and Laurel Avenues be moved about 15 or 20 feet from Eastern Avenue down Laurel Avenue, and stated that the cab operators would like this booth made a little larger, or in the neighborhood of 3' x 6'. After discussion of same. Chairman Sidell moved that this matter be deferred for a while in order that the committee might have a chance to consider the matter, and that the committee be empowered to act on same without referring it back to the Council. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Lieut. Thomas also requested that consideration be given to the extension of the taxicab parking space on Laurel Avenue from the present allotted parking space to the Official Town Parking space at the corner of Laurel and Carroll Avenues. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that decision in the matter be deferred in order that the committee might have a chance to consider the matter, and that the committee be empowered to act on same without referring it back to the Council. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

Lieut. Thomas brought to the attention of Council complaint he had from Mr. Carl Hogle, regarding chickens in the rear of residence on Spruce Avenue adjoining his property, and located less than the required number of feet from the Spruce Ave. residence. After discussion of this matter, Lieut. Thomas stated that he would inform the owner of the chickens that they were violating the present Chicken Ordinance of the Town.

Councilman Heffner stated that he thought, in view of numerous complaints about chickens in the Town, that it would be a good idea to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting the keeping of chickens within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park.

Lieut. Thomas advised that the two way radio had been installed in the Town Police Car, and was working satisfactorily, and that the Bliss Electrical School had offered to build a receiving set for the station and charge only for the material used in same, which would be in the neighborhood of \$25.00, and that Mayor Youngblood had informed him that it would be alright to have the school make this receiving set.

Lieut. Thomas also stated that several taxicabs on the stand were owned by two parties, and that they would like to have the privilege of renting these cabs instead of having them driven on commission, but that the present Ordinance prohibited the renting of cabs. Lieut. Thomas stated that these cab owners had requested him to ask the Council to give consideration to modifying the Taxicab Ordinance, which would permit them to rent the cabs. The Mayor advised Lieut. Thomas that this matter would be given some study.


Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr. also called attention of Council to the unnecessary noise made by the cab drivers with their horns, as well as the fact that considerable speeding was being done, and asked the Mayor to have the police check into this matter.

Mrs. L. Birch of 101 Cockerille Avenue appeared before Council to complain of treatment she received at the hands of E. P. Wickline, owner and driver of a cab in which she was being transported to her home at 101 Cockerille Avenue. Mrs. Birch informed Council that Mr. Reed Gills, another taxicab driver, was in the cab at the same time with Mr. Wickline, and that Mr. Wickline had charged her a fare of 40¢, whereas she had always before paid only 25¢, and during the argument, after arriving at her home, she stated that Mr. Gills tried to force his way into her home, and that she had been handled in such a manner as to damage her eye glasses. Both Mr. Wickline and Mr. Gills denied any rough handling of Mrs. Birch, and stated that she had used profane language while arguing with them about the fare, as well as threatening them with a hammer. Mayor Youngblood advised Mrs. Birch that the Council would go into this matter.

Lieut. Thomas stated to the Council that both these men had continually violated the taxicab regulations, and that they did not seem disposed to cooperate with the Town to the end of giving good transportation. Councilman Martin at this time moved that Mr. Gills and Mr. Wickline be dismissed from the meeting, and that they appear at the Police Station the following day to get the decision of the Council in connection with the complaint lodged against them. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

After a review of the statement made by Mrs. Birch, as well as that of Mr. Wickline and Mr. Gills, and a lengthy discussion of same, Councilman Sidell moved that the permits of Mr. Wickline and Mr. Gills to drive and use the taxicab stand be cancelled at once. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:55 P. M.

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 Clerk

*O. H. Youngblood*  
 Mayor