

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JAN. 22, 1945

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18th, 1944 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$2,356.53
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	46.59
Special Assessments - - - - -	1,961.11
Building Permits - - - - -	12.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	3.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	.50
Taxicab Permits & Badge Deposits - -	22.75
Commission Pay Telephone-Police Sta.-	1.70
Deposits on Jackson Ave. sewer plans-	40.00
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	7.50
Montgomery County Fines - - - - -	1.00
" " Police Telephone -	12.00
	<u>\$4,464.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$427.07	
Material	295.51	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	273.12	
Tools or Supplies	19.20	
Street Resurfacing	570.48	
Storm Sewer Expense	13.50	\$1,598.88
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SERVICE: Garbage: Labor	623.41	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	124.78	
New Truck	1,426.20	
Trash: Labor	580.91	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	739.90	
Disposal	102.40	
Ash: Labor	150.00	
Street-Traffic Lights	517.82	4,265.42
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POLICE: Salaries	684.55	
Clothing Allowance	438.88	
Telephones-Lights-Fuel	45.84	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	102.03	
Misc. Supplies	15.73	1,287.03
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OFFICE: Salaries	771.20	
Telephones-Supplies	42.97	
Postage	6.00	820.17
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ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Paving Maple Avenue	48.80	48.80
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MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Assn.	358.33	
Refund Taxes	28.80	
Recording fees	3.00	
Insurance Premium	5.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	38.96	
Refund Taxicab Badges	6.00	
Dues Montg. County Civic Fed.	5.00	
Montg. County Police Tele.	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corp. Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	612.09
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		\$8,632.39

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

11/30/44 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$14,925.61	
Deposits in December	4,151.44	
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	19,077.05	
Withdrawn in December	7,176.66	
12/31/44 - On hand	<u> </u>	\$11,900.39
11/30/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	35,326.04	
Deposits in December	313.24	
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	35,639.28	
Withdrawn in December	1,455.73	
12/31/44 - On hand	<u> </u>	34,183.55
12/31/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$46,083.94</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

11/30/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u> </u>	
12/31/44 - On hand		323.72
11/30/44 - On hand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u> </u>	
12/31/44 - On hand		8,000.00
12/31/44 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From the Republican Club of Takoma Park, requesting the use of a room in the Municipal Building at 8 Columbia Avenue one evening each month. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Mr. Alexander S. Clark, regarding water difficulties at his properties on Alleghany Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Lt. C. E. Thomas, of the town police force, regarding retirement for town employees. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From the Taxicab Association of Takoma Park, regarding drivers. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Mr. John W. Coffman, addressed Council regarding the letter from the Republican Club, in connection with the use of the room at 8 Columbia Avenue, and was advised that this matter would be given immediate attention, and referred same to Councilman Heffner, Chairman in charge of the building.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, brought up for discussion the recent rule of the Mayor and Council regarding parking on Carroll Avenue between Grant and Denwood Avenues, and suggested that this parking regulation be suspended after six o'clock in the evening until morning. During the discussion, in connection with this matter, Lieut. Thomas stated that he did not believe that this would work out very well, and also stated that the present system seemed to be working O. K., and that he did not recommend at this time any change.

Councilman Martin also called attention to Council to the condition at the Texaco Station at the corner of Carroll and Grant Avenues, stating that in washing cars at this station, grease from same ran down the gutter on Grant Avenue, causing a very dangerous and unsanitary condition. After discussion of this matter the Clerk was directed to request Building Inspector R. P. Frye to advise the proprietor of the Texaco Station that traps would have to be erected to take care of the grease in connection with the washing of these cars.

Mayor Youngblood at this time called attention to the matter of bad condition of the hill running from Park Avenue Extended up to the Elementary School, and stated that there was quite a lot of erosion, making it very difficult for the children to get up the hill to the school. Mayor Youngblood also stated that Dr. Broome had promised several months ago to look into this matter, but that up to the present time nothing had been done. Mayor Youngblood suggested that the Civic Improvement and Education Committee get after Dr. Broome and see if something could not be accomplished in the way of erecting steps up thus embankment to the school.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, brought up for discussion the matter of the application of a group of women to establish a Day Nursery School at the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue. Councilman Heffner stated that Fire Marshall Hirst

had inspected this building, and recommended a few minor changes, in order to correct what he deemed as fire hazards. He also stated that Mr. E. B. Fetty, the Electrical Inspector, thought that the building should be entirely rewired, as the present wiring was very old, and that while it might be safe, there was still a few flaws in the wiring that should be corrected immediately, in an effort to eliminate any danger from fire.

Mayor Youngblood requested the opinion of the Councilmen as to the use of the building for a Day Nursery School, and Councilman Martin stated that he was opposed to it, as he thought it encouraged delinquency, as he was of the opinion that children of this age should be in the hands of their parents, instead of being entrusted to strangers.

Councilman Heffner explained that the idea of the Nursery School was to have it only for three hours in the morning, that is, from nine to twelve o'clock, and that they would have one paid instructor on hand at all times, and that several mothers would take turn each day as assistants.

