

TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

1. FINANCE	H. C. Taft, Chairman John C. Post, V. " J. H. Nies, Member	Assessments - Budget - Tax Rate -) Tax Collection - Disbursements -) Office Administration - Audit)	Town Clerk and Treasurer
2. MUNICIPAL SERVICE	J. T. Parkerson, Chairman H. C. Heffner, V. " M. C. Taft, Member	Police Department - Fire Dept -) ment - Street Illumination -) Building Inspection - Permits.)	Police and Special Offices Building Inspector Electrical Inspector
3. SOCIAL WELFARE & PUBLIC HEALTH	H. C. Heffner, Chairman L. A. Anderson, V. " J. T. Parkerson, Member	Welfare - Health - Refuse Collec-) tion and Disposal - Dog, animal) and Poultry License adn Control)	Health Officer, Pound Officer.
4. CIVIC IMPROVEMENT	J. H. Nies, Chairman J. T. Parkerson, V. " L. A. Anderson, Member	Zoning - Parks and Parkings -) Playgrounds - Schools - Library.)	Playground Supervisors
5. MUNICIPAL WORKS	L. A. Anderson, Chairman J. H. Nies, V. " J. C. Post, Member	Street, Sidewalk and Bridge con-) struction and Maintenance - Grad-) ing - Drainage - Engineering.)	Superintendent of Public Works - Surveyor
6. LAW AND ORDINANCE	J. C. Post, Chairman H. C. Taft, V. " H. C. Heffner, Member	Ordinance - Town Charter -) Legal Action - Justices of the) Peace)	Corporation Counsel

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	H. C. Taft	Law and Ordinance	Municipal Services
	J. T. Parkerson	Civic Improvement	Social Welfare & H.
	H. C. Heffner	Municipal Service	Law and Ordinance
	J. H. Nies	Municipal Works	Finance
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THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AT

SOLD BY

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 21st, 1944 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -		\$13,246.53
Less Discounts - - - - -		<u>442.97</u>
		12,803.56
Interest and Penalties - - - - -		23.99
Special Assessments - - - - -		215.88
Building Permits - - - - -		37.00
Dog Tax - - - - -		23.00
Electric Permit - - - - -		1.00
Vendor Permit - - - - -		1.00
Montgomery County Telephone - - - - -		12.00
State Franchise Tax - - - - -		5.00
Prince Georges County Gasoline Tax -		468.70
Commission Pay Telephone in Police Sta.		<u>1.42</u>
		<u>\$13,592.55</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:	Labor	\$192.29	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supl	223.44	
	Material	241.86	
	Storm Sewer Expense	<u>879.62</u>	1,537.21
SERVICE:	Garbage: Labor	499.32	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	177.79	
	Trash: Labor	481.98	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	61.67	
	Disposal	79.20	
	Street and Traffic Lights	<u>535.41</u>	1,835.37
POLICE:	Salaries	700.00	
	Clothing Allowance	40.00	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	68.48	
	Telephone-Lights	21.31	
	Supplies and Misc. Expense	<u>38.06</u>	867.85
OFFICE:	Salaries	751.66	

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Telephones and Supplies	31.10	
Postage and Printing	<u>33.25</u>	816.01
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:		
Labor	111.14	
Supplies	<u>2.00</u>	113.14
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		
Holly Avenue Walks (Adv.)	<u>13.50</u>	13.50
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Assn.	358.33	
Recording Fees	5.00	
Municipal Bldg.	161.45	
Honor Roll Expense	7.76	
Refund Taxicab Badges	8.00	
Dog Expense	6.00	
Poison Ivy Extermination expense	20.50	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	<u>734.04</u>
		<u>\$5,917.12</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

