

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 12:15 A. M.

Indefinite

J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. W. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 1945

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 20th, 1945 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$9,360.10
Less Discounts - - - - -	<u>315.15</u>
	9,044.95
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	18.02
Special Assessments - - - - -	4,957.14
Building Permits - - - - -	64.00
Electric " - - - - -	13.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	20.50
Vendor Permits - - - - -	2.00
Taxicab Permits and Badge Deposits -	7.75
Prince Georges County Income Tax - -	908.84
Montgomery County Income Tax - - - -	4,046.30
" " Fines - - - - -	8.00
" " Police Tele. - - -	12.00
Sidewalk Deposit - - - - -	20.00
	<u>\$19,122.50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor		\$418.40	
Material	244.82	244.82	
Storm Sewer Expense		319.08	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies		196.98	
Street Resurfacing		<u>642.00</u>	\$1,821.28

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	\$518.10	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	210.81	
Trash: Labor	474.55	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	90.96	
Disposal	89.85	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>538.34</u>	\$1,922.61

POLICE:

Salaries	680.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	92.49	
Telephones-Lights	34.12	
Supplies	<u>5.03</u>	811.64

OFFICE:

Salaries	880.93	
Telephones and Supplies	54.02	
Postage	<u>9.00</u>	943.95

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Jackson Ave. Curb	<u>11.75</u>	11.75
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Municipal Building Expense	30.87	
Building Permit Expense	4.75	
Montgomery County Transfers	15.00	
Dog Expense	9.00	
Refund: Overcharge Special Assmt.	29.25	
Legal Expense (Accidents)	101.98	
Office Rent	55.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Compensation Corp. Counsel	<u>50.00</u>	<u>345.85</u>

\$5,857.08

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

7/31/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$34,620.13	
Deposits in August	<u>9,277.25</u>	
	43,897.38	
Withdrawn in August	<u>5,857.08</u>	
8/31/45 - On hand		\$38,040.30
7/31/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	26,922.64	
Deposits in August	<u>9,845.25</u>	
	36,767.89	
No withdrawals in August		
8/31/45 - On hand		<u>36,767.89</u>
8/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$74,808.19</u>

Bank Statement Cont'd

REVOLVING FUND:

7/31/45 - On hand sub. Nat'l T.F.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
8/31/45 - On hand		323.72
7/31/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
8/31/45 - On hand		8,000.00
8/31/45 - on hand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ware, regarding the playing of base ball in the street adjoining their property. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from Mr. Serge K. Doubroff, Acting Secretary of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, was presented to the Mayor and Council regarding the rezoning of Lot 13 in Block 12, Gibbs & Kosacks Subdivision from Residential "A" to Residential "C". Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission advising that the charge for disposal of refuse at the incinerator would be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per ton, effective Oct. 1, 1945.

The following bids were presented to the Mayor and Council covering the paving of Jackson Avenue as advertised.

Eyre and Smallwood:

1. Grading and rolling roadway, per cubic yard, excavated - - - - - \$1.00
2. Constructing straight cement curb, combined with 2', per linear foot - 1.45
3. Construction circular cement curb, combined with 2' gutter, per linear foot - - - - - 1.50
4. Construction cement roadway 7 inches in thickness per square yard - - - - 2.65
5. Constructing driveway approaches as described in specifications, and including necessary excavation, each - - - - - -40.00

Contee Sand and Gravel Co.

1. Grading and rolling roadway, per cubic yard, excavated - - - - - \$1.25
2. Constructing straight cement curb, combined with 2' gutter, per linear foot - - - - - 1.45

- 3. Construction circular cement curb, combined with 2' gutter per linear foot - - - - - 1.50
- 4. Constructing cement roadway 7 inches in thickness per square yard - - - - - 2.70
- 5. Constructing driveway approaches as described in specifications, and including necessary excavation, Each 30.00

These two bids were referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Report of the Building Inspector covering building permits issued during the months of July and August, 1945, was read to the Council, said report showing twenty one new houses, six alterations, one retaining wall and one one-car garage, estimated cost of construction \$108,360.00.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ware appeared before council in connection with their communication complaining of boys playing base-ball in the street adjacent to their property, and Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. and Mrs. Ware that the matter would be looked into.

