

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1930.

In the absence of Chairman Walker, Committeeman McCarthy acted as Chairman. The Chairman called the meeting to order, and on the roll call the following members responded: Chairman McCarthy, Committeemen Hanniball, Reilly and Falt.

A motion was made by Mr. Reilly, 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.

Following petition received from Queen Anne Park Holding Co. -

Your petitioner, Queen Anne Park Holding Company, respectfully shows:

1. That it formerly owned a large tract of land located in your Township which it developed and, from time to time, sold to various purchasers various parts thereof.

2. That in making such sales your petitioner took back from the various purchasers money mortgages upon the said plots so sold.

3. That when your petitioner developed the said lands and sold the same, it sold them subject to a certain set of restrictions limiting the use of the property and providing for the character of construction of buildings to be erected upon the said various lots, which said restrictions were valuable both to your petitioner and the purchasers of the said various lots, and to your Township.

4. That thereafter and on or about March 12, 1930, your petitioner was informed that a great number of lots upon which your petitioner held mortgages as aforesaid, and upon which your petitioner had formerly held mortgages but which were subject to the restrictions aforesaid, were advertised for sale for taxes and assessments due your Township and in arrears.

5. That if such tax sale were held by your Township and such properties were sold for arrearages of taxes or assessments the purchasers upon such tax sale would acquire a title paramount to that passed by your petitioner to various purchasers and in that manner such prospective purchasers could destroy the effect of such restrictions and lessen the value of your petitioner's mortgages upon the various tracts of land upon which it held mortgages and entirely destroy the effect of such restrictions and restrictive covenants.

6. Your petitioner thereupon concluded that in order to protect the said restrictions and restrictive covenants and its interest in the said lots upon which it holds mortgages, it would pay the amount of such taxes and assessments in arrears and take therefor certificates of tax sale in order to protect its interest as aforesaid.

7. Petitioner thereupon paid to the tax collector of your Township the sum of Twenty-six Hundred, Twenty-seven dollars and forty cents (\$2627.40), intending by such payment to accept tax certificates for the various lots and properties, a schedule of which is hereunto annexed and made part hereof,

8. Through a misunderstanding, instead of the tax collector issuing to your petitioner tax certificates for such properties, he thereupon credited the amount of such payment to the payment of the taxes and assessments so in arrears although your petitioner did not own the said property at the said time nor did your petitioner intend to pay the same except upon securing tax certificates therefor.

9. Your petitioner further shows that in addition to the foregoing the Hudson West Shore Realty Corporation paid the taxes and assessments upon the property listed on the first and second pages of the schedule hereunto annexed, so that the said taxes and assessments have been paid twice to your Township, and that by reason thereof your petitioner is entitled to a refund thereof.

WHEREFORE your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board may direct the tax collector and treasurer of your Township to make refund to your petitioner of the amount so paid by your petitioner as aforesaid through the mistake and misunderstanding which arose in the premises. E. C. Altshuler, Pres.

Referred to new Council.

Township Clerk certified results of referendum re Police and Paid Firemen's increase in salary as follows:

Yes - 3,117

No - 1,294

File.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Falt, seconded by Mr. Hanniball
WHEREAS the legal voters of the Township of Teaneck at the General Election, November 4th, 1930, by a majority approved the increase in salaries for the paid Firemen and Policemen of the Township of Teaneck, and

WHEREAS said increases equal or exceed the salaries now fixed for the superior officers of the Police Department of the Township of Teaneck, and makes necessary a readjustment of the present salaries fixed for said superior officers, and

WHEREAS the organization of the Municipal Council on November 11th, 1930, prevents the adoption by this Township Committee of the schedule of increases in the salaries presently fixed for said superior officers as hereinafter set forth,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck that said Municipal Council of the Township of Teaneck is hereby requested to enact an ordinance to provide for increasing the salaries of the superior officers of the Police Department of the Township of Teaneck according to the following schedule, and that proper provision be made in the budget for 1931 to take effect January 1st, 1931 -

For Police Sergeants	-	\$300.00	increase to	\$2700.00
" " Lieutenants	-	300.00	" "	2800.00
" " Captain	-	300.00	" "	3000.00
" " Chief	-	500.00	" "	3800.00

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 Township Committee heretofore on the 17th day of January, 1928 confirmed an assessment for sewer benefits against lot 1, Block 350, in the amount of \$637.50, and

WHEREAS it appears that a portion of said premises does not receive a present and direct benefit from the construction of said sewer, the portion receiving a direct and immediate benefit being that part of the premises abutting on the sewer to a depth of 250' from the property line of said premises fronting on the easterly side of Glenwood Avenue; and

Whereas according to legal opinion, assessments cannot be levied where there is no present and immediate benefit, and a portion of said assessment should properly be withheld in abeyance as a prospective assessment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the assessment against lot 1, block 350, in the amount of \$637.50 in addition to the deduction heretofore made by reason of Glenwood Park sewer reduction as per resolution of the Township Committee adopted September 10th, 1929, be reduced in the amount of \$425.00, the balance of the remainder of the said assessment of \$212.50 to attach to a depth of 250' from the easterly side of Glenwood Avenue as recited in the preamble hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$425.00 be and the same is hereby determined to be a prospective assessment upon the remainder of said premises to be held in abeyance and levied at such future time when and if said premises receive a present and immediate benefit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and he hereby is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and to the property owner, and the Tax Collector is authorized to adjust his books accordingly.

