

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1930.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and on the roll call the following members responded: Chairman Walker, Committeemen Hanniball, Reilly, Falt and McCarthy.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball, that the minutes of preceding meeting be approved as transcribed.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

The following communications were received:

Garrison Avenue Residents
State Highway Commission
Township Engineer
N. J. Bell Telephone Co.
Harold A. Lockwood
Result of Special Election
International City Managers Assn.
Chas. Miller
John M. Sachs
Wm. A. Thompson
Grace & Chas. Piehler
M. M. Freeman Co., Inc.
Recorder's Report

Communication from seven residents on Garrison Avenue - We the residents of Garrison Avenue between DeTurck Street and Cedar Lane protest against any changing of zoning ordinance as it may affect this street at this time. Our reason for so doing is that it will depreciate the values of our property.

Referred to Committee.

Communication from State Highway Commission that section three of Route #4 will go through property reputed to be owned by the Township; stating that their negotiator will call soon to explain the manner in which the property will be affected.

Referred to Engineering Department.

Communication from R. W. Wells, Township Engineer - The question of installing sanitary sewers in State Highway Route #4 has again been brought to my attention, it being alleged that these sewers will be necessary for the proper development of the State Highway as a business street to rival Cedar Lane.

This situation is rather serious. Not only by reason of the fact that under the restrictions embodied in the State Law Bill #181 it would be illegal to build these sewers as a local improvement at the present time, but would place a great financial burden upon the Township if they were to be laid as a general improvement.

Basing my figures upon Sanborn & Bogert's contract with the Township, these sewers would cost approximately \$136,363.64 exclusive of Engineering and overhead. The reason advanced by those in favor of installing these sewers at the present time is based upon the fact that the State Highway Commission will not permit the pavement to be dug up within five years after it is laid. This, however, could be obviated by installing the sewers along each side of the road outside of the pavement line.

The Highway being so situated with relation to our main trunk line sewers as to give easy access, this work could be done from time to time in small sections when it becomes absolutely necessary, and to my mind this is the proper way to handle the sewer situation in connection with State Highway Route #4.

The Highway is located almost exclusively in the residential section of our Township and I believe it would be detrimental to the best interest of the Township to permit the building up of another main business street for many years to come.

Referred to Committee.

Communication from C. A. McGewan - With reference to your letter dated August 29th to which you attached a copy of letter addressed to your Honorable Body, signed by Mr. Harold A. Lockwood, 400 Maitland Avenue, West Englewood, relative to the telephone situation in Teaneck, I wish to advise that our studies have been completed.

Effective about the middle of November a new Central Office District with the designation of Teaneck will be established. The portion of Teaneck served from Hackensack will be known as Teaneck - 6 and that portion served from Englewood will be known as Teaneck - 7. At the present time subscribers in Teaneck Township served from Hackensack are paying Hackensack rates and those served from Englewood are paying Englewood rates. In connection with the establishment of the new Teaneck district, it is proposed to provide extended scope service which will include all central office districts adjacent to Teaneck in the local service area at rates similar to those now in effect in Englewood and at the same or lower rates than those now in effect in Hackensack for extended scope service. It is proposed for restricted scope service to retain the existing rates and the respective local service areas in each of the sections in which they are now applicable.

Coincident with the establishment of this new Central Office District all mileage charges throughout Teaneck will be eliminated and base rates introduced. The mileage charges now in effect in Teaneck vary from \$.19 per month for four-party to \$1.50 per month for individual line service, depending upon the location of the customer. This is an increase of 8% to 43% over the base rate area charge instead of 21% to 71% as stated in Mr. Lockwood's letter. At the present time of the approximately 3600 subscribers in Teaneck more than 2300 or 64% are not subject to mileage charges, their service being furnished at base rates. The mileage charges now being paid by the remaining 1300 subscribers will be eliminated and service furnished at base rates after the middle of November.

It is felt that the above plan for Teaneck covers the points raised by Mr. Lockwood in his letter of August 26th. However, I shall be pleased to have a representative meet Mr. Lockwood at his convenience, if he desires to discuss this matter further.

Referred to Committee.

Communication from Harold A. Lockwood - On the evening of September 10th, 1930, Mr. McGowan, Supervisor covering Bergen County for the N. J. Bell Telephone Company, telephoned the writer that a so-called solution of objections to telephone service in Teaneck, outlined in my letter to the Township Committee on August 26th, 1930, has been reached by the N. J. Bell Telephone Company.