A number of residents appeared before council regarding trash and garbage collection. Mayor Youngblood advised this group that everything possible was being done to better this condition, and hoped that in the near future labor would be more plentiful, and that these collections could be restored to a pre-war basis.

Mrs. Ida Davis of Baltimore Avenue addressed council regarding storm sewer conditions in Baltimore Avenue, and was advised by Mayor Youngblood that the members of the council had had a meeting with members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in an effort to work out some plan to take care of storm water conditions in the town.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chairman Sidell stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Chairman Heffner stated that the Child Care Facilities of the Board of Education of Montgomery County had made application for use of one of the rooms in the town building at 8 Columbia Avenue from twelve noon to six P. M. Mrs. Beth Ann Bowie addressēd council in connection with this matter, and after discussion of same, Chairman Heffner move that we grant the Child Care Facilities use of a room in this building for a period of three months, that is to December 31st, 1945. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved

The Clerk was ordered to write Mrs. Bowie advising her of the action of the council, and to send a copy of the letter to Mrs. Forth, who was in charge of the Day Nursery occupying this building during the morning.

At this time Mayor Youngblood advised Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ware that the matter of Ordinance regarding the playing of baseball in the streets had been looked into and that there was an Ordinance prohibiting the playing of ball in the streets of Takoma Park. He advised Mr. and Mrs. Ware that proper action would be taken in this matter.

At this time Councilman Martin called the attention of the Mayor and Council, and those present, to the laxity of the police force of the town in enforcing town regulations. Councilman Martin stated that we were paying these police to enforce town ordinances, and he thought it was time that some steps be taken to see that the laws were properly enforced.

Regarding communication from the Park and Planning Commission in connection with rezoning of Lot 13 in Block 12, Gibbs & Kosacks Subdivision, Councilman Martin moved that the Park and Planning Commission be advised that in view of the number of names on the petition approving this rezoning, that the Mayor and Council had no objection to this rezoning. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the bids for the paving of Jackson Avenue, Chairman Russell stated that Eyre & Smallwood were the low bidders and moved that the contract for the paving of this street as advertised be granted to Eyre & Smallwood. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Regarding the petition of residents of Mississippi Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that this matter had been investigated, and that while there are some forty names on the petition, due to the fact that Mississippi Avenue is only dedicated for a width of 20 ft., his committee thought it inadvisable to pave Mississippi Avenue at this time with concrete. Councilman Russell also stated that one of the property owners had voiced his objection to the paving with concrete.

Councilman Russell also stated that his committee recommended that we do not grant the paving at this time, but that we do something towards making it fairly passable, and that some steps be taken to correct the drainage problem. Councilman Russell moved that the report in connection with the matter be approved. This motion seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

The Clerk was instructed to write the petitioners advising them of the action of the council. Councilman Heffner stated that he believed that in the near future the Park and Planning Commission would see its way clear to cooperate with the town in the matter of widening and paving Mississippi Avenue.

Councilman Heffner also stressed the fact that we do not have enough play grounds in the town. A lengthy discussion was entered into by the Mayor and Council and the residents of the town present, about the play ground facilities. Councilman Heffner stated that he believed if the civic federations in the town would get together and put this matter before the Mayor and Council, some sort of a play-ground program could be worked out.

The matter of the Canteen at the Fire Department was discussed at length, and during the discussion the matter of lack of interest by the parents was brought out. Mr. John W. Coffman stated that Mrs. B. A. Abbott, Chairman of the Canteen Committee, stated that she would not be able to assume the Chairmanship for another year, and that if the canteen was to be continued, more interest would have to be shown in the matter, and new Chairman obtained.