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 Township Committee heretofore on the 17th day of January, 1928 confirmed an assessment for sewer benefits against Lot No. 1, block 204, in the amount of \$425.00, and against lot No. 1, Block 200 in the amount of \$467.50; and

WHEREAS it appears the premises are vacant property, consisting of marsh land and low land lying to the west and east of the Public Service right-of-way in the Township of Teaneck, a private right of way over which the aforesaid property has no access, either to, from or across the same, and cannot be serviced by said sewer; and

WHEREAS it further appears that no laterals have been constructed through said property; and

WHEREAS according to legal opinion, an assessment cannot be levied where there is no present immediate benefit, and said assessments should properly be withheld in abeyance as prospective assessments,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the assessments against the said Lot No. 1, Block 204, in the amount of \$425.00 and against lot No. 1, Block 200, in the amount of \$467.50 be and the same are hereby cancelled and the said lots released from the lien of said assessments, and the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to adjust his records accordingly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said assessments against said lots in the amounts aforesaid, be and they are hereby determined to be prospective assessments to be held in abeyance and levied at such future time when and if said premises receive a present and immediate benefit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid release shall not be effective until the approval of the counsel of the Township of Teaneck is obtained, which approval shall be endorsed on this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if approved by said Township Counsel, the Township Clerk be and he hereby is instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector and to the property owners of the aforesaid premises, upon receiving a discontinuance of the pending appeals in the Bergen County Circuit Court.

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

Mr. Hannibal - As this will be the final meeting of this Board, I wish to place on record a statement and report of the expenditures in the Department of Public Works, and the savings effected, from January 1, 1930 to November 1, 1930. This statement and report was compiled by the Township Engineer, at my request, and I would like to have the same incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Report of Engineer Wells to Mr. Hannibal--

"Concerning the saving in the Department of Public Works during your administration, you will recall that I reported to you on September 2nd, 1930, the following estimated savings in the various branches of this department, basing my calculations on the actual expenditures for the first six months:

Building & Grounds	\$ 700.
Street Lighting	5,800.
Engineering	10,000.
Maintenance of Streets	4,000.
Sewer & Disposal	12,000.
Snow & Weeds	500.
Street Signs	---
Dumps	4,000.
Parks	800.
	<u>\$37,800.</u>

Since this estimate was made, as you know, it was decided to make certain temporary improvements to alleviate the condition on certain streets which were under petition for permanent improvement, but could not be done this year due to the financial limitations placed on the Township under the State Law Bill 181.

In addition to this it was decided, in lieu of the depression caused by so much unemployment in the Township, to re-garde the West Englewood Park as was originally intended at the beginning of the year. Besides this the carrying out of the improvement of Martense Avenue, Beverly Road, Merrison Street, etc., has incurred some additional expenditure in the Engineering Department.

The following is my estimate of November first showing the changes brought about as stated above with a net saving at the end of the year of \$35,000. and I may say without reservation that this \$35,000. will actually be saved at the end of the year if I continue to have charge of this department up to that time.

TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Estimated - November 1, 1930

Item	Appro.	Spent 10 mo.	Rate per mo.	Estimated November	Estimated December	Net Saving
Bldgs. & Grds.	\$12,500.	\$9,771	\$ 977.	\$ 977.	\$ 977.	\$ 775.
Street Lights	50,700.	38,204.	3,820.	3,730.	3,730.	5,036.
Engineering	25,000.	13,102.	1,310.	1,100.	1,100.	9,698.
Roads	44,000.	35,687.	3,569.	3,000.	2,000.	3,313.
Sewer & Disposal	40,000.	23,504.	2,350.	2,350.	2,350.	11,796.
Snow & Weeds	2,000.	1,009.	101.	250.	500.	241.
Street Signs	1,000.	775.	78.	75.	--	150.
Dumps	8,000.	3,470.	347.	347.	347.	3,636.
Parks	1,500.	1,135.	113.	210.	---	155.
Total	\$184,700.	126,657.	12,685.	12,039.	11,004.	35,000.

To illustrate what this \$35,000. saving in this department means to the average taxpayer in Teaneck, I will point out the fact that we have demonstrated beyond any doubt that this department can be maintained efficiently for at least \$35,000. less than it cost in 1929. For that reason there will in all probability be a similar reduction in the 1931 budget.

The saving of \$35,000. in 1930 and a like reduction in 1931 will re-act to the amount of a little more than 5% of the total amount which was raised by taxation in 1930 in the Township, and all other things being equal, the 1931 tax bill of every property owner in the Township should be 5% less than it was in 1930 as a direct result of the economy established in this department under your administration."

Mr. McCarthy - I see no objection to that report being transcribed in the minutes.

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

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

Emerson Ave., S. from proposed dead end north from Parkway,
480' of 6" pipe

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

Chairman recommended the appointment of Mr. Oscar G. Nordstrom as Constable.

A motion was made by Mr. Falt, seconded by Mr. Reilly, that the Chairman's recommendation be confirmed.

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

Chairman - This appointment is in connection with no part of the Government of this Town, otherwise this Committee would not have considered it at this late date. It is a matter of outside constables coming in and collecting fees. They get their orders from the County sheriff and work from there.

Mr. Altschuler requested the Committee to pass a resolution on the petition he had presented to the Committee tonight, but Chairman stated that it had not been approved by the Tax Collector or attorney and was not in proper shape to be passed, and that it was being referred to the new Council.

On motion made, seconded and carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Siskler
Township Clerk.

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