The so-called solution consisted of the establishment of a theoretical telephone exchange to be designated "Teaneck 6 and 7", Teaneck 6 to cover all Teaneck subscribers now in the Hackensack exchange, and Teaneck 7 to cover all Teaneck subscribers now in the Englewood Exchange, the residents of the Town remaining divided as before for the purpose of telephone service. A toll charge, of course, will be charged when the new "Teaneck Exchange" is named, which is expected to take place on or about November 15th, i.e., the date of distribution of the Fall and Winter Telephone Directory, to and from "Teaneck-6" and "Teaneck-7".

While mileage charge, "as such" in the language of Mr. McGowan is to be eliminated, in order for a subscriber to private line service to telephone to any subscriber in Teaneck Township, the monthly telephone service will cost \$4.00 per month for 60 calls as compared with the schedule base rate of \$3.50 permitting an unlimited number of calls a month, which the telephone company is authorized to charge. Otherwise, said toll charge is to be continued.

Mr. McGowan stated that he had received from you a copy of my letter dated August 26th, filed with the Township Committee on said date, which letter he would answer and inform you that he had communicated the proposed "solution" to me. He endeavored to have me consent to his writing the Township Committee that the matter was a closed issue so far as my objections were concerned, but I refused to give him such consent.

It is obvious that the Telephone Company is granting nothing to the residents of Teaneck. The proposed premium to be charged to enable telephone service between Teaneck 6 and Teaneck 7 and other premiums for extended scope service, should not be forced upon the residents of Teaneck. The Town, and particularly the merchants therein, have been burdened with the unfairness of a division of the Township in my estimation too long for the Township to consent to the proposed solution without vigorous protests being made against the authorization thereof by the Public Utilities Commission which authorization, Mr. McGowan states, is now being sought by the Telephone Company.

In connection with the mileage charges, heretofore collected by the Telephone Company, I personally have retained for approximately 12 months, the \$1.50 mileage charge, or an aggregate of about \$21.75 to date. If it is the desire of the Township Committee to instruct its attorney, at its own cost and expense, to test, in a suit at law, the right of the N. J. Bell Telephone Company to have charged such mileage, I am willing to continue deducting such mileage charge and request the Telephone Company to sue me therefor. If the Telephone Company brought such suit, of course, the Township would conduct the defense at its own

expense, as aforesaid. Refund to all Teaneck subscribers affected should result.
Referred to Committee.

Results of Special Election - I, Henry Deissler, Township Clerk of the Township of Teaneck, do hereby certify the results of a special election held in the Township of Teaneck on the 16th day of September, 1930, for the purpose of deciding for the adoption or the rejection of the act known as the "Municipal Manager Form of Government Act" adopted by a majority of the votes cast, and the number of votes cast in favor of the adoption of this Act is equal in number to thirty per centum of the number of persons who voted at the last preceding election held for the purpose of electing members of the General Assembly.

File. Copy sent to each Committeeman, Secretary of State, County Board of Elections and Public Record Office, Trenton.

Communication from Jos. F. Fitzpatrick, Secretary of State, acknowledging receipt of results of special election.

File.

Communication from International City Managers' Assn. enclosing questionnaire to be filled out re city manager, salary, etc., so that they can run it in their bulletin.

Referred to Committee.

Communication from Chas. Miller making application for position as a paid fireman.

Referred to Fire Committee.

Application from John M. Sachs, 1092 Summit Avenue, for position as patrolman.

Referred to Police Committee.

Communication from Wm. A. Thompson, 577 Maple Avenue, calling attention to the speeding of automobiles on that avenue, requesting that a light be placed overhead at the corners, and that stop street signs be placed and in addition a "Slow" sign should be painted in large letters on the pavement of Maple Avenue at the base of the hill about midway between Lincoln Place and Catalpa Avenue. You are advised that one or two residents are willing to serve as special officers without pay in an effort to curb reckless driving up and down Maple Avenue.

Referred to Police Committee.

Communication from Grace N. and Chas. S. Piehler, owners of lots 7 to 16 inclusive, in block 84-B, situated on Front Street. We were assessed for sewer on July 19, 1927, in the amount of \$1700. We have never had access to this sewer. We have paid to date on account of this assessment \$680. on the principal and \$244.80 interest, a total of \$924.80. We herewith request that we be reimbursed for this amount and the assessment collected in installments from the date of accessibility to the sewer, or such time as we receive some benefit. We did not protest this assessment at the time because we were definitely promised by the Township Committee and by the Borough Engineer at that time that the road improvement would immediately follow.