Regarding the communication from Mr. Richards of Boyd Avenue, presented at the last meeting, in connection with the alley running in the rear of properties on Boyd Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that this matter had been investigated, and that the alley was in bad shape.

The question was brought up as to whether this alley was dedicated for public use, or was a private alley to serve only those whose property abutted same. After discussion, the Clerk was requested to take this matter up with the Corporation Counsel and have him ascertain whether it was a dedicated alley, and in the meantime write a letter to Mr. Richards advising him that if the alley was dedicated for public use, and a petition was sent to the council containing the names of 100% of the property owners abutting same, requesting the paving of this alley with concrete, that the Mayor and Council would immediately pave same, but that if 100% could not be obtained, if a petition was sent in with the names of those in favor of paving the alley, a hearing would be held in connection with the paving.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$3283.32 were recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

The Clerk read to the Council the audit of the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th, 1945, as presented by Mr. A. W. Vine, Certified Public Accountant, and same was accepted and approved on motion of Councilman Russell, and seconded by Councilman Martin, and also ordered published in the local paper.

At this time Councilman Heffner asked to be excused from the meeting due to another engagement, and stated that any matter brought before the Council on which the balance of the councilmen were in favor, he would favor same.

Councilman Martin stated that he had another matter that he desired to make a motion on, but due to the fact that Councilman Heffner had left the meeting a quorum was not present. Mayor Youngblood stated that he thought it proper for Councilman Martin to make the motion and that the councilmen present could vote on same, and the absent councilman be polled.

Councilman Martin stated that he would like to move that the Town Clerk and Treasurer be given a much needed vacation, due to his health, the length of the vacation to be determined by the Mayor, and the Mayor to assume the responsibility for additional help in the office during the absence of the Clerk and Treasurer. This

motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and all councilmen present voted on same.

Major Fischer advised the council that the Contee Sand & Gravel Co. who had the contract for the paving of Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Avenues, had sublet this contract to Eyre & Smallwood, and the progress of the work was very slow, and voiced the opinion that if this work was not speeded up that it might run into the late months of the year.

There being no further business to come before the council, on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at 10:22 P. M.

Indorsed

J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 22nd, 1945

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17th, 1945 were ordered approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -		\$8,226.45
Less Discounts - - - - -		168.43
		8,058.02
Interest		72.21
Interest and Penalties - - - - -		792.79
Special Assessments - - - - -		8.00
Montgomery County Fines - - - - -		12.00
" " Police Telephone - -		8,943.02

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:		
Labor	\$472.80	
Material	93.80	
Storm Sewer Expense	429.86	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	189.57	\$1,186.03
SERVICE:		
Garbage: Labor	664.77	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	121.17	
Trash: Labor	624.75	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	106.80	
Disposal	85.45	
Street and Traffic Lights	544.27	2,147.21
POLICE:		
Salaries	680.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	67.74	
Telephone-Lights-Water	36.65	
Supplies	2.66	
Linoleum	59.00	846.05

OFFICE:

Salaries	798.26	
Telephones & Supplies-	<u>84.24</u>	882.50

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Jackson Avenue Paving	<u>10.75</u>	10.75
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PARK & PLAYGROUNDS:

Supplies	<u>2.00</u>	2.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Library Assn. (Town Tax Revenue)	4,377.47	
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept. (Town Tax Revenue)	3,500.00	
Municipal Building Expense	18.71	
Audit	125.00	
Insurance Premiums	686.15	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Refunds (Taxes overpaid)	129.01	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	
		<u>9,003.34</u>
		<u>\$14,077.88</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

8/31/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$38,040.30	
Deposits in September	<u>8,614.63</u>	
	46,654.93	
withdrawals in Sept.	<u>14,077.88</u>	
9/30/45 - On hand		\$32,577.05
8/31/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l. T.P.	36,767.89	
Deposits in September	<u>328.39</u>	
	37,096.28	
No withdrawals in Sept.		
9/30/45 - On hand		<u>37,096.28</u>
9/30/45 - On hand in all bankd		<u>\$69,673.33</u>