Councilman Taft stated that he did not believe that he would be in favor of such a school if it was for the entire day, but due to the fact that it was for only three hours, he would not be opposed to it.

Councilman Russell stated that he was of the same opinion, and that if it was for only from nine to twelve he would not be opposed to it.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he was in favor of the proposed school, as while the children were attending this school, it would give the mothers a chance to do their shopping, whereas children were often left alone in the house while the mothers were shopping, at which time a number of accidents, especially in the nature of fire, had taken place.

After further discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that the application for a room at 8 Columbia Avenue for a Nursery School from nine to twelve o'clock in the morning for a period of six months, be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Regarding the request of the Republican Club for the use of the Municipal Building one night each month for a meeting, Councilman Heffner stated that he thought this could be arranged satisfactorily.

Supt. of Public Works Fischer brought to the attention of Council the request of Mr. Meyer Baker, a resident of Glazewood Avenue, and Secretary of the Citizens Association, regarding "stop" signs and "Slow" signs to be placed in the vicinity of Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue, stating that there was a number of children in the Glazewood Manor Subdivision crossing these streets, and he believed these "stop" and "slow" signs would tend to help the children.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that Supt. of Public Works Fischer be instructed to put up these signs

at points where they would be most advantageous. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, read to Council the proposed bill drafted by Mr. Bond Smith regarding the Library tax in support of the Takoma Park Library. Councilman Taft explained that one section of this bill, namely Section 4, would bind the Council to a tax rate of not in excess of 95¢ on the \$100.00 assessed valuation, beginning with the fiscal year of July 1st, 1945, and he stated that he was at a loss to understand why this section was inserted in this bill. After discussion of the matter, Councilman Taft moved that the Library Association be advised that this bill as drawn does not meet the minds of the Mayor and Council, because we do not understand why the tax rate of the Town of Takoma Park is referred to, and why the authority of the Mayor and Council is reduced insofar as setting the tax rate of the town, as the present Charter limits the tax rate for any one year to not over \$2.00 per \$100.00 assessed valuation, and as we are not able to figure at this time any reason as to why Section 4 is embodied in this proposed regulation the Mayor and Council go on record as being opposed to this bill as now drawn. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

Council was advised by Councilman Carr that the Trustees of the Library Association were to have a meeting the following night in connection with this regulation, and Councilman Martin moved that Councilman Taft and Corporation Counsel Lamond be present at this meeting and secure information for the Council so that they can be better informed on the matter. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Councilman Taft spoke regarding the matter of retirement regulation for town employees, stating that nothing had been done on same but advised that he thought it would be well for the Corporation Counsel to go into the matter and give a report to the Mayor and Council as to what he believed should be embodied in such a regulation. He stated that the Corporation Counsel should prepare such a bill for presentation to the council for approval or disapproval.

Mayor Youngblood at this time revived the matter of the laying of linoleum in the Police Station, and stated that Mr. Lacy Shaw, one of the County Commissioners, advised that the County would pay one-half of the cost of this linoleum, the lowest bid on same being \$166.00. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that this linoleum be laid in the Police Station with the understanding that the County Commissioners of Montgomery County were to assume one-half of the cost of same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Superintendent of Public Works Fischer reported to Council that the laying of a storm sewer in Jackson Ave. from Lincoln Avenue to Sligo Parkway was progressing very nicely, and that weather permitting it would not take very long to complete this work.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 11:35 P. M.

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Clerk

O. A. Youngblood,
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 1945

Meeting called to order at 7:55 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Russell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the meeting was called to discuss the Library bill to be presented to the Maryland General Assembly, which matter had been referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee. A corrected bill was read by Councilman Taft as written by Mr. J. Bond Smith for the Trustees of the Takoma Park Library Association. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as approving the proposed Library Bill, redrafted as of January 31st, 1945. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, the Council adjourned at nine o'clock P.M.

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J. William Dodd
A. Treasurer

O. F. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 26th, 1945

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 22nd, 1945, and special meeting of February 3rd, 1945 were approved.

Financial statement for the month of January, 1945 was presented by the Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$2,590.39	
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	96.08	
Charges - - - - -	8.50	
Special Assessments - - - - -	447.34	
Dog Tax - - - - -	80.00	
Taxicab Stand Permits - - - - -	55.00	
Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - -	10.25	
Bank Share Tax - - - - -	800.99	
Montgomery County Police Telephone - -	12.00	
" " Fines - - - - -	4.50	
		<u>\$4,105.05</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$378.69	
Material	80.23	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	68.07	\$526.99

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	538.85	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	66.88	
Trash: Labor	506.43	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	141.39	
Disposal	87.60	
Ash: Labor	186.00	
Gas-Oil	49.26	
Street and Traffic Lights	535.63	2,112.04

POLICE:

Salaries	663.34	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	72.83	
Coal-Light-Telephones	64.10	
Misc. Supplies	14.59	814.86