Referred to Assessment Commission.

Communication from H. B. Hand, Vice-President, M. M. Freeman and Co., Inc. - We beg to announce the merger of H. B. Hand and Co., Inc., Kinney Building, Newark, N. J. with M. M. Freeman and Company, Inc., dealers in N. J. municipal bonds, with offices #2 Wall Street, New York City, Packard Building, Philadelphia, and Kinney Building, Newark, N. J. As you know, the writer has purchased from your municipality in the past municipal obligations of Teaneck, N. J., through my former connection H. B. Hand & Company, Inc., Newark, N. J..

We would like to go on record as being interested in any financing that you may have of any description of the Township of Teaneck, New Jersey. We are interested in buying at the present time up to one million dollars worth of assessment or general obligation bonds of your municipality.

We have distributed bonds of the Township of Teaneck in the aggregate amount of Three Million Dollars, and wish to go on record as saying that our distributing these bonds has been successful not only from a financial standpoint but from the standpoint of selling our investor a high grade bond that we have every confidence of appreciating in value. We have sold your bonds to such high grade insurance companies as the Prudential Life Insurance Company, Newark, N. J., and the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Newark, N. J., and various other institutions, banks and individuals. Trusting we may hear from you in the near future, we remain -

M. M. Freeman Co., Inc., H. B. Hand, Vice-Pres.

File.

Report of Recorder's Court for June and July - amount due Township - \$48.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Falt, that report be received and check turned over to Treasurer.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Police Committee -

Mr. McCarthy presented report of Police Department showing total amount collected - \$450.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Falt, that the report be accepted and monies turned over to Treasurer.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Finance Committee -

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

RESOLVED that bills listed on General Disbursement Sheet dated September 23rd, 1930, for the following accounts -

General Government	\$ 3,941.67
Grounds and Buildings	450.57
Police Department	3,571.20
Fire Department	969.78
Engineering Dept.	534.74
Road Department	1,887.41
Sewer & Disposal Plant	1,020.11
Dumps	126.50
Parks	20.00
Street Signs	4.38
Weed & Snow Removal	56.88
Street Lighting	42.50
Eng. Dept. Suspense	10.00
Poor Relief	36.47
Pension Fund	857.81
Board of Education	40,000.00
Capital Account	127.50
Trust Reserve Account	44.66
	<u>\$53,702.16</u>

amounting to a total of Fifty-three thousand, seven hundred and two dollars and sixteen cents, having been audited and found correct, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same provided he has, in his possession, sufficient funds.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Falt, that the Township attorney be instructed to draw an amendment to the Police ordinance providing for a desk sergeant.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball, that Carl Franke be appointed as a regular patrolman, having served his probationary period of six months.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Reilly, that Jerry Puppole be appointed to the Police Department.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Mr. Falt presented report of Fire Department showing amount collected for

storage of gasoline, etc. - \$85.00.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Reilly, that the report be accepted and the monies turned over to the Treasurer.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS the improvement, pursuant to ordinance #466 providing for the installation of storm water drains and appurtenances in Palisade Avenue having been completed and the expense of the said work having been ascertained as follows:

Construction	\$31,435.58
Engineering	2,198.71
Advertising	44.58
Financing	<u>1,527.62</u>
	\$35,206.49

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck that the expense of the said improvement aforesaid be the sum of \$35,206.49.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Township Committee and a copy thereof duly attested by the Township Clerk delivered to the Commissioners of Assessment, or one of them, for their proceedings thereon, and that the Commissioners of Assessment give the parties interested in said improvement notice of a hearing to be held by them for the purpose of considering said assessment according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the former resolution combining the costs of laying out and opening of Palisade Avenue together with storm drains, adopted October 9th, 1928, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS the laying out and opening of Palisade Avenue, pursuant to ordinance #467, has been completed and the expense of the said work having been ascertained as follows:

Land Acquisition	\$ 8,037.50
Advertising	56.62
Financing	<u>505.10</u>
	\$ 8,599.12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck that the expense of the said improvement aforesaid be the sum of \$8,599.12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Township Committee and a copy thereof duly attested by the Township Clerk delivered to the Commissioners of Assessment, or one of them, for their proceedings thereon, and that the Commissioners of Assessment give the parties interested in said improvement notice of a hearing to be held by them for the purpose of considering said assessment according to law.

