

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 19th, 1945

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 26th, 1945 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$779.70	
Less Discounts - - - - -	3.54	
	<u>776.16</u>	
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	66.68	
Special Assessments - - - - -	467.97	
Building Permits - - - - -	21.00	
Dog Tags - - - - -	135.00	
Vendor Permits - - - - -	3.00	
Commission Pay Telephone-Police Station -	1.22	
Montgomery County Fines - - - - -	8.50	
" " Police Telephone - - - - -	12.00	
Material sold (Shure & Heffner) - - - - -	2.00	
		<u>\$1,493.53</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$326.60	
Material	79.93	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	146.86	
Acct. Jackson Ave. Storm Sewer	5,000.00	\$5,553.39
SERVICE: Garbage: Labor	503.30	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	214.65	
Trash: Labor	490.70	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	61.98	
Disposal	48.15	
Ash: Labor	186.00	
Street and Traffic Lights	536.73	2,041.51
POLICE: Salaries	680.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	77.51	
Station Repairs and Renovation	244.78	
Telephone-Lights-Water	51.06	
Supplies	3.79	1,057.14
OFFICE: Salaries	771.66	
Telephones	35.84	
Postage-Printing	25.25	
Supplies	5.55	838.30

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn	\$358.33	
Municipal Building Expense	83.20	
Prince Georges County Transfers	8.20	
Montgomery County Police Telephone	12.00	
Refund Taxicab Badge	2.00	
Dog Expense	5.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	623.73
		<u>\$10,114.07</u>

## BANK STATEMENT

## General Account

1/31/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$12,977.98	
Deposits in February	1,466.18	
	<u>14,444.16</u>	
Withdrawn in February	2,738.01	
2/28/45 - On hand		\$11,706.15
1/31/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	\$28,078.03	
Deposits in February	27.35	
	<u>28,105.38</u>	
Withdrawn in February	7,376.06	
2/28/45 - On hand		<u>20,729.32</u>
2/28/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$32,435.47</u>

## REVOLVING FUND:

1/31/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
2/28/45 - On hand		323.72
1/31/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
2/28/45 - On hand		<u>8,000.00</u>
2/28/15 - Onhand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Gregory Pigg making application for position on the town police force. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From John C. Whiddon, making application for position on the town police force. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From the Community League of Takoma Park, requesting that repairs be made to the various streets in the town. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From owners of three properties on Elm Avenue requesting the construction of sidewalks and curbs and gutters in front of their properties. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mayor Youngblood advised the Mayor and Council that at a meeting of the Fire Board of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, the fire tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945, would be Twelve (12¢) Cents per One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars assessed valuation.

Mayor Youngblood stated that at this time the hearing advertised for the paving of Oswego, Ritchie and Geneve Avenues, would be held and requested that anyone present desiring to be heard in the matter could then address the council.

Mr. Perry Hawkins addressed council and stated that he was in favor of the paving and recommended that a cement concrete street be constructed.

Mr. J. B. Marshall, another property owner, stated that he was in favor of a cement concrete street.

Mr. Charles R. Dixon stated that while he was not opposed to the paving, he thought that due to the scarcity of materials, etc., that the paving should be postponed for a time, but after discussion of the matter with Mr. Dixon, he stated that he would not be opposed to the paving.

Mr. L. L. Stone addressed council regarding his property, and that belonging to his father, and stated that he did not believe that these streets should be paved at this time, but did not vigorously oppose same.

The Clerk read to council a letter from Mr. W. A. Heine, a property owner abutting the proposed improvement, who stated that he was in favor of the permanent improvement of the roadway, and recommended the cement concrete street.

A letter was also read from I. L. Wagner and Mae B. Woodall, in which they favored the concrete paving if said street adjoined any part of their lots.

After discussion of the matter with those property owners present, Mayor Youngblood declared the hearing closed, and referred same to the Municipal Works Committee for consideration.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:** Councilman Heffner, Chairman, reported house drain running into the street at 27 Lincoln Avenue, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and report this matter and request that they make an investigation of same.