7/31/44 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$34,991.95	
Deposited in August	<u>11,487.03</u>	
	46,478.98	
Withdrawn in August	<u>5,917.12</u>	
8/31/44 - On hand		\$40,561.86
7/31/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	32,552.20	
Deposited in August	<u>2,105.52</u>	
	34,657.72	
No withdrawals in Aug.		
8/31/44 - On hand		<u>34,657.72</u>
8/31/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$75,219.58</u>
REVOLVING FUND:		
7/31/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T. P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
8/31/44 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Petition containing 146 names requesting that the "No Parking At Any Time" signs be removed from that portion of Carroll Avenue between Denwood and Grant Avenues, and that parking be granted for at least fifteen minutes. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From the State Roads Commission granting the town permission to erect "No Parking" signs on both sides of Carroll Avenue between Denwood and Grant Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Petition from eleven property owners requesting street lights at the corner of Jackson and Central Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Alex K. Anderson & Co. in behalf of Mr. Leatcher Clement, offering the sum of \$192.78 to cover general taxes on lots 10-11 and part of 9 in Block 23, Gilbert's Subdivision, and to assume the liability of \$484.00, special assessment against same, said general taxes to be paid at once, and the special assessment to be paid in monthly installments, the entire amount to be paid within two years. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Mr. W. H. McClenon, Secretary of the Community League of Takoma Park, Md., regarding V-E Day observation. Referred to the Social Welfare and Health Committee.

From Mr. W. H. McClenon, Secretary of the Community League of Takoma Park, Md., expressing appreciation of the League for the changes made in the appearance of the interior of the Municipal Building in Columbia Avenue.

The following bids were read to the Council by the Clerk covering the furnishing of a 1944 model Closed Cab Truck, 1½ ton capacity, with 750x20 tires, one extra wheel, one heavy duty hydraulic lift, and one steel four yard capacity garbage body:

McMahon Motor Co., as per specifications, \$2,144.75, with an additional \$50.00 for extra heavy lift hoist.

Williams Chevrolet Co., as per specifications, \$2,164.84.

Logan Motor Co., as per specifications, \$2,131.20, and for the installation of an extra heavy duty hoist, \$50.00 additional.

Takoma Motor Co., as per specifications, \$2,169.60, one extra tire, \$60.23 additional.

The Clerk presented to council application for taxicab stand permit from Alberta Clara Mack.

The Clerk also presented to council the following applications for taxicab driver's permits:

Benj. L. Archer
 Arbutus Hattie McNeil
 Edward LeRoy Sterner
 James W. McCullough

Carl E. Harris
 Ray W. Rose
 Burlie W. Lowry

These applications were referred to the Municipal Service Committee.
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At this time Mayor Youngblood stated that Council/hear those persons desiring to be heard in connection with the proposed paving of a portion of Maple Avenue, and the proposed paving of a portion of Jackson Avenue, as advertised, stating that the Maple Avenue paving would be taken up first.

In connection with the Maple Avenue paving, Mr. C. B. Smith, Mr. A. H. Cross, Mr. Michael Cheechie and Mr. Arthur Carnig appeared before council and all spoke in favor of the paving of this street. The Clerk advised council that Mr. C. C. Pulver of the Washington Sanitarium and the Washington Missionary College advised by telephone that they were in favor of this paving. The clerk also advised council that Mr. Wm. R. Ford, a property owner on this street, had advised him that he was in favor of this paving.

There being no others present to be heard in connection with this matter, the Mayor declared the hearing on the Maple Avenue paving closed, and stated that the hearing on the Jackson Avenue paving would be taken up at this time.

On the Jackson Avenue paving, Mrs. Breen stated that she was in favor of same, if a good substantial street was put in. Mr. Kelsey of 513 Jackson Avenue stated that he could not say whether he was in favor of same or not, and suggested that instead of a concrete paving that a black top street might answer the purpose. Mr. Kelsey, however, stated that if the better plan was to pave the street with concrete that he would not oppose it. Mr. F. D. Kitwell, owner of a large frontage on this street, addressed council and vigorously opposed the paving of same.

There being no others present to be heard on this paving, Mayor Youngblood declared the hearing closed, and referred both the Maple Avenue paving and the Jackson Avenue paving to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. Lester of 904 Jackson Avenue addressed council regarding the bad condition of Jackson Avenue, and requested that steps be taken to correct this condition.

Mr. Hassen of Jackson Avenue also spoke regarding this matter.

Mr. E. B. Fetty at this time addressed council regarding the paving of Jackson Avenue, as proposed this evening, and stated that he thought this was a very much needed improvement, and that he thought the town should go ahead with same.

Mr. Quigley of the Hampshire Green Citizens Association addressed council regarding several matters in the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, and requested that the town give consideration to drainage at the intersections of various streets within this subdivision, as it was very badly needed.

