

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17th, 1947

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 20th and special meeting of January 27th, 1947, were approved.

Financial statement for the month of January, 1947, was presented by Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes -----	\$2,708.68	
Interest and Penalties -----	80.02	
Charges -----	23.45	
Special Assessments -----	11.20	
Building Permits -----	18.00	
Electrical " -----	12.00	
Excavation " -----	15.00	
Dog Tax -----	164.00	
Taxicab Stand Permits -----	325.00	
Huckster's Permit -----	12.00	
Taxicab Badge Deposit -----	5.50	
Fines-Montgomery County-Sept-Oct, 1946	142.50	
	<u>142.50</u>	
		<u>\$3,517.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:	Labor	\$311.92	
	Material	245.61	
	Street Equipment repairs	9.30	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>173.03</u>	739.86
SERVICE:	Garbage: Labor -	665.05	
	" Gas-Oil	56.62	
	Trash: Labor	735.00	
	" Gas-Oil	75.85	
	" Disposal	142.12	
	Ashes: Labor	304.08	
	Street Lights	560.54	
	Traffic "	<u>2.38</u>	2,541.64
POLICE:	Salaries	589.95	
	Clothing Allowance	128.00	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	147.66	
	Lights-Telephone-		
	Fuel-Supplies	55.20	
	Repairs	<u>1.40</u>	922.21

OFFICE: Salaries	\$899.98	
Telephones	21.01	
Postage and Printing	12.50	
Supplies	<u>7.90</u>	941.39
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:		
Supplies	<u>3.28</u>	3.28
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Takoma Park Library Assn. Tax Revenue	379.16	
" " Vol. Fire Dept." "	3500.00	
Recording fees	3.75	
Office Rent	55.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	58.06	
Dog Expense	31.50	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Prince Georges County Transfers	21.80	
Corp. Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	<u>4,161.27</u>
		<u>\$9,309.65</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

12/31/46 - On hand Citiz. Bank	\$41,882.50	
Deposits in January, 1947	<u>3,517.35</u>	
	45,399.85	
Withdrawals in January, 1947	<u>9,309.65</u>	
1/31/47 - On hand		\$36,090.20
12/31/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	\$18,781.98	
No deposits or		
withdrawals in January		
1/31/47 - On hand	<u>\$18,781.98</u>	\$18,781.98
1/31/47 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$54,872.18</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Grace Methodist Church regarding repairs to Kentland Avenue. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding request for sewer on Houston Avenue, in which the Commission advised that the matter would be investigated.

From residents of 30 Carroll Avenue commending the Police Department for prompt action in connection with a call on January 12th.

From State Roads Commission regarding "No Parking" as requested by the Town. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From State Roads Commission regarding East-West Highway, advising the Council that they could not consider the paving and widening Ethan Allen Avenue (East-West) until the Town would assume 50% of the cost of same. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. Fred W. Tuemmler, Director of Planning of the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, regarding master plan for rezoning in Takoma Park, in which Mr. Tuemmler advised that as soon as other work, already started, was out of the way, he would be glad to go into the matter with the Mayor and Council.

From Mr. P. G. McCurdy regarding improvement of the sidewalks in the 300 block of Elm Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mr. Donald Bliss of the Bliss Electrical School, regarding parking on Takoma and New York Avenues. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Lincoln Valley Citizens Assn. regarding roping off street for sled riding: regarding street sign at the corner of Lincoln and Boyd Avenues, and requesting the removal of Traffic Light at Carroll and Laurel Avenues to intersection of Carroll, Grant and Ethan Allen Avenues. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Citizens Building, Inc., advising the Mayor and Council that rent for the Town Offices would be increased to \$100.00 per month beginning March 1st, 1947. Referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Building Inspector, Mr. R. P. Frye, was presented to Council, showing six permits issued in January, 1947, at an estimated construction cost of \$10,180.00.

Three communications from the Glazewood Citizens Assn.

1. Requesting the construction of curb and gutter and paving of the 1000 to 1100 Block of Larch Ave.
2. Requesting that Curb and Gutter be constructed in Kentland Avenue.
3. Favoring the extension of Takoma Park into Prince George's County.

Referred to Municipal Works Committee and Law and Ordinance Committees.

Police report for the month of January, 1947, showing total calls and complaints 175.

From Lt. Thomas of the Town Police force regarding school patrol at the J. Enos Ray School in Prince Georges County, and recommending the promotion of Officer Jno. C. Whiddon to Sergeant. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Attorney Ralph G. Shure requesting the establishment of a Taxicab Stand at the Corner of Flower and Erie Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. Washington I. Cleveland of the Montgomery County Safety Council requesting "STOP" signs at Central and Davis Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Ralph L. Tarbett of the Montgomery County Health Department, regarding the collection of Garbage from Commercial Houses in Takoma Park. Referred to Health and Welfare Committee.