REVOLVING FUNDS:

8/31/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l. T.P.	323.75	
No deposits or withdrawals		
9/30/45 - On hand		323.75
8/31/45 - On hand Citizen Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
9/30/45 - On hand		<u>8,000.00</u>
9/30/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.75</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding three drainage projects in the town of Takoma Park for future consideration. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Letter from six property owners in the vicinity of Elm Avenue and Linden Circle, requesting that curb and gutter be constructed on Elm Avenue between Linden Circle and Larch Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Commission.

Letter from Mrs. Wm. A. Stern, 2nd, 20 Philadelphia Avenue protesting against the keeping of chickens in that neighborhood and the annoyance of the crowing of roosters. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Letter from the Potomac Electric Power Co. announcing the change from War Time to Eastern Standard Time of street lighting in the town. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from Hansen Smith, Secy. Board of Trustees of the Takoma Park Presby, Church regarding the bad condition of "No Parking on Sunday" signs. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From D. D. Lamond, Corporation Counsel regarding alleyway in Block 39, Glaize Subdivision, stating that according to the records in Montgomery County this alley was dedicated to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, by Fred L. Glaize, the Plat filed in May, 1916.

Mayor Youngblood stated to those present that if they had anything to bring before the Mayor and Council they could do so at this time.

Mr. Green, Attorney for Mr. John P. Wagner, 420 Boyd Avenue, addressed Council and stated that he was there in behalf of Mr. John T. Wager of 420 Boyd Avenue, who recently entered suit against Mr. Wm. McQueeney of 432 Ethan Allen Avenue, in an effort to stop the crowing of roosters kept by Mr. McQueeney, stating that a new suit will be filed and invited the town to enter the suit as a "friend of court"; further stating that if Mr. D. Lamond, Corporation Counsel was present at the trial as a "friend of court", it would help Mr. Wager in the winning of the suit, and the outcome of this suit might be of some importance to the town. This matter was referred to Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Mr. H. P. Ware again presented his complaint to the Mayor and Council about the children playing foot ball, base ball, etc., in Allegheny Avenue alongside his property. Mrs. John Findley supported Mr. Ware in his complaint. A group of fathers and mothers of the children complained of, addressed the Mayor and Council and gave their their side of the matter, and stated that the children could do nothing but play in the streets as there was no play ground in that vicinity, and asked if the street could not be roped off for a couple of hours after school. The matter was discussed at length for and against the children playing in the street and Mayor Youngblood advised that the matter would be looked into.

Mr. I. A. Gehrman of 901 Davis Avenue addressed council and asked when there would be something done about the curb and gutter on Davis Avenue, as conditions were very bad there. Councilman Russell advised Mr. Gehrman that his personal opinion was that nothing could be done this year.

Mr. Gehrman also spoke of the bad holes in the streets in that vicinity.

Sup. of Public Works Fischer reported to Council that he would start work on the Elm Avenue culvert the next day.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, presented the following Ordinance covering the resubdivision of lots as presented by George L. Bricker and Lillian H. Bricker, and **moved its adoption;**

ORDINANCE NO. 858

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

Section 1. That the Plat of resubdivision of Lots 7, 8, 19 and 20 in Block D, Cunningham Subdivision, Takoma Park, Prince Georges County, Maryland, into Lots 26, 27, 28 and 29 in Block D, as presented by George L. and Lillian H. Bricker, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

Councilman Taft brought up the matter of Mr. A. R. Lutes' request that the taxes on Lot 4 in Block 55, Gilbert's Subdivision, formerly assessed in the name of Charles R. Conine, be reduced, as in his opinion, (Mr. Lutes) the assessment was too high, and inview of the fact that the assessment was reduced considerably in the past year. After discussion of the matter, Councilman Taft **moved that the amount of \$64.69, the amount of taxes without penalties, be accepted from Mr. Lutes for all back taxes. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.**

Regarding the communication of D. D. Lamond, Corporation Counsel, regarding alleyway in Block 39, Glaize Subdivision, Councilman Taft brought same up for discussion and in looking over the drawing attached to Mr. Lamond's letter, the question arose as to the location of this alley, whether it was in Block 39 or Block 40. The matter was laid aside for further check-up.