Mr. Quigley introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Bean of 1200 Kingwood Drive, stating that she desired to say a few words regarding speeding. Mrs. Bean informed the council that autoist coming through the subdivision went through at a rapid rate of speed, and requested that the council give consideration to the erection of "Slow" signs throughout the subdivision.

Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. Quigley and Mrs. Bean that the matters which they brought up would be given consideration by the proper committees.

Mr. Herald Hirst addressed council and advised that he had recent information that an Ordinance was to be adopted which would abolish chickens from the corporate limits of the town. Mr. Hirst was advised that no such Ordinance had been presented up to the present time, but that Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond had prepared such an Ordinance, and it was at the present time in the hands of Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Hirst spoke at length to council regarding this matter, and stated that he hoped such an ordinance would not be passed, as it would work a hardship on a number of the residents of the town who desired to keep chickens and found them profitable, and requested that before the adoption of such an Ordinance, that the residents of the town be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with this matter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edmonds also addressed council regarding this matter, and expressed herself as being opposed to any such ordinance.

Councilman Taft stated that he had not as yet laid such an Ordinance before the council, but that in accordance with a communication from the Corporation Counsel he had an ordinance prepared, and would present same to the council this evening, and Councilman Taft expressed himself as not being opposed to a hearing on the matter before adoption, if the majority of the council were in favor of such a hearing.

Mayor Youngblood advised that this matter would be taken up at the proper time by the Law and Ordinance Committee.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: On motion of Councilman Sidell, Chairman, seconded by Councilman Martin, the application of Alberta Clara Mack for a taxicab stand permit was approved.

On motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin, the applications of Benj. L. Archer, Arbutus Hattie McNeill, Edward LeRoy Sterner, James W. McCullough, Carl E. Harris, Ray W. Rose and Burlie W. Lowry, for taxicab driver's permits were approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: The following report from the Municipal Works Committee was handed to the Clerk to be read to the council, but before reading same Councilman Martin moved that the reading of this report be dispensed with. Upon being properly seconded the motion was approved.

"On September 2nd the work on the storm sewer on Willow Avenue was completed as far as the Scott's property at 225 Willow Avenue, but certain other work will have to be done after the ground in the Robertson driveway is sufficiently settled, as well as grading on both properties.

During the week of 4th to 9th inclusive, numerous cuts and holes in streets were repaired during last week (11 to 16). The sidewalk authorized at the last council meeting on Holly Avenue was laid by the town forces, also the retaining wall over the culvert was erected.

Some more streets; namely, Boston, Domer, Trescott and part of Central Avenues were resurfaced by the contractor, Eyre & Smallwood, and more will be done this week."

Slow progress is being made on the Jackson Avenue culvert to be erected or constructed, primarily on account of the Washington Gas Light Company gas pipes laid in 1942, but this week the engineer said would see his work completed so contracts can be let.

The rain last Wednesday raised havoc with some of the streets again, yet the storm sewers constructed so far, especially on Willow Avenue, functioned very nicely, but it appears that the part from the Scott property to Spruce Avenue will have to be given some more study."

Regarding the request for curb and gutter made by the Methodist Church on March Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that they had visited this street and found that the street lines had to be properly established before any work on this nature could be done on this street, and that this work would have to be delayed for the present.

Regarding the complaint of storm water running over the property of 22 Woodland Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that this matter would be given attention.

In connection with the letter from the Hillwood Manor Apartments Corp., requesting the abatement of bill for material furnished by the town on the service drive around the apartment, Councilman Russell stated that his committee had had a meeting regarding this matter, and recommended that this charge be not abated, and moved that we advise the Hillwood Manor Apartments Corp. that the council had given consideration to this matter, investigating same thoroughly, and found that almost 100% of the material used was on private right-of-way, and that the council could not see its way clear to abate this charge. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the hearing for the paving of a portion of Maple Avenue, Councilman Russell presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 838

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

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, safety and comfort require the improvement of Maple Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 834, adopted by the Mayor and Council August 21st, 1944, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of the said Ordinance. 16:192

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the town; said cost to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots and otherwise.

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment hereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, and the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy. Sep. 70

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

Councilman Russell moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the paving of Maple Avenue in accordance with Ordinance No. 838. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Russell also presented the following Ordinance for the paving of a portion of Jackson Avenue, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 839

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

Section 1. That under 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, safety and comfort require the improvement of Jackson Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 836, adopted by the Mayor and Council August 21st, 1944, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance. 16:193

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one third of the said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the town; said cost to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots and otherwise.