A number of citizens from the Hillwood Manor, Glaize-wood and Kentland Village sections of the town in Prince Georges County appeared before Council regarding street and storm sewer conditions in that section and discussed at length the policeing at J. Enos Ray School as suggested in communication from Lt. Thomas, and were advised by Mayor Youngblood that this matter would be given study by Council.

Mr. S. A. Tobey, 7207 Hilton Avenue, addressed Council regarding the condition of Hilton Avenue and requested that some permanent improvement be made in this street.

Mrs. Hemingway requested information as to the method of financing a street program and was advised that this would be financed by short term certificates or bonds.

Mrs. Wm. F. Fischer addressed Council regarding improvement to the town building at 8 Columbia Avenue and advised that she was informed that a large sum of money was to be spent on this building, and voiced her opinion that she did not think it a good idea to use any amount of money on this old building. Mayor Youngblood advised Mrs. Fischer that there was no thought of spending a great amount of money on the building at 8 Columbia Ave.

Mr. Norman Jones addressed Council regarding storm sewer in Cedar Avenue and was advised that according to information from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission this project was being held up because the Commission had not been able to get some "right-of-ways" signed, but hoped to do so within the next week or so.

A representative from the Community League addressed Council and advised that at the last meeting of the League the building of a town hall was discussed, and that an effort was being made to try and get together all of the organizations in the town for the discussion of the matter and recommendation to the Council.

Mrs. Wm. Normandy addressed Council regarding the establishment of places for children to play.

Mr. Norman Jones, President of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department advised Council that the Fire Department would be glad to turn over to the Town the gymnasium for the use of children, providing the Town would finance adult supervision of same.

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

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that his committee had nothing to report.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT & EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Nies, Chairman, stated that his committee had nothing to report.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Anderson, Chairman, discussed the proposed street program, and after going over same at great length it was decided that the Council would meet in special session on Monday, February 24, 1947, for a further discussion of this matter.

LAW AND ORINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding the proposed legislation in connection with retirement for town employees Councilman Post, Chairman, stated that he had contacted Dr. Merriam of the Brookings Institute, but had obtained no definite information, and that he had nothing to report at this time but hoped to have something definite at an early date to present to council.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Parkerson, the use of the building at 8 Columbia Avenue once a month was granted to the Wounded Veterans Organization to hold meetings.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Nies, the Boy Scouts were granted permission to use the playgrounds at the intersection of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues on February 22, 1947.

The matter of taking additional territory into the town limits was discussed at length, and Corp. Counsel Bradshaw suggested that action be taken to employ an Enginner to lay out the proposed boundaries in order that an Act may be properly drawn to incorporate same into the town. After further discussion, Councilman Post moved

that and Engineer be employed to take a survey of the proposed territory to be taken into the town. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

There being no further business to come before the council on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

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William Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 1947

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Post, Nies and Taft.

Corporation Counsel Bradshaw presented to Council a Plat showing territory in Montgomery County adjacent to Takoma Park which the Town proposes to take into the town limits. After discussion of this matter Councilman Taft mover that the Plat pretaining to that part of Montgomery County which is outside of the present town limits be taken into the corporate limits of the town, the boundaries of said territory being as follows: Beginning at the end of the twelfth line of the Town boundary as described in the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland and running thence northerly with the west line of Flower Avenue to the north line of Piney Branch Road (formerly Blair Road or Saratoga Avenue); thence with the north line of Piney Branch Road easterly to the east line of Old Bladensburg Road; thence southerly with the east line of Old Bladensburg Road to a point opposite the easterly line of Carroll Avenue; thence southerly with the east line of Carroll Avenue and crossing Old Bladensburg Road to the end of the seventeenth line of the Town boundary; thence reversly with the 17th, 16th, 15th, 14th and 13th line of said Town Boundary to the point of beginning. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

The matter of annexation of a portion of Prince Georges County was discussed at length, after which Councilman Post moved that the property at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and East-West Highway, known as the Coates Property, be incorporated into the town boundaries, as well as the area contained within the part of the east side of New Hampshire Avenue and the south side of Poplar Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Taft then moved that we engage Engineer McNeill to make a survey of the proposed territory in Prince Georges County to be taken into the town, and same be presented to the Corporation Counsel at the earliest possible moment in order that an Act might be prepared to be presented to the General Assembly. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Councilman Taft, Chairman of the Finance Committee, called to the attention of Council the communication from the Citizens Building, Inc., regarding increase in rent of the town offices from \$55.00 per month to \$100.00 per month. After discussion of this matter Councilman Taft moved that the town accept the increase in rent of the town offices from \$55.00 to \$100.00 per month, beginning March 1, 1947. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Counsel

Corporation/Bradshaw presented to Council a letter from C. Maurice Weidmeyer regarding lots 68 to 75 inclusive, in Block 16, deed for which Mr. Weidmeyer had obtained from the Prince Georges County Commissioners. This communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Nies, Chairman of the Civic Improvement and Education Committee presented the following report regarding the request of Mr. D. S. Bliss, in connection with automobiles parked on Takoma and New York Avenues in the vicinity of Bliss School: "Some complaints have come to the Town Council from residents near the Bliss Electrical School that automobiles are parked on their streets a week at a time, and they hope the Council can do something to relieve them of their problem. Mr. Donald S. Bliss, Vice President of the Bliss Electrical School, recommends the following to relieve the situation for the residents near the school:

That the "No Parking" signs on New York Avenue between Takoma and Chicago Avenues be moved from the south side to the north side. If that is done, all automobiles will be parked on the side of the school campus and not the side of the street near the residential section.