Councilman Heffner also called attention to the fact that the Fire Marshall, during his inspections, had discovered a number of unsanitary conditions in restaurants and stores, and suggested that the Fire Marshall also be given the appointment of Health Inspector, and stated that he would like to see the Fire Marshall and the Health Inspector go on the pay roll for the coming year.

Councilman Heffner also advised that on Good Friday, No. 8 Columbia Avenue would be open for the taking of ex-rays in connection with the tuberculosis clinic.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: In connection with the hearing held this evening for the paving of portions of Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Avenues, Councilman Russell, Chairman, stated that as no serious opposition had been offered by the property owners abutting this proposed improvement, he would move the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 844

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

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 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 Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Avenues, as advertised in Ordinance No. 843, adopted by the Mayor and Council February 26th, 1945, and the improvement of said streets is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance.

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.

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 Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval 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 payment to be like wise 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.

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, Russell and Sidell, voting Nay, none.

Councilman Russell then moved that we advertise for bids for the paving of these streets as covered in this Ordinance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the petition of three property owners on Elm Avenue, to have curb and gutter and sidewalks installed in front of their property, Councilman Russell stated that this matter would be investigated and definite action taken at a later date.

Regarding the communication from Alex S. Clarke, in connection with the water service in his properties on Allegheny Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that Supt. of Public Works Fischer and he had investigated this matter, and that the tenants had advised them that they were having no trouble whatever with the water, except that Mr. Clarke had complained that the water bill was too high.

Councilman Russell stated that the matter was thoroughly checked, and from what Supt. Fischer and he could see, everything was in satisfactory condition.

Regarding the letter from the Community League of Takoma Park in connection with repairs to streets, Councilman Russell stated that these streets would be repaired at an early date, and requested the Clerk to write to the Community League to that effect.

Councilman Martin stated that Spring being "just around the corner", and applications would be starting to come in for the use of the ball field, and that complaints would also begin to come in about balls going on to the premises of property owners, also the matter of toilet facilities, should be given consideration.

Councilman Martin suggested that Dr. Broome be contacted to see if the school toilets could not be used, and after discussion of this matter, the Clerk was instructed to take same up with Dr. Broome and see what arrangements could be made in connection with toilet facilities for those using the ball field.

The matter of appointment of a dog catcher was brought up for discussion, and on motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Heffner, Mayor Youngblood was given authority to make this appointment.

Lieut. Thomas brought up the matter of janitor service at the police station, and after discussion of same, Supt. of Public Works Fischer was asked to have one of his men assume this duty.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

J. Wm. Dudd  
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood  
Mayor

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REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 16th, 1945

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M.

Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 19th, 1945 were approved.

Treasurer's report for the month of March, 1945, was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$1,659.80	
Less Discounts - - - - -	1.54	
	1,658.26	
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	104.21	
Special Assessments - - - - -	541.59	
Building Permits - - - - -	14.00	
Electric Permits - - - - -	2.00	
Dog Tax - - - - -	253.25	
Taxicab Permits - - - - -	5.00	
" Badge Deposits - - - - -	2.75	
Montgomery County Police Telephone - -	12.00	
" " Fines - - - - -	7.00	
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	2.50	
	\$2,602.56	

DISBURSEMENTS:

STREETS: Labor		\$342.50	
Material		25.60	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies		136.45	
Jackson Avenue Storm Sewer		4,000.00	\$4504.55
SERVICE: Garbage: Labor		607.10	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep		349.02	
Trash: Labor		606.30	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep		77.07	
Disposal		63.75	
Ash: Labor		232.50	
Gas-Oil		22.00	
Street and Traffic Lights		483.49	2441.23
POLICE: Salaries		680.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep		60.21	
Telephones & Lights		35.05	
Supplies & Misc. Expenses		6.85	782.11