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the Aug. 110

of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, and the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further, that payments of one-fifty, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of sixper cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

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

Regarding the bid on the proposed paving of Jackson Avenue, Councilman Russell suggested that we delay the request for bids on this work until the proposed storm sewer in Jackson Avenue was installed. This proposal was accepted by council, but Councilman Martin stated that he hoped there would be very little delay in starting this work, and stated that a delay might cause a lot of damage.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

Ordinance No. 840

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

Section.1. That the resubdivision of Lots 16, 17 and 18 in Block "B", Cunningham Subdivision, Prince Georges County, Takoma Park, Maryland, into Lots 23, 24, and 25, as presented by Elmer D. Snook and Anna Snook, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

Regarding the matter of chickens, Councilman Taft stated that he was going to present the following proposed Ordinance regarding the keeping of domesticated animals, or fowls, within the corporate limits of the town, and if the council so desired, after the proposed Ordinance had been read, he, for one, would have no objection to holding a hearing in connection with same. At this time Councilman Taft presented the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 7, SECTION 11, OF THE POLICE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, IN FORCE JANUARY 1, 1933, PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS OR FOWL.

ORDINANCE NO.

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

That Article 7 of the Police Regulations of the Town

of Takoma Park, Maryland, in force January 1, 1933, be amended by striking out all of Section 11, and asserting in lieu thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Section 11. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, corporation or corporations, to keep or confine, temporarily, habitually, or permanently, any horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, cows, steers, bulls, sheep, hogs, goats, chickens, pigeons, or other domesticated animals or fowl whatsoever, except household pets, within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$3.00 and not more than \$10.00, and each day such domesticated animals or fowl are kept in violation of this section, shall be deemed a separate offense.

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 1945.

After discussion of this matter Councilman Martin moved that the Ordinance be advertised and that a hearing be held on same at the next regular meeting of the council, and that the action of the council on the ordinance be tabled until that time. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$5,063.27 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

Councilman Martin at this time spoke regarding the matters brought up by the Hampshire Green Citizens Assn. in connection with the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, stating that he was aware of the fact that these people were anxious to get done for that subdivision all that the town was willing to do, but that this being a new subdivision he believed that the town funds could be spent to better advantage in places where they were more badly needed.

Regarding the petition signed by 146 persons in connection with the "No Parking" on Carroll Avenue between Grant and Denwood Avenues, this matter was discussed at some length and no definite action was taken in connection with same, pending further investigation.

In connection with the letter from the Community League, Councilman Martin brought before the council for its consideration the question regarding a proper and fitting celebration of V-E Day when the great day comes. After a full discussion of the question it was voted that Mayor Youngblood be authorized to issue a Proclamation declaring V-E Day to be a day of supplication and prayer to Almighty God and that He may continue to guide in the affairs of the United Nations until full victory is obtained over our enemies and our boys and girls return to their homes. It was also voted that the Chamber of Commerce be asked to organize the leaders of the different churches, civic, fraternal and social organizations together, and that said leaders lay plans for Victory in Europe Day, when the Great Day comes.

Regarding the letter from Alex K. Anderson & Co. in behalf of Mr. Leatcher Clement, regarding Lots 10-11 and part of Lot 9 in Block 23,

Gilbert's Subdivision. Councilman Carr stated that his committee had reviewed this matter and moved that the offer as contained in the letter of Alex K. Anderson & Co. of August 28th, 1944, on behalf of M. Clement, be accepted. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Audit for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1943 and ending June 30th, 1944 was presented to council by Councilman Carr, in which Mr. Carr advised that the audit seemed to be in order, and showed an overage of \$5.76 for the year. Councilman Carr moved that the audit be accepted and filed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and same was approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Carr, seconded by Councilman Russell, the pertinent parts of this audit were ordered published in the local paper for the benefit of the tax payers.

The matter of bids for the purchase of a new garbage truck was discussed at length and during the discussion it was suggested that a five cubic yard garbage body might lessen the trips to the garbage dump, and after further discussion of this matter, the Clerk was requested to obtain from the parties bidding on this truck the additional amount for the installation of a five cubic yard body instead of a four cubic yard as covered in their bids.

On motion properly seconded council adjourned at 11:25 P. M.

Indubbed

J. Helen Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor