

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 17th, 1944.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20th, 1943 were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$3,574.68
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	98.18
Special Assessments - - - - -	560.35
Building Permits - - - - -	5.00
Electric " - - - - -	4.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -	1.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	.50
Commission Telephone Police Station - -	1.41
Montgomery County Police Telephone - -	<u>12.00</u>
	<u>\$4,257.12</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	493.59	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	193.09	
Material	226.21	
Storm Sewer Expense	410.46	
Street Resurfacing	<u>391.61</u>	\$1,714.96

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	556.56	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	192.87	
Trash: Labor	554.72	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	42.55	
Disposal	72.90	
Ash: Labor	150.00	
Street & Traffic Lights	<u>516.07</u>	2,085.67

POLICE:

Salaries	700.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	60.99	
Repairs to Station	29.27	
Printing & Supplies	18.07	
Telephones-Coal-Light	<u>48.85</u>	897.18

OFFICE:

Salaries	675.00	
Postage and Printing	16.58	
Telephones & Supplies	<u>30.46</u>	722.04

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Greenwood Avenue Paving	1.69	1.69
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	316.66	
Refund: Taxes paid twice	26.96	
" Sidewalk deposits	50.00	
Taxicab Expense	4.50	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	32.60	
Tax Sale Expense	14.53	
Legal Expense (Md. Session Laws)	7.25	
Refund Taxicab Badges	4.00	
Dog Expense	4.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Prince Georges County Transfers	22.50	
Office rent (2 months)	110.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Compensation Corp. Counsel	50.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	<u>705.00</u>

\$6,126.54

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

11/30/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$9,398.31	
Deposits in December	<u>3,979.08</u>	
	13,377.39	
Withdrawn in December	<u>6,126.54</u>	
12/31/43 - On hand		\$7,250.85
11/30/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	23,627.82	
Deposits in December	<u>278.04</u>	
	23,905.86	
No withdrawals in Dec.		
12/31/43 - On hand		<u>23,905.86</u>
12/31/43 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$31,156.71</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

11/30/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
12/31/43 - On hand		323.72
11/30/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	6,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
12/31/43		<u>6,000.00</u>
12/31/43		<u>\$6,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: The Clerk read to the Council a letter from Dr. Edwin W. Broome, advising that a storage for garbage containers had been authorized to be erected at the Takoma Park Elementary School on Philadelphia Avenue.

From Davis & Platt regarding the installation of curb and gutter on Linden Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Davis & Platt regarding the topping and acceptance of Linden Avenue for maintenance. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. Fred L. Glaze, in which Mr. Glaze advised Council that it was his understanding that if he paid for the material used in the construction of the Glaisewood Avenue storm sewer that no further charge would be made for street construction in the Glaisewood Manor Subdivision, Mr. Glaze stating that he had received a bill covering the paving of Larch Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to Glaisewood Avenue. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

The Clerk advised the Mayor and Council that an invitation had been extended to them to attend the meeting of the Citizens Association of Takoma Park, D. C. on Wednesday evening, January 26th, 1944 at eight o'clock P. M. in the Library Building on Cedar St., regarding a movement to have Eastern Avenue opened from New Hampshire Avenue through to Georgis Avenue.

A group of citizens from the Hampshire Greens Citizens Association appeared before Council regarding the condition of the streets in the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, also regarding lights, street markers and traffic signs. After a lengthy discussion of this matter. Mayor Youngblood advised these gentlemen that the matter would be looked into, and Councilman Russell, Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee, stated that he would arrange to visit this subdivision and look into the matter of complaints which had been made.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, presented an application for Taxicab Operators registration from Theodore P. Belt. Lieut. Thomas stated that in the application Mr. Belt had not properly listed a record of his arrests and convictions. Lieut. Thomas advised that this man's record from the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia showed a number of arrests and convictions for traffic violations. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Sidell stated that his committee recommended, and he moved that the application of Mr. Belt be rejected. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Sidell stated that in the matter of shed which the taxicab operators asked permission to construct on Laurel Avenue, that his committee had looked into this matter and disapproved the erection of this shed.