OFFICE: Salaries	\$771.66	
Postage	4.71	
Telephones & Supplies	<u>39.75</u>	816.12
ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Aves.	<u>18.00</u>	18.00
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Assn.	358.33	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	146.50	
Dog Expense	58.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Recording Fee	.75	
Montgomery County Transfers	16.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	746.58
		<u>\$9,308.59</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

2/28/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$11,706.15	
Deposits in March	<u>2,602.56</u>	
	14,308.71	
Withdrawal in March	<u>1,319.28</u>	
3/31/45 - On hand		\$12,989.43
2/28/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	20,729.32	
No deposits in March		
	<u>20,729.32</u>	
Withdrawn in March	<u>7,989.31</u>	
3/31/45 - On hand		<u>12,740.01</u>
3/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$25,729.44</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

2/28/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
3/31/45 - On hand		<u>323.72</u>
2/28/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits of withdrawals		
3/31/45 - on hand		<u>8,000.00</u>
3/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mr. George A. Cook, President of the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce, regarding plans for a suitable V-E Day.

From eight residents of the 400 block of Boyd and Lincoln Aves. regarding the keeping of chickens by a resident on Ethan Allen Ave. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Petition from property owners at 601, 603 and 605 Erie Ave., requesting the construction of sidewalk in front of their homes. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from seven property owners on the south side of Auburn Avenue requesting the construction of sidewalk in front of their homes. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from seven property owners on the north side of Auburn Avenue requesting the construction of sidewalk in front of their homes. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Unsigned communication from a party complaining of "dog nuisance" in the 100 block of Alleghany Avenue.

From Mr. H.E. Battersby regarding the construction of curb and gutter in Davis Avenue, Ordinance for the construction of which was adopted more than a year ago. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From C. H. & Grace R. Stouffer, regarding the construction of curb and gutter in Davis Avenue, as referred to in the communication from H.E. Battersby. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. William R. Ford of Erie Avenue, complaining of dust penetrating from the industrial plant next to his apartment on Erie Avenue, stating that this dust contains some sort of chemical which does damage to automobiles and other metal materials exposed to it. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, stated that at Ethan Allen and Woodland Avenues there was a hedge that had grown rather high and in coming up Woodland Avenue you could not see cars coming down Ethan Allen from Carroll Avenue, and that he would like to have the matter taken up with the property owners. Lt. Thomas stated that he would make a tour of the town and list all hedges that were too high. Lt. Thomas was requested to give to the Clerk this list and the Clerk was authorized to write the property owners requesting that the hedges be cut down to a height that would eliminate any traffic hazard.

Chairman Taft also stated that it had been reported to him that a young lady had fallen on Sherman Avenue, due to a broken sidewalk, and had broken a bone in her ankle. Superintendent of Public Works Fischer was requested to make a note of this and have this sidewalk repairs at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. William F. Ford appeared before Council regarding the communication in connection with the plant next to his apartment on Erie Avenue, and also displayed to Council a metal lawn chair showing the effect of a fine dust that comes from this plant, due to sand blasting. This chair showed discoloration, due to some chemical in the dust. Mr. Ford was advised that the matter would be looked into.

Captain Michael, an occupant of Mr. Ford's Apartment, also appeared before council and verified the complaint made by Mr. Ford.



Mr. John W. Coffman complained to council of the loud noises made at night by automobile horns between the hours of eleven P. M. up until two or three A. M., and asked that the police make a special investigation of the matter and see if this condition could not be corrected, as it disturbed the rest of the residents along Carroll Ave. Mayor Youngblood requested Lt. Thomas to look into the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$3,742.42 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment was approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the petition of owners of lots 19, 20 and 21 in Block 33, Gilbert's Subdivision, for the construction of sidewalk and curb and gutter in front of their properties, Chairman Russell stated that his committee recommended the construction of this sidewalk and curb and gutter, and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 845

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

Section 1. That the owners of Lots 19, 20 and 21 in Block 33, Gilbert's Subdivision, having petitioned for the construction of concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter abutting their properties on Elm Avenue, and having waived all legal requirements in the way of advertising and hearing in connection with same, the Municipal Works Committee, through its Superintendent of Public Works, is hereby authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, to construct said curb and gutter and sidewalk, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of same.

