

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 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 June 12th, 1944 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of June, 1944 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	-\$86.97
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	27.34
Special Assessments - - - - -	-209.91
Building Permits - - - - -	23.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	6.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	80.00
Commission Pay Tele. Police Station - -	1.24
Montgomery County Police Telephone -	12.00
" " Fines - - - - -	35.00
	<u>\$481.46</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$269.14	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	244.89	
Material	474.40	
Tools and Supplies	6.38	
Storm Sewers	702.15	1,696.96
SERVICE: Garbage: Labor	405.07	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	83.52	
Trash. Labor	446.38	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	54.33	
Disposal	88.65	
Ash collection expense	2.25	
Street and Traffic Lights	551.61	1,631.81
POLICE: Salaries	540.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	58.95	
Telephones-Lights	21.91	
Supplies	1.88	652.74
OFFICE: Salaries	681.00	
Telephones-Supplies	61.84	
Postage (Tax bills)	64.50	807.34
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tax Revenue	<u>3,169.57</u>	<u>3,169.57</u>

MISCELLANEOUS: Honor Roll Expense	1.30	
Library Assn.	316.74	
Material chg. to Hillwood Apts. Corp	420.27	
Prince Georges County Transfers	16.50	
Municipal Building Expense	14.31	
Refund Sidewalk Deposit	10.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Dog Expense	10.00	
Refund Taxicab Badges	4.00	
Compensation Corporation Counsel	50.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Office Rent	55.00	960.12
		<u>\$8,918.54</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

5/31/44 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$10,708.72	
Deposits in June	481.46	
	<u>11,190.18</u>	
Withdrawn in June	8,833.87	
6/30/44 - On hand		2,356.31
5/31/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	1,078.83	
No deposits in June		
	<u>1,078.83</u>	
Withdrawn in June	84.67	
6/30/44 - On hand		<u>994.16</u>
6/30/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$3,350.47</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

5/31/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
in June		
6/30/44 - On hand		<u>\$323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Petition signed by nineteen residents of Eastern Avenue, between Ash and Second Avenues, requesting the improvement of that section of Eastern Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition signed by thirteen residents of Maple and Geneva Aves. protesting the erection of dwellings in Geneva Avenue to be rented to colored people. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Letter from D. D. Lamond, Corporation Counsel, regarding the authority of the Mayor and Council to increase salaries of the town employees.

From Wilson T. Ballard, Chief Engineer of the Maryland State Roads Commission, regarding post-war work on state highways running through the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mrs. Agnes C. Abbott, regarding bad condition of playground equipment in Spring Park, and requesting Council to take steps to require all fish pond owners to register same with the town, or be ordered to drain the pools, in view of the find of malaria germs in fish ponds that are not stocked. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

From the Methodist Union requesting the establishment of the curb line abutting their property in Kentland Avenue, and also requesting the grading and improvement of that street. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. John L. Phillips, regarding taxes and special assessments on Lots 14 and 15 in Block 23, Gilbert's Subdivision, located at the corner of Elm and Woodland Avenues, and offering in full settlement of the taxes \$100.00, and of the special assessments \$900.00, the special assessment of \$900.00 to be paid in semi-annual installments plus 6% per annum, the first installment to become due January 15th, 1945. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Wells Joseph Skinner, W. B. Winegar, Charles B. Woodin and F. J. Linkins, making application for position on the Town Police Force. Referred to Mayor Youngblood.

From J. P. Finch and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cochran, complained about the keeping of chickens by the Dodges on Birch Avenue. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

Report from the Supt. of Public Works giving a summary of the street work accomplished during the past month. This report was ordered filed.

Mr. David Schaffer of 515 Maple Avenue appeared before Council and complained of the burning of trash on the town warehouse grounds, and was advised by the Mayor that the council would look into this matter later on in the evening, and invited Mr. Schaffer to stay until the matter was brought up for discussion.

Mr. L. A. Biggs, Mr. Frank A. Rule, Mr. Joseph T. Ryan and Mr. W. F. Brokaw appeared before council regarding the bad condition of the alley in the rear of their properties facing on Piney Branch Road.