Lieut. Thomas advised Council that he was having difficulty with taxicab drivers of the age of 16 and 17 years being tried in Court for traffic violations, as the Trial Judge had declined to try these cases, due to the age of the offenders, stating that they were juvenile cases and should not come before his Court. Councilman Taft was requested to look into this matter and report to Council.

Lieut. Thomas also stated that he had made a visit to the O.D.T. regarding these taxicab drivers, and was advised that if the Town would advise the O.D.T. of the cancellation of any taxicab permits, that they would deny gasoline to such taxicab drivers until they were reinstated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$2020.56 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of same approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that the electric range had been installed in the Colored School on Ridge Ave.

Councilman Heffner also advised that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission were about to begin dumping trash and garbage in Montgomery County, and asked that the town make an effort to get permission from the Commission to dump the town garbage and trash on the same dump, which would make a shorter haul for the town refuse. After discussion of this matter, Supt. of Public Works Fischer stated that he would get in touch with the Sanitary Commission and see if such an arrangement could be made.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the letter from Davis & Platt, in connection with the construction of curb and gutter in Linden Avenue, and the topping of this street, Councilman Russell stated that the large Apartment Development was about ready for occupancy, and advised that Davis & Platt had already installed curb and gutter on the side of the street abutting the apartment, but that the curb and gutter had not been installed on the opposite side of the street adjoining the lots owned by the Real Estate Security Co., and recommended to Council that an Ordinance be passed for a hearing authorizing the installation of this curb and gutter. After discussion of this matter it was suggested that this street be permanently paved with concrete. After a further discussion the Clerk was instructed to contact Davis & Platt regarding the permanent paving of Linden Avenue, same to be assessed against the abutting property owners in the usual manner, thereby eliminating the necessity of topping the street with temporary topping, and insure a street which would not require additional maintenance for sometime. The Clerk was instructed to request Davis & Platt to get in touch with Councilman Russell in connection with this matter.

Councilman Russell presented a proposed plat made by Engineer Seybolt covering dedication for the widening of Jackson Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Sligo Parkway. Councilman Russell stated that the original tracing of this plat was now in the hands of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for approval, after which it would be turned over to the town for the purpose of securing the signatures of the property owners necessary for the dedication. The Clerk was instructed to turn this original plat over to Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond, after same was received properly approved by the Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding the letter from Mr. Glaize about the Gliazewood Avenue storm sewer and the paving of a portion of Larch Avenue, Councilman Taft stated that he would look into this matter and make a recommendation at a later date.

Electrical Inspector B. F. Fetty, advised Council that the broken parts of the traffidlight at Laurel and Carroll Avenues had been repaired, and that the parts would be installed within the next few days,

and requested the assistance of Supt. of Public Works Fischer in the placing of new light bulbs in same. Supt. of Public Works Fischer advised that he would be glad to give any assistance, and the Clerk was instructed to order 24 new 60 watt clear bulbs to be used in this light.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:04 P. M.

Indefinite
J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 1944

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17th, 1944 were approved. Financial Statement for the month of January was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$3,371.41
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	130.43
Special Assessments - - - - -	484.69
Building Permits - - - - -	7.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	116.00
Impounding fees - - - - -	8.00
Taxicab Permits - - - - -	65.00
Fines - - - - -	95.50
Montgomery County Police Telephone	12.00
Salvaged cans sold - - - - -	6.14
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	8.00
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	\$4,304.17

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	375.05	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	170.57	
Material	68.55	
Street Resurfacing	250.50	
Jackson Ave. Curb & Gutter	<u>200.00</u>	1,064.67

SERVICE:

Garbage: Salaries	438.18	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	64.61	
Trash. Salaries	453.28	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	69.73	
Disposal	51.85	
Asst: Salaries	120.00	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>533.25</u>	1,730.90

POLICE:

Salaries	705.20	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	41.99	
Telephones-Coal-Light	66.83	
Equipment-Radio	430.00	
Equipment-Radio Misc. Supplies	<u>.62</u>	1,284.64

OFFICE:

Salaries	675.00	
Telephones and Supplies	32.03	
Postage and Printing	<u>8.00</u>	715.03

MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	316.66	
Recording Fees	8.25	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	39.78	
Honor Roll Expense	.85	
Dog Expense	28.00	
Taxicab Expense	1.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	<u>50.00</u>	506.54

\$5,301.78BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

12/31/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	7,250.85	
Deposits in Jan., 1944	<u>4,224.39</u>	
	11,475.24	
Withdrawn in Jan., 1944	<u>143.99</u>	
1/31/44 - On hand		11,331.25
12/31/43- On hand Sub. Nat'l T. P.	23,905.86	
Deposits in Jan. 1944	<u>79.78</u>	
	23,985.64	
Withdrawn in January, 1944	<u>5,157.79</u>	
1/31/44 - On hand		18,827.85
1/31/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$30,159.10</u>

BANK STATEMENT CONT'D

REVOLVING FUND:

12/31/43 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T. P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/44 - On hand		323.72
12/31/43 - On hand Citizens Bank	6,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/44 - On hand		<u>6,000.00</u>
1/31/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$6,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mr. Fred Hanna regarding reference to his place of business at a meeting in connection with juvenile delinquency, which statements Mr. Hanna claimed were detrimental to his business. Referred to Mayor Youngblood.

Mr. Robert E. Allen appeared before Council making complaint regarding amount of fee that the Takoma Taxi Service Association wanted to charge him to join the association and have the use of the Taxicab Service telephone.

Mr. Bernard Williams appeared before Council regarding the revoking of his taxicab stand permit, and requested the Council to reconsider the matter and again grant him a permit. Lieut. Thomas stated at this time that Mr. Williams, in the operating of his cab, had violated taxicab regulations, and that he did not show the proper cooperation with the police in maintaining the regulations.

Mr. Frank Neff appeared before Council and asked that they act favorably upon his application to drive his cab, and stated that he had been granted a stand permit subject to an approved driver. Lieut. Thomas advised Council that in making his application Mr. Neff had neglected to place on the application his proper record of past offenses charged against him, and that he had asked Mr. Neff to come before the Council at this meeting and explain why he had not put the proper record on his application.

Councilman Taft asked Mr. Lowry, head of the Taxicab Association, who was present, to give the Council some information as to the complaint of Mr. Allen. Mr. Lowry stated that the only thing the Association was interested in was to get enough funds from the cab drivers to take care of the expenses of the Association, such as telephone Bills, switch board operators, and other incidentals, and that the amount assessed to any cab owner was not in excess of the amount necessary to take care of the expenses of the association. Mr. Lowry stated that the original set-up was the payment of \$54.00, and that some of the boys would take their cabs off the stand for a while, and then expect to come back and not be assessed for the time they were off the stand, which made it impossible to operate the association on a definite basis. Mr. Lowry stated that Mr. Allen was asked to pay \$25.00, \$6.00 of which was to pay his share of the first month's telephone bills.

Councilman Martin stated that he was opposed to the method used by the Association, and that the Town had had a head-ache for years on account of this taxicab business, and that two cab owners were endeavoring to control the Taxicab Association in the same manner as

Mr. A. C. Wolfe had tried to do sometime back, and that so far as he was concerned they were not going to get away with it, and that later in the meeting he would probably make a motion to revoke the permit of Mr. Lowry, and stated that Mr. Lowry had been buying cabs and renting them to independent drivers, charging them a weekly rental fee.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter by all present, Mayor Youngblood advised the taxicab men that the Council would give consideration in executive session to the matter discussed and take any action within its power. Councilman Martin stated that he thought the matter should be considered while these men were present, as he desired to ask further questions of them, and Mayor Youngblood replied that if anyone had any further questions to ask that they were at liberty to do so at this time, before the taxicab men left the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$1886.18 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same approved.