Section 2. That assurance is made that this sidewalk, curb and gutter be constructed to proper grade, and the cost of the construction of the work to be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk and curb and gutter be assessed in the regular manner against the owner abutting the improvement. *See 18'68*

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

The following report of the activities of the Street Department during the month of March and part of April was presented by Chairman Russell:

"Activities of the street forces during the month of March and part of April, or report of the Public Works Committee.

The storm sewer on Jackson Avenue was completed by the contractor at the end of March, considerable grading has to be done before the street will be ready for paving, but the street is open to traffic.

On March 22nd the contractor (Smallwood) started on the repair work of sidewalks and curbs, after about \$1500.00 worth of work, which included Carroll Avenue from the District line to the Fire Department, part of Maple Avenue, part of Tulip Avenue and one place on Cedar Avenue, the work ceased as the contractor was pushed for other work.

Sod was laid on the 8 Columbia Avenue property, also on lawn in rear of the Scott property on Willow Avenue. The bad condition of black top streets was somewhat eliminated, but still a lot more will have to be done before these streets are put in prime condition.

Mr. McNeill, Surveyor, found it impossible to have the profile on Ritchie, Geneva and Oswego Avenues approved by the Parking and Planning Division, as well as the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, thereby causing a postponement in the opening of bids for paving these three streets until the next meeting of the Town Council."

This report was ordered filed.

Mayor Youngblood stated that Mrs. G. S. Chaney was in to see him about the street in front of her property on Manor Circle, and stated that she was planning to build a three car garage and needed some street work done. Chairman Russell stated that they were planning to have Eyre & Smallwood get on this streetwork at an early date.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Heffner stated that he had nothing to report, except to advise council that sod had been placed on the grounds at 8 Columbia Avenue, and some shubbery set out to take the place of the shubbery that had died.

Mr. E. B. Fetty, representing the American Legion, Takoma Park Post No. 28, addressed council regarding the erection of a new "Honor Roll" board for service men and women, and advised that the Legion was willing to sponsor this board and that plans would be worked out covering the erection of a permanent board, and that the town would be advised of the final action of the Legion at an early date.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Sidell stated that he would have the police look into the matter complained of by Mr. William R. Ford, and that his committee had nothing further to report.

Mayor Youngblood stated that there was a number of things he would like to call to the attention of the members of the council for thought, among which was the further consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the keeping of chickens within the corporate limits of the town, and also an early consideration of post-war construction.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he would like to see plans laid for the construction of a Town Hall to house all of the departments

of the town, and to take care of the different civic organizations.

Mayor Youngblood also stated that he would like to have the Municipal Works Committee work out a program of street construction and repairs.

Mr. John W. Coffman stated that he thought it would be a splendid thing if Takoma Park would set its heart on the erection of a Town Hall, and that it be made a memorial to the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in this war, and to those men and women who served in the war.

There being no further business to come before the council, on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at 10:20 P. M.

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J. John Dods  
Clerk

O. St. Youngblood.  
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 21st, 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 April 16th, 1945 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of April, 1945 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$983.72
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	99.01
Charges - - - - -	27.00
Special Assessments - - - - -	290.85
Building Permits - - - - -	14.00
Electric " - - - - -	4.00
Excavation " - - - - -	1.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	63.75
Taxicab Permits - - - - -	10.00
" Badge Deposits - - - - -	5.50
Tax Sale Certificate Redemption - - - - -	37.45
Montgomery County Police Telephone - - - - -	12.00
" " Fines - - - - -	8.00

\$1,556.28