Mr. J. P. Winn complained to Council about people using water on their lawns and gardens in the middle of the day, which he did not think should be permitted in view of the long dry spell we have had. Mr. Winn also complained of chickens in that vicinity.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$2850.09 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

Annual Financial Statement for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1943 and ending June 30th, 1944, was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$81,981.14	
Less Discounts - - - - -	<u>2,696.14</u>	79,285.00
Back Taxes - - - - -		933.94

Interest and Penalties - - - - -	684.60	
Charges 0 0 - - - - -	104.75	
Special Assessments - - - - -	7,637.84	
Building Permits - - - - -	194.00	
Electrical Permits - - - - -	44.00	
Excavation Permits - - - - -	1.00	
Taxicab & Vendor Permits - - - - -	155.50	
Dog Tax and Impounding fees - - - - -	756.75	
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	53.00	
State Income Tax - - - - -	4,497.13	
Montgomery County Bank Share Tax - - - - -	1,015.73	
" " Fines - - - - -	377.00	
" " Police Telephone - - - - -	144.00	
" " Gasoline Tax - - - - -	1,120.77	
Prince Georges County Fines - - - - -	59.00	
" " " Gasoline Tax - - - - -	855.70	
" " " Refund Garbage Permit	25.00	
Tax Sale Certificate Redemptions - - - - -	144.14	
Refund Insurance Premium - - - - -	11.93	
Deposits on Taxicab Badges - - - - -	98.75	
Sale of old truck - - - - -	50.00	
Payment on former Clerk & Treasurer's bond -	175.00	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit - - - - -	30.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts - - - - -	90.22	
		<u>\$98,544.75</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONSTRUCTION * - - -	\$7,039.83	
STORM SEWERS	Less Town Share - - - - -	<u>2,313.90</u>	\$4,725.93
STREETS	(Construction and Maintenance)		
STORM SEWERS	Labor-	4,348.30	
	Material	3,045.59	
	Street Resurfacing	8,510.70	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Tools-Supplies	2,042.11	
	Storm Sewers: Labor and Material	12,165.65	
	Jackson Ave. Curb & Gutter(washed out)	200.00	
	Town Share Special Assessment Work	<u>2,313.90</u>	32,626.25
SERVICE	Trash Collection and Disposal	7,637.00	
	Ash Collection	931.16	
	Garbage Collection and Disposal	6,949.25	
	Street Light and Traffic Light	<u>6,346.96</u>	21,864.37
POLICE	Salaries	8,119.32	
	Clothing Allowance	450.00	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Misc. Expense	1,521.06	
	Radio for Police Car	<u>430.00</u>	10,520.38
OFFICE	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer, Supt. of Public Works-Additional Clerical Bldg. Inspector and Electrical Insp.	8,117.96	
	Supplies-Equipment-Misc. Expense	493.23	
	Postage and Printing	<u>248.53</u>	8,859.72
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS	Labor	502.75	
	Equipment and Misc. Expense	<u>254.62</u>	757.37

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FIRE DEPT.	Revenue from General Taxes	13,183.77	
	Reimbursement for Telephone Ext.	<u>26.40</u>	13,210.17
MISCELLANEOUS	Recording Fees-	26.75	
	Dog Expense	222.90	
	Office Rent	660.00	
	Library Association	3,800.00	
	Municipal Bldg (8 Columbia Ave.) Expense	655.03	
	Refunds: Taxicab Badges	26.00	
	Sidewalk Deposits	60.00	
	Taxes overpaid	58.42	
	Tax Sale Certificate Redemptions	144.14	
	Insurance Premiums	1,133.85	
	Pumphrey Claim Settlement	466.00	
	Audit Expense	202.90	
	Tax Sale Expense	120.53	
	Honor Roll Expense	29.05	
	Taxicab Expense	61.60	
	Montgomery County Transfers	30.00	
	" " Police Telephone	144.00	
	Playground Equipment for J. Enos Ray Sch.	50.49	
	Prince Georges County Transfers	39.00	
	Election Expense	73.85	
	Building Permit Expense	14.50	
	Material purchased and charged to C.E. Thomas and B. Souder	28.94	
	Material purchased and charged to Hillwood Apartment Corp.	420.27	
	Legal Expense: Corp. Counsel and Misc.	637.25	
	Retirement: E. E. Blodgett	150.00	
	Henry Fields	300.00	
	Justice of Peace Salary	300.00	9,855.47
			<u>#102,419.66</u>

CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT

Balance on Hand June 30, 1943	- - - - -	\$7,549.10	
Receipts Fiscal Year 1943	- - - - -	<u>98,544.75</u>	
		106,093.85	
Disbursements Fiscal Year 1943	- - - - -	<u>102,419.66</u>	
Balance on Hand June 30, 1944	- - - - -		\$3,674.19

FUNDS LOCATION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

June 30, 1944 - Citizens Bank	\$2,356.31	
" 30, 1944 - Sub. Nat'l T.P.	<u>994.16</u>	\$3,350.47

REVOLVING FUND:

June 30, 1944 - Sub. Nat'l T.P.	<u>323.72</u>	<u>323.72</u>
June 30, 1944 - Bal. on hand in all banks		<u>\$3,674.19</u>

(Petty Cash Fund on Hand \$30.00)

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the petition of residents of Holly Avenue, as presented at the last regular meeting, requesting sidewalk construction in front of Lot 24 in Block 24, Gilbert Subdivision, at the corner of Holly and Dogwood Avenues, Chairman Russell stated that his committee recommended that an Ordinance covering a hearing on the construction of this sidewalk be adopted, as this sidewalk was badly needed. After discussion of this matter, Chairman Russell presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 831

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 sidewalk abutting Lot 24 in Block 6, Gilbert's Subdivision, of the Town of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, at an estimated cost of \$1.25 per linear foot, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the land abutting same in the usual manner. *Aug. 1942*

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on August 21st, 1944, convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the work herein proposed.

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

Regarding the alley in the rear of Piney Branch Road, Councilman Russell stated that this was a matter that had not been brought to his attention before, and asked those residents effected by the alley whether they would consider the paving of same with concrete. Those present stated that this would depend upon the cost of same, and requested that the matter of price be looked into, and that they be advised.

Councilman Martin suggested that concrete be placed from Piney Branch Road up this alley where the grade was steep, and that from there on, for the remaining length of the alley, that black top surface be placed on same.

The gentlemen appearing in behalf of this improvement was advised that the committee would look into the matter and that they would be advised just what could be done regarding same.

Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. Waldo Schmidt and Mr. Earl O'Meara, regarding complaint in connection with the condition of Allegheny Ave. that the committee would look into this matter and endeavor to correct the condition complained of.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: About the petition opposing the building of houses on Geneva Avenue to be rented to colored people, Chairman Martin stated that he knew of no authority that would permit the town to refuse to issue building permits for the building of these houses.

Councilman Martin called attention of Council to water running into the street from the gas station at the corner of Carroll and Grant Avenues. Superintendent of Public Works Fischer advised that the catch basin on the gas station property was filled up, which caused the water to flow into the street, which prevents same from running into the sewer which had been constructed to take care of this water. It was suggested that the police notify the gas station owners that this condition would have to be corrected, in order that the water would not run into Grant Avenue.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Chairman Heffner stated that he was in a position to obtain a ten gallon General Electric Water Cooler, for use at 8 Columbia Avenue, for \$190.00 less 25% discount. After discussion of this matter Chairman Heffner moved the purchase of this cooler, and upon being seconded by Councilman Martin the purchase of same was approved.

Chairman Heffner also reported that the laying of the linoleum at 8 Columbia Avenue was completed and made a very much needed improvement.

Chairman Heffner also advised that the Tuberculosis Society of Montgomery County had promised to put in a dark room at the Clinici, at 8 Columbia Avenue, for the purpose of installing a developing machine for X-ray, which would help very materially, as this x-ray work could be done there instead of having the people go to Silver Spring or Rockville.

Mayor Youngblood at this time called attention to a complaint about a house drain sewer on Lincoln Avenue, and the Clerk was instructed to write the owners of this property that they would be expected to connect this drain sewer with the sanitary sewer.

Councilman Heffner stated that the Canteen had requested that Tennis Courts be put in the rear of the fire house, but that Mr. Hall of the Park and Planning Commission stated that the Commission could not do this. Chairman Heffner stated that he thought the proper place for Tennis Courts would be on the triangle on Philadelphia Avenue, adjacent to the Elementary School, at the intersection of Maple and Philadelphia Avenues. He stated that he had suggested this to Mr. Hall, and he had promised to give him a report on same, but that the report had not been received up to the present time. After discussion of this matter, Chairman Heffner moved that the town grant permission to the Canteen people to put tennis courts on the ground owned by the town abutting Philadelphia Avenue and adjacent to the Elementary School. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

The matter of complaint of Mr. Schaffer, about the burning of trash on the town warehouse lot on Maple Avenue, was brought up for discussion, and Superintendent of Public Works Fischer was advised to continue burning this trash, but to burn same in the morning, and to see that it had entirely burned out by evening, or be extinguished.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chairman Sidell stated that two different people had complained to him about young people standing outside the Fire Department Building instead of going inside to the Canteen, and that at times they were very noisy. Lt. Thomas stated that he told these young people that they would have to go inside or go home. Mayor Youngblood instructed Lt. Thomas to take this matter up with the head of the Canteen, and to request that they look into same and see that the complaint was corrected.

Chairman Sidell stated also that he had a complaint from Mr. Williams of 718 Maple Avenue that the street light on Pole #71327 reflected on to his porch and was very annoying to him, and suggested that the Clerk write to the Power Co. and request that a deflector shade be placed on this pole to protect 718 Maple Ave.

On motion of Chairman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin, taxicab driver's permits were approved for Virginia E. McCullough, Earnest Lee Smith and Donald O. Folks.

Chairman Sidell stated that this "taxicab permit" procedure was becoming a nuisance, as he was looked up daily to approve these applications temporarily so that the applicant would get his permit to drive until the approval was ratified by the Council. After discussion of this matter, Lt. Thomas was advised that in the future these applications would be taken up once each month, and that they should be taken to Councilman Sidell one week in advance of the Council Meeting, in order that they could be properly considered. Lt. Thomas was advised to so instruct all other officers at the police station.

In response to request by the Mayor, Chairman Sidell stated that his committee met to endeavor to obtain a schedule for the town police in order to conform with the eight hour regulation adopted by the Montgomery County Police. Chairman Sidell stated that the only way the committee could figure that it would work out would be to hire a part time man to fill in when town officers were absent due to sickness, their regular day off or vacation. This, Councilman Sidell estimated, would be equal to one half of the annual salary of a regular officer. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Sidell recommended and moved that if the Finance Committee advised the funds available that a part time officer be employed to fill in when needed, the time the extra man is needed to be determined by Lt. Thomas. Councilman Martin stated that he would be glad to second the motion with the understanding that the available funds were found, and that the time this man was used was not abused. After further discussion of this matter the motion was approved, with the understanding that this appointment would not be made until a future date.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he had temporarily appointed Mr. Joseph R. Willie to the Town Police Force, and that he would like to have the approval of the council if they were in favor of this appointment, and upon motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin, the appointment of Mr. Willie was approved.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the Town's street, garbage and trash force had made a demand for higher pay, and in view of the present labor situation he thought the Council should give serious consideration towards meeting their demand. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Carr moved that the following rate of wages be established for the present time. Foreman; from 80¢ to 90¢ per hour. Laborer; from 60¢ to 70¢ per hour. Trash men; from 70¢ to 75¢ per hour. Garbage men; from 70¢ to 75¢ per hour. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the offer of Mr. John L. Phillips, in connection with Lots 14 and 15 in Block 23, Gilbert's Subdivision, at the corner of Elm and Woodland Avenues, in which Mr. Phillips offered \$100.00 in full settlement of the taxes, and \$900.00 in settlement of special assessment, the first installment on the \$900.00 to be paid January 15th, 1945, and to run for three years, with 6% interest on the un-

paid balance. Councilman Carr stated that the Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of this offer and so moved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding plat presented by Mr. Gary H. Smith, Chairman Taft stated that he was not going to insist that this plat be approved by the council tonight, but moved that an Ordinance be adopted approving same. After discussion of this matter, which brought up the question of storm drainage and a suggestion that the committee visit the site, this motion was lost for the want of a second for same. Mayor Youngblood requested that the matter be investigated at once, so that definite action could be taken at an early date.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Martin, D. D. Lamond was appointed Corporation Counsel for the ensuing fiscal year.

On motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Heffner, R. P. Frye was reappointed Building Inspector for the town for the ensuing fiscal year.

On motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Taft, E. B. Fetty was reappointed Electrical Inspector for the town for the ensuing fiscal year.

On motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Heffner, Mr. Herald Hirst was appointed Fire Marshall for the town of Takoma Park for the ensuing fiscal year.

Chairman Taft, in view of the numerous complaints made of parties depositing refuse and offal on their premises, offered the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 832

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

That Article 15 of the Police Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland in force January 1, 1933, be amended by inserting, after section 7, two new section to be numbered Section 7 (a) and (b) which shall read as follows:

Section 7 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cast, deposit, throw or place, or cause to be cast, deposited, thrown or placed, any rubbish of any kind, or offals of any trade, business or occupation into any lane, avenue, street, parking, side walk, or upon any open space in the town of Takoma Park, Maryland, or cause the same to be done, except when the same may have been removed from his, her or their premises or place of business for immediate removal.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to kindle or set on fire any combustible material or rubbish of any kind unless said combustible material or rubbish is enclosed in a receptacle which will protect said combustible material or rubbish from being scattered.

These amendments shall take effect immediately.

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

Regarding the appointment of the town employees this evening, Councilman Heffner moved that these appointments be made as of July 1st, 1944. 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 12:10 A. M.

J. William Dodd
Clerk
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O. W. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 1944

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 17th, 1944 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of July, 1944, was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$73,895.83	
Less Discounts - - - - -	<u>2,950.39</u>	\$70,945.44
Interest and Penalties - - - - -		10.71
Special Assessments - - - - -		52.42
Building Permits - - - - -		66.00
Electrical " - - - - -		5.00
Dog Tax - - - - -		33.50
Montgomery County Police Telephone - - - - -		12.00
" " Fines - - - - -		18.50
Taxicab Permits - - - - -		10.00
Vendor " - - - - -		<u>13.00</u>
		<u>\$71,166.57</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

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STREETS: Labor	316.69	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	153.44	
Tools-Supplies	36.37	
Material	184.30	
Street Resurfacing	295.00	
Storm Sewer Expense-	<u>866.42</u>	1,852.22
SERVICE: Garbage: Salaries	564.69	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	178.10	
Trash: Salaries	582.24	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	163.94	
Disposal	88.25	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>517.78</u>	2,095.00
POLICE: Salaries	694.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	98.90	
Telephone and Lights	23.21	
Supplies and Misc.	<u>17.55</u>	873.66
OFFICE: Salaries	738.10	
Telephones and Supplies	35.89	
Postage and Printing	<u>96.50</u>	870.49
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:		
Labor	69.98	
Tools	<u>2.50</u>	72.48
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Assn.	358.33	
Insurance Premiums	427.06	
Recording fees	5.00	
Municipal Building Expense	130.00	
Dog Expense	21.00	
Honor Roll Expense	43.15	
Building Permit Expense (Ptg)	15.50	
Refund Building Permit	2.00	
" " " Deposit	25.00	
Montgomery County transfers	15.00	
" " Police Telephone	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Compensation Corporation Counsel	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	1,209.04
		<u>\$6,972.89</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

6/30/44 - On hand Citizens Bank	2,356.31	
Deposits in July	<u>39,608.53</u>	
	41,964.84	
Withdrawn in July	<u>6,972.89</u>	
7/31/44 - On hand		34,991.95
6/30/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l I. P.	994.16	
Deposits in July	<u>31,558.04</u>	
	32,552.20	
No withdrawals in July		
7/31/44 - On hand		<u>32,552.20</u>
7/31/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$67,544.15</u>