Regarding the communication from Mr. Fred L. Glaize, in connection with the construction of the Glaizewood Avenue storm sewer, and the paving of Linden Avenue, Councilman Taft stated that Mr. Glaize, through Attorney D.D. Lamond, requested a meeting with the Finance Committee to go into the matter, and Councilman Taft advised that the Finance Committee was willing to meet with Mr. Glaize, and stated that a committee report on the matter would be held in abeyance until after the meeting, which meeting the Finance Committee would arrange at an early date.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: With reference to the letter from Davis & Platt regarding curb and gutter in Linden Avenue, Chairman Russell stated that the committee had inspected this project, and that Davis & Platt had installed curb and gutter and gravel in the portion of the street abutting the apartment property, and that his committee was prepared to offer an Ordinance calling for a hearing on the construction of curb and gutter on the south side of Linden Avenue, from New Hampshire Avenue to the intersection of Myrtle Avenue, a distance of approximately 500 feet, and also the placing of eight inches of gravel in the south one-half of the roadway, with the idea of later on having a finished street that could be topped.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

Ordinance No. 822

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 have under consideration the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter, and the installation of gravel base in Linden Avenue abutting Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 28, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Prince Georges County, Maryland, the approximate cost of the construction of curb and gutter being \$1.50 per linear foot, and the approximate cost of the installation

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of the gravel base being \$1.00 per square yard. The cost of said improvement to be assessed against the land abutting same in the usual manner.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on March 20th, 1944, convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Town Offices in the Citizens Bank Building, Carroll and Laurel Avenues, T koma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regard to the work herein proposed.

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, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Attention of Council by Chairman Russell was called to a bad storm sewer condition on the Hardy property abutting Ash Avenue. Council was advised that the storm sewer on the property must have been constructed at the time the property was built by the owner, as no right-of-way could be found on record granting the town the right to construct same.

After discussion of this matter, Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond stated that he thought this was a matter that should be taken care of by the property owners and not the town.

In the course of discussion it was brought out that there was also a sanitary sewer condition existing on this property which needed attention. After discussing the matter further, Councilman Russell moved that we report to the owner of the property that they will have to have the sanitary sewer repaired, and that after this is done the Council will give further consideration to the matter of storm sewer. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: In connection with the taxicab matter, Councilman Martin stated that the committee had had several meetings with the Taxicab Association people, and that they agreed to abide by all of the regulations, which regulations they had broken many times and allowed to get away with it. Councilman Martin stated that he knew this to be a fact, because he had personally investigated quite a few of these violations. He also stated that he did not think anybody could accuse him of saying anything that was not for the good of the whole council, and that he only criticised after a thorough investigation, and that in any criticisms he made he was 90% right.

Regarding the matter of driver's permit for Mr. Frank Neff, Chairman Sidell moved that this matter be held up for another month. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the request of Mr. Bernard A. Williams, asking reinstatement, Chairman Sidell stated that he had no further recommendations to make at this time.

On motion of Chairman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin, the application of D. T. Halifax for a driver's permit was approved.

On motion of Chairman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin, the application for taxicab stand permit for R. E. Allen was approved.

Police report for the month of January, 1944, was read to Council same showing total arrests for all causes thirty, and total calls and complaints, 148.

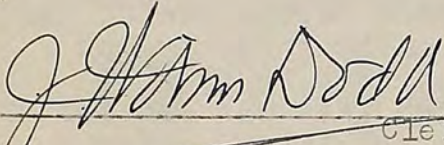
HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Chairman Heffner stated that he would like to make a suggestion for consideration of the Council regarding a postwar project, which he thought would be of great benefit.

Councilman Heffner stated that he thought it would be a good idea for the Mayor and Council to go on record as approving the erection of a large National Stadium on the 138 acre tract of land at New Hampshire Avenue and University Lane, which tract the Government purchased from the McCormick-Goodhart Estate, to be used for a housing project, which project had now been abandoned.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Heffner moved that the National Capital Park and Planning Commission be requested to give consideration as a postwar project to the erection of a large National Stadium on the Government owner property purchased from the McCormick-Goodhart Estate at New Hampshire Avenue and University Lane, and that the Clerk be instructed to convey this action of the Council to the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

The matter of installation of the two lights at the entrance of Merewood Drive was again brought up for discussion, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Hampshire Greens Citizens Association that the Council could not see its way clear to the installation of these lights at least for the during of the war, but that after the duration this matter would be given further consideration.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

Sidell

 Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
 Mayor