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On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that property known as Block 93, lot 14, was sold at tax sale on January 28, 1928, to Atlas Service Corporation,

WHEREAS a premium of \$100. was paid by said Atlas Service Corporation and

WHEREAS said property has been redeemed by the owner of record,

RESOLVED THEREFORE that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to refund the premium of \$100.00 to Atlas Service Corporation,

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that an error was made in levying personal tax for the years 1928 and 1929 against the tenant of property known as Block 237, lot 2,

WHEREAS above named tenant paid personal tax for the years 1928 and 1929 in Englewood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the personal taxes on the above named property as follows: 1928 - \$3.67. 1929 - \$3.99.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that an error was made in paying the 1929 taxes on Block 236A, lot 10, instead of lot 9 in the same block,

WHEREAS a duplicate payment was made on lot 10,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to transfer the duplicate payment on Block 236A, lot 10, to Block 236A, lot 9.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that a resolution was passed on July 1, 1930, transferring the water connection charge from Block 23D, lot 26, to Block 23D, lot 21, on the Maple Avenue improvement assessment, and

WHEREAS the installments to date, plus interest, were paid September 18th, 1930, on Maple Avenue assessment covering Block 23D, lot 26, and

WHEREAS the owner on record of Block 23D, lot 26, protested the payment of interest for the time the bill was held for adjustment (amount \$7.56),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to refund the amount of \$7.56 to the owner of record of Block 23D, lot 26.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

WHEREAS on the 1st day of July, 1930, the Township Committee passed an ordinance on second and final reading entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AND IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST THEREOF," Ordinance #807, and

WHEREAS the Township Committee is authorized, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided to undertake said improvements, and

WHEREAS said ordinance has further been duly approved by the Chairman of the Township Committee on July 1st, 1930,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby instructed to publish said ordinance by title only after final passage by publication in the Times Review on September 26th, 1930.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and he hereby is authorized to advertise for bids in the official newspaper of the Township of Teaneck for the improvement of - Martense Avenue, Morrison Street, Beverly Road, Elm Avenue, Helen Street and DeTurck Street, to be received at a regular meeting of the Township Committee on October 7th, 1930, at 8:30 P.M.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

RESOLVED that the Hackensack Water Company be and they hereby are authorized to extend their distributing system in the following streets -

Claremont Ave. west from Garrison Ave. 217 ft. of 6" pipe.

Grenville Ave. E. from d. e. e. of Hastings St., 180' of 6" pipe.

Grace Terrace north from dead end north of Wyndham Road, 36' of 6" pipe.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service Gas & Electric Co. be and they hereby are authorized to place -

1 - 100 C.P. lamp on DeCatur Ave. Pole #20863

1 - 100 C.P. lamp on George St., Pole #62009.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hamiball:

RESOLVED that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to write a letter requesting Freeholder Browne, Chairman of the Public Works Committee of the County of Bergen, to render a reply to our letter of July 2nd in reference to the extension of Palisade Avenue, Englewood, through Tryon Avenue, Teaneck.

Mr. McCarthy - That is a move in the right direction, and it gives me pleasure to second it.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

On motion made, seconded and carried, meeting adjourned to September 7th, 1930.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Township Committee re-convened with all the members present to consider the following resolution introduced by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. Falt -

WHEREAS petitions have been filed with the Township Clerk requesting the Township Committee to submit the proposition of increased salaries as hereafter specified for the policemen and paid firemen of the Township of Teaneck, which petitions have been signed by approximately 1300 residents of the Township, and

WHEREAS the Township Committee desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the Township of Teaneck upon the said increases, as well as increases for the superior officers of these Departments,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 23rd day of September, 1930, by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck that the Clerk of the County of Bergen is hereby requested to place upon the official general election ballots on November 4th, 1930, the following proposition:

Shall the salaries of the Police and Paid Firemen be fixed as follows:

For Police and Paid Firemen to commence with \$2200.00 per annum, and increasing \$100.00 annually until the maximum of \$2500.00 per annum is attained.

For Police Sergeants \$300.00 increase to \$2700.00.

" " Lieutenants, \$300.00 increase to \$2800.00.

" " Captain, \$300.00 increase to \$3,000.00.

" " Chief, \$500.00 increase to \$3800.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be certified and delivered by the Township Clerk to the Clerk of the County of Bergen at least thirty days before the said General Election.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

On motion made, seconded and carried, meeting adjourned to October 7th, 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Ainsley
Township Clerk.