He further recommends that instead of having parking on both sides of Takoma Avenue between Albany and New York Avenues, that parking be restricted on Takoma Avenue in that block opposite Bliss Electrical School property to the side of the street nearest the school, known as the west side of Takoma Avenue and to place "No Parking" signs on the east side of Takoma Avenue." After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved the adoption of the report and the recommendations contained therein. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

Councilman Anderson, Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee brought up for discussion the matter of streets in the town to be considered for permanent improvement in the 1947 Street Paving Program, and after discussion the following streets were listed for consideration:

1. Hudson Avenue from Flower Avenue to and Including Lot 52 in Block 55, Gilbert Subdivision.
2. Roanoke Avenue from Kennebec Avenue to Hudson Avenue.
3. Houston Avenue from Roanoke Avenue to Flower Avenue.
4. Lincoln Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Jackson Avenue.
5. Baltimore Avenue from New York Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue.
6. Ritchie Avenue from Oswego Avenue to Piney Branch Road.
7. Cherry Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Sligo Avenue.
8. Hilton Avenue from Jackson Avenue to a point where Hilton Avenue intersects Trescott Avenue.
9. Kentland Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to East-West Highway.
10. Larch Avenue from Elm Avenue to Glaisewood Avenue.
11. Albemarle Avenue from Erie Avenue to Kennebec Avenue.

Councilman Anderson stated that Enginner McNeill would be requested to give the town a rough estimate of the amount of money that would be required for permanent improvement of these streets, in order that a hearing could be advertised and an estimated price set forth in the ordinance covering the hearing. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr. McNeill in an effort to obtain this information.

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

Subst
J. W. Dodd
 Clerk

O. S. Youngblood
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 MARCH 5, 1947

Meeting called to order by the Clerk at 7:30 P. M. Those present were Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

On motion of Councilman Post, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Councilman Taft was appointed Mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Youngblood.

The Clerk presented to Council the application of Laurin Gatling for a taxicab driver's permit, and after discussion of the matter, Councilman Nies moved that Mr. Gatling be given a temporary permit to drive until proper investigation of the

applicant could be made. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

The matter of Legislation to be placed before the Maryland General Assembly for enactment was then taken up, and Corporation Counsel Bradshaw presented to Council the following Acts:

1. An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 1105 of the Montgomery County Code pertaining to pensions and retirement for employees of the Town. After discussion of this matter Councilman Post moved that this Act for repeal and re-enactment of Section 1105 of the Montgomery County Code be approved and same be sent to the Montgomery County Delegation, with the recommendation of the Mayor and Council for enactment. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

2. An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 1109 of the Montgomery County Code pertaining to the reduction of discounts for payment of town taxes within a certain period, was then presented to the Council, and after discussion of same, Councilman Post moved that this Act for repeal and re-enactment of Section 1109 of the Montgomery County Code be approved and same be sent to the Montgomery County Delegation with the recommendation of the Mayor and Council for enactment. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

3. An Act to repeal Section 1106 of the Montgomery County Code pertaining to the appointment of Justice of the Peace by the Governor, was then presented to Council and after discussion, Councilman Heffner moved that this Act be sent to the Montgomery County Delegation with the recommendation of the Mayor and Council that same be presented to the Maryland General Assembly for enactment. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

4. An Act to add five new section, 1100A to 1100E, to the Code of Public Laws of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties pertaining to the annexation of certain territory of both counties by the Town of Takoma Park, was presented to Council and after discussion of same Councilman Nies moved that the Act to add five new sections, 1100A to 1100E, to the Code of Public Laws of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, pertaining to the annexation of certain territory in both counties by the Town of Takoma Park, be sent to the Montgomery County Delegation with recommendation of the Mayor and Council for enactment.

The matter of communication of Maurice Weidemeyer, concerning Lots 68 to 75 inclusive in Block 16, Gilbert Subdivision, which Mr. Weidemeyer had procured through a tax deed from the Prince Georges County Commissioners, was brought up for discussion, after which Councilman Post moved the acceptance of Mr. Weidemeyer's offer to pay \$525.00 to cover special assessments on these lots, plus the 1946 taxes, provided Mr. Weidemeyer would give a Quit Claim Deed to the Town on Lot 68, which the town through a tax deed taken by the town, had dedicated as a street (Prince George Avenue). This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

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There being no further business to come before the Council,
on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:00 o'clock *p.m.*
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J. William Dodd
Clerk

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