C Councilman Taft brought up for discussion Ordinance on burning of trash, etc., in the town. Lt. Thomas stated that there is a State Law prohibiting the burning of trash but between the hours of four P.M. to 12 midnight. Councilman Taft stated that if the owners of property would clean the sidewalks and gutters in front of their property it would help the town to keep the town clean.

Councilman Heffner spoke of the habit the newsboys have of throwing newspapers around and leaving piles of papers in the street to blow around and litter the street, and asked Lt. Thomas if the police could not do something to stop this bad habit.

Councilman Martin made a motion that a circular be printed, about 500 copies, of Section 15 of Article 8 of the Police Regulations, and the police present one of these circulars to the property owner effected by this Police Regulation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$2980.23 were recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

Councilman Martin, who is President of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept. stated that the books of the Fire Department had been audited and the Auditor's report would be published and a report made to the Town Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, had nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Building Inspector covering building permits issued during September was read to council showing nine permits issued, estimated cost of construction \$7,455.00.

Supt. of Public Works Fischer brought up before council the question as to whether or not he was to repair the driveway leading to the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, and was advised by Council that the repairs of the driveway are the responsibility of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

Councilman Heffner brought up the question of controlling the heating of the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, as he felt he did not want the responsibility of turning the heat off and on each day. It was agreed by council that a control thermostat should be installed.

Councilman Heffner reported to council that the Health and Welfare Center were having "open night" on November 6, 1945, and the Mayor and Council were invited.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Russell, Chairman, brought up for discussion the matter of making Garland Avenue a uniform street from Carroll Avenue to Jackson Avenue, and made a motion that Mr. Thomas B. McNeill be authorized to make a survey of and make up a Plat of Garland Avenue and advise the amount of dedication needed to make a uniform street from Carroll Avenue to Jackson Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

The purchase of a new motor for the police car was brought up, and Councilman Russell made a motion that a new motor be purchased for the police car at a cost of \$175.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

Mayor Youngblood reported that Police Officer Cramer was resigning November 1st, and a special meeting would be held to determine the new appointment from the applications received.

There being no further business to come before the council, on motion properly seconded, the council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

Subject

J. W. Ladd
Clerk

O. A. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 8, 1945.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Russel,, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the meeting was called to discuss several matters of importance.

The complaint of Mr. Hext P. Ware against the playing of ball, etc. in Allegheny Avenue was discussed at length, and the possibility of making a playground out of Lots 26 and 27 in Block 16, Gilbert's Subdivision, located on Elm Avenue, owned by the Town, was entered in the discussion, , also the acquiring of part of Lot 8 in Block 19, Pinecrest Subdivision, which property is directly in back of Lots 26 and 27, Block 16, to be included in the playground area; also that part of Cockerille Avenue that is adjacent to these two lots.

Councilman Herfner moved that the Civic Improvement Committee investigate the possibility of making a playground out of Lots 26 and 27 in Block 16, Gilbert's Subdivision, owned by the Town, and any other property in that area that can be covered in a playground. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

The matter of appointment of Police Officer to take the place of Officer Cramer, who resigned November 1st, 1945 was brought up. Mayor Youngblood stated that three applications had been received as follows: L. W. Goode, who later cancelled his application; Irving W. Palmer, who was present at the meeting, and Edward Hill who was asked to be present at the meeting. Mr. Irving W. Palmer, the only applicant present, was questioned by the Council as to his ability, etc., and was then excused.