~~COMMUNICATIONS~~

REVOLVING FUND:

6/30/44 - On hand Sub Nat'l Bank	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
7/31/44 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mrs. W. J. Pugh requesting the Mayor and Council to construct a culvert on her property at 100 2nd St., she agreeing to pay for this improvement. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. L. W. Pope, 22 Woodland Avenue, regarding storm sewer drainage emptying on to his lot, and requesting that steps be taken to correct this condition. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond, enclosing a proposed Ordinance regarding the keeping of domesticated animals, or fowls, within the corporate limits of the town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Davis & Platt requesting the abatement of charge by the town for surfacing of service driveways around the Hillwod Manor Apartments. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Police report for the month of July was read to Council by the Clerk, said report showing total arrests of twenty, and total calls and complaints, 135.

Mayor Youngblood at this time stated that the Council would be glad to hear from anyone present regarding the construction of sidewalk in Holly Avenue, abutting Lot 24 in Block 6, Gilbert's Subdivision, as advertised in Ordinance No. 831.

Mr. Egbert Walker and Mr. George Yalsic, both residents of Holly Avenue, addressed Council regarding this matter, and urged immediate construction of this sidewalk.

Letter was read by the Clerk from Mrs. Margaret P. Dodge and Mr. Harry P. Dodge opposing the construction of this sidewalk.

There being no others present desiring to be heard in connection with this matter, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, and referred the matter to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. Egbert Walker again addressed Council, urging that repairs be made to the barricade at the Holly Avenue culvert at the intersection of Holly and Dogwood Avenues.

Mr. Frank A. Rule addressed council, inquiring as to whether application had been made for the construction of a garage, or flats, adjacent to the alley in the rear of his property on Piney Branch Road. Mr. Rule stated that the residents there desire to go on record as opposing any zone change in that vicinity.

The Clerk presented to council the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO 833

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

Section 1. That the Plat of resubdivision of Lot 5 in Block 61, Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, into Lots 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D, as presented by Gary H. Smith and Emma G. Smith, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That all ungraded streets on said Plat dedicated for public use, when graded to proper grade, be graded to approved profile, and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, the cost of said grading to be charged against the lots abutting same.

Section 3. That the cost of all future construction of paving, curb and gutters, sidewalks, and any necessary storm sewers or bridges, to be charged against the lots abutting said street as shown on said Plat, and that the construction of this work be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Councilman Russell moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and upon being seconded by Councilman Carr, same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin and Russell; voting Nay, none.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, again spoke of the proposed installation of Ex-Ray equipment at the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, by the Tuberculosis Association of Montgomery County, and stated that this matter was making progress.

At this time Councilman Martin called attention to what he called an inferior street surfacing job on Manor Circle, and inquired as to why the curb and gutter ordered constructed in front of the property of Mrs. B. S. Chaney had not been installed before the street was resurfaced. Supt. of Public Works Fischer explained that the curb and gutter construction in front of the

Chaney property would not interfere in any way with the resurfacing job.

Councilman Heffner stated that he thought a vigorous protest should be registered against the contractor that resurfaced this street.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Russell, Chairman, requested the Clerk to read the following report covering the activities of the Municipal Works Department since the last council meeting:

"Three men of the street force worked on the Willow Avenue storm sewer project when not otherwise engaged. This project is now nearing completion. Numerous repairs to streets and walks were made during the above mentioned period. Many catch basins were cleaned out, and a forenoon was spent in erecting street signs. Several streets; namely; Manor Circle, part of Elm Avenue, also part of Boyd and Lincoln Avenues, were resurfaced. Allegheny Avenue from 2nd to Highland Avenue, where a protest was made at the last council meeting, was repaired, so was Eastern Ave. from 2nd to Ash Avenue. Repairs were started on Birch Avenue on a cave-in and will be completed in a few days more.

For a complete detail, day by day, i.e. number of men working on each job, material used, etc., the Supt. of Public Works has same in his possession and any member of the Town Council may read same."

Regarding the communication from the Methodist Union of Washington, D. C., requesting repairs to the street, and the construction of curb and gutter abutting their church property, lots 11 and 12 in Block 27, Gilbert's Subdivision, Kentland Avenue, Chairman Russell stated that the committee was over this street and made a thorough examination of same, and his personal opinion was that curb and gutter could be placed on one side of this street, that is the side where the church property was located, ^{but} from New Hampshire Avenue to Hopewell Avenue, leaving the curb and gutter on the opposite side of the street, due to the fact that there was a very steep bank on this side of the street. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell stated that before any final action was taken, the church people should be advised of the fact that the construction of this curb and gutter would be assessed again their property in the usual manner, as he was not sure from their communication that they were aware of this fact. After discussion of this matter, same was tabled until a future meeting, and the Clerk was instructed to write the church people advising them that if the curb and gutter was constructed that the cost of same would have to be paid by the owner of the property.

Regarding the petition from residents of Eastern Avenue, requesting repairs to Eastern Avenue between Ash Avenue and 2nd St., Councilman Russell advised that this repair work had been completed.

Councilman Russell stated that the street committee had looked over Maple Avenue from Erie to Flower Avenue, and recommended that a hearing be advertised for the paving of this portion of Maple Avenue.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 834

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

See 17-6-7

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the paving of Maple Avenue between Flower and Erie Avenues, abutting Lots 4,5,6, 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,32 and 33 in Block 52, Gilbert's Subdivision, and that portion of land abutting the Washington Sanitarium and Washington Missionary College grounds abutting Maple Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$14.00 per linear foot, 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 September 18th, 1944, convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regard to the work herein proposed.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Martin and same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin and Russell; voting Nay, none.

Regarding the laying of sidewalk abutting Lot 24 in Block 6, Gilbert's Subdivision, in Holly Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that his committee was of the opinion that this work should be done, and offered the following Ordinance, and **moved its adoption:**

ORDINANCE NO. 835

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

See 17-15-53-54

Section 1. That under the authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hearing, as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health and comfort require the improvement of Holly Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 831, adopted by the Mayor and Council July 17th, 1944, the improvement consisting of the construction of cement concrete sidewalk abutting Lot 24 in Block 6, Gilbert's Subdivision, of the Town of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, and this improvement is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of the said Ordinance.

Section 2. That the Municipal Works Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the Town Charter, to construct said sidewalk abutting Lot 24 in Block 6, Gilbert's Subdivision, and the Supt. of Public Works is hereby authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of same.

Section 3. That the construction of said sidewalk be constructed to proper grade, and the construction of this work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Section 4. That the construction of this widewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owner abutting the improvement. *See 17:15*

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Martin and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted, vot Yea; Councilman Carr, Heffner, Martin and Russell; voting Nay, none.

The matter of storm sewer in Jackson Avenue was brought up for discussion, and Councilman Russell called upon Engineer James R. Seybolt, who was present, to advise the council as to the progress being made on the plan for this storm sewer. Mr. Seybolt laid before Council proposed blue print of storm sewer running from Ethan Allen Avenue to Sligo Parkway, which he stated would cost in the neighborhood of \$18,177.44.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell stated that due to the large expenditure necessary to carry this sewer from Ethan Allen Avenue to Sligo Parkway, he thought that at the present time the sewer if run from Lincoln Avenue through to Sligo Parkway would take care of the storm water situation, and after further discussion of the matter, Councilman Russell moved that we take bids on the storm sewer to run from Lincoln Avenue to Sligo Parkway, with all necessary catch basins and intersections included in cost of construction. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Engineer Seybolt was instructed to draft a proposal for bids on this storm sewer work for insertion in local newspaper.

A lengthy discussion was entered into regarding the paving of Jackson Avenue with cement concrete from Lincoln Avenue to Sligo Parkway, and suggestion was made that a hearing be advertised on this proposed paving, in order to get the reaction of the property owners abutting same.