OFFICE:

Salaries	757.12	
Postage and Supplies	68.10	
Plat Atlas Expense	45.00	870.22

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Revenue Tax	4,128.57	4,128.57
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn.	\$358.33	
Recording Fees	3.00	
Insurance Premium	59.60	
Honor Roll Expense	10.25	
Dog Expense	22.50	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	53.62	
Refund Taxicab Badges	6.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Compensation Corp. Counsel	50.00	680.30
		<u>\$9,132.98</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

12/31/44 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$11,900.39	
Deposits in Jan. 1945	3,968.62	
	<u>15,869.01</u>	
Withdrawn in Jan. 1945	2,891.03	
1/31/45 - On hand		\$12,977.98
12/31/44 - Onhand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	34,183.55	
Deposits in Jan. 1945	136.43	
	<u>34,319.98</u>	
Withdrawn in Jan. 1945	6,241.95	
1/31/45 - On hand		<u>28,078.03</u>
1/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$41,056.01</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

12/31/44 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/45 - On hand		323.72
12/31/44 - Onhand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/45 - On hand		<u>8,000.00</u>
1/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATION: From L.W. Graham, Treasurer of the Review and Herald, regarding injuries to Mrs. Florence E. James, due to a fall on the sidewalk on Flower Avenue. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Mr. A. S. Clarke, regarding water line to his property on Allegheny Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Councilman Martin called attention to the Mayor and Council to a bad condition in the sidewalk in front of the home of Mrs. Hawley 304 Carroll Avenue. In reply to this matter, Mayor Youngblood stated that Supt. of Public Works Fischer was now endeavoring to arrange with a contractor to go over the entire town and make needed repairs to sidewalks.

Mr. G. H. Smith, who is building several houses on Oswego Avenue, addressed Council regarding the improvement of Oswego Avenue, in order that the new houses which he is now building may be made available to the public. Mr. Smith was advised that in accepting his re-subdivision by ordinance, that the ordinance specifically stated that the improvement of the street was entirely up to the builder, or that the town would do the work and assess it against the lots abutting same.

A lengthy discussion was participated in by all present, including Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond, and the matter of permanently improving this street, as well as a portion of Ritchie Avenue and Geneva Avenue, was discussed at length, after which Councilman Russell offered the following Ordinance, and Councilman Heffner accepted the adoption of same:

ORDINANCE NO. 843

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

Sec. 40

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the grading to proper grade, and the construction of a gravel street with cement concrete curb and gutter, or the construction of a cement concrete street with cement curb and gutter, in Oswego Avenue from Lot 20 in Block 60, Gilbert's Subdivision, to Ritchie Avenue, and on Ritchie Ave. from Oswego Avenue to Sligo Parkway, abutting Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 59; Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 in Block 60; Lots 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Block 61; Lot 4 in Block 62, Gilberts Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$8.00 per linear foot for the grading, gravel roadway and cement concrete curb and gutter, or an estimated cost of \$14.00 per linear foot for the grading, cement concrete roadway and cement curb and gutter, 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 Monday, March 19th, 1945, convening at eight o'clock P. M., in the Town Offices in the Citizens Bank Building, 16 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regard to the work herein proposed.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, reported that the Fire Marshall had recommended the installation of three fire extinguishers in the building at 8 Columbia Avenue, and advised that the Fire Department had graciously installed these extinguishers, and Councilman Heffner moved that a letter of thanks be written to the Fire Department. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Heffner also advised that a door had been cut in the rear of the nursery school room, and steps constructed to the yard, and advised also that the ladies of the nursery school have had the room painted and linoleum laid.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, brought up for discussion a proposed retirement bill for the town employees, and after the proposed bill was read by the Clerk, Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond was called upon to explain in detail the workings of the bill. A lengthy discussion was entered into by the Mayor and Council, Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond and Lieut. C. E. Thomas of the town police force, and after this discussion Councilman Taft moved that the Mayor and Council approve the proposed retirement bill pertaining to the employees of the town, with the following corrections to be made in the bill which has been presented to the council tonight:

1. Bill to be amended to cover all employees of the town.
2. Deduction of 5% from the salaries of the employees to be placed in the bill instead of the 2% as set forth in the bill as read.
3. Refund provision for refunding amount paid in by any employee leaving the service of the town.
4. A referendum clause to be incorporated in the bill submitting same to the qualified voters of the town at the next general election.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Corporation Counsel D. D. Lamond was instructed to rewrite this bill and make the changes as suggested, and upon agreement of those present, another meeting to further consider this bill was scheduled for March 3rd at 7:30 P. M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$6,595.73 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same approved.

Mr. R. P. Frye, Building Inspector, reported to the Council that only three building permits had been issued during the month for new houses.

Superintendent of Public Works Fischer also reported to Council that Kentland Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue in to the church was in very bad condition, and while he had already hauled considerable stone into this street, it would require several more loads to put it in good passable condition.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

J. Wm. Dodd
Clerk

O. W. Youngblood
Mayor

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