After further discussion Councilman Russell offered the following Ordinance and moved it adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 836

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provision of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the paving of Jackson Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Sligo Parkway, abutting Lot 19 in Block 94A, Hampshire Knolls, Section No. 3, Sub-division, and Lots 1,9,19,11 in Block 36, and Lots 9, 12,13,14,18 and 49 in Block 37, Gilbert's Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$14.00 per linear foot, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the land abutting same in the usual manner. *See 17:7*

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on September 18th, 1944, convening at eight o'clock

P. M., at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regard to the work herein proposed.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Heffner, and on a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted, voting Yea; Councilman Carr, Heffner, Martin and Russell; voting Nay, none.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$2,468.55 were presented by the Finance Committee for payment, and upon motion properly seconded these bills were ordered paid.

Councilman Carr stated that he had received only one bid for the auditing of the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, said bid being from Mr. A.W. Vine, who proposed to do the work for \$100.00, and Councilman Carr moved that the auditing of the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer be awarded to Mr. Vine in accordance with his bid. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

The following Ordinance was read to Council by the Clerk regarding assessment of cost for the construction of curb and gutter and the laying of gravel in Linden Avenue:

ORDINANCE NO. 837

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 curb and gutter and the laying of gravel in Linden Avenue, abutting Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 28, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Prince Georges County, Maryland, as authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 822, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on February 21st, 1944, said assessment being fixed at \$1.50 per linear foot for curb and gutter, and \$1.00 per square yard for gravel filling, 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 Carr, and upon being seconded by Councilman Russell, same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin and Russell; voting Nay, none.

Councilman Martin called attention of Council to the dangerous traffic condition on Carroll Avenue between Denwood Avenue and Grant Avenue since the opening of a vegetable store on that location. Councilman Martin stated that it was exceedingly hard when an alarm was sounded for the Fire Department to get their large trucks out.

Councilman Martin recommended that "No Parking" signs be placed on that side of Carroll Avenue between Denwood Avenue and Grant Avenue, on which parking is allowed at the present time. This would not allow parking on both sides of Carroll Avenue in that block. It was called to the attention of Councilman Martin that this was a State Highway and permission would have to be gotten from the State Roads Commission to abolish parking on both sides of this street in this block.

After discussion of this matter Councilman Martin moved that the Clerk be instructed to write to the State Roads Commission advising them of the traffic hazard existing on Carroll Avenue between Denwood Avenue and Grant Avenue, and ask their permission to allow "No Parking" signs on that side of the street where parking is allowed at the present time. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

The matter of erecting temporary "No Parking" signs at once as an emergency, and awaiting the reply of the State Roads Commission as to the restrictions being made permanent, was discussed, after which Councilman Martin moved that "No Parking" signs be placed at once on the north side of Carroll Avenue between Denwood Avenue and Grant Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr. addressed council regarding the erection of a larger and more elaborate board containing the names of the men in the service, and suggested that subscriptions be taken from the various ^{civic} organizations, and the citizens of the town, and that an effort be made to get some particular organization to sponsor the board. It was suggested that the proper organization to sponsor this board would be the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Youngblood expressed the opinion that if it is to be a community affair that the matter should come up through the different organizations of the town. No definite action was taken in connection with this matter.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he was fearful that we were going to run into some trouble sooner or later with the garbage collection, as the present garbage truck was not in very good shape, and was continually being laid up for repairs, and suggested that steps be taken at once to procure a new garbage truck, as it would probably be four or five months before a new truck could be delivered and put into service, even though you could get the proper priority from the Government. Mayor Youngblood stated that a new garbage truck fully equipped with garbage body and the other necessary requirements, would run in the neighborhood of \$2200.00.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Carr moved that we make application for priority on a new garbage truck. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the appointment of a part-time Police Officer, Councilman Carr moved that we employ a part-time man as recommended by the Police Committee. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Mayor Youngblood suggested that before this appointment is made that all councilmen should be contacted, to make sure that the party appointed was satisfactory to all of the councilmen.

The Clerk read to Council a report from the Building Inspector covering the month of July, 1944, this report showing permits issued, seven new houses, three additions, seven alterations, one shed, one three car garage, six retainingwalls and fences and one awning.

On motion of Councilman Heffner, seconded by Councilman Martin, the report of the Building Inspector was ordered accepted and filed.

On motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:25 P. M.

J. H. Dodd
Clerk
Anderson

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor