

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1930.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, at which the following Councilmen were present: Mayor Van Wagner, Councilmen Warner, Morten, Paquin and Ely,

The following communications were presented:

Fire Department re appointment of Fred Fader to active membership.
Donnelly & Sproul re bonds of various officials.
John Kelly re condition of bridge approaches at Grayson Place.
Waynewood Park re condition of bridge approaches at Grayson Place.

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS Florence R. Vaughn is the owner of certain premises on Webster Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., known as lots 12 and 13, Block 528-I on the Assessment Map of the Township of Teaneck, and

WHEREAS it appears that these premises lie partially in the Township of Teaneck and partially in the City of Englewood, and

WHEREAS both municipalities have assessed this property for taxes for the years 1928 and 1929,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck:

That the Township of Teaneck does hereby cancel the assessment for 1929 taxes against said premises amounting to Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$240.) on land and Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) on building, with the express understanding and provision that the City of Englewood cancel the taxes assessed by the City of Englewood against said premises for the year 1928 amounting to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.) for land and Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.) for building, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Collector of Taxes be and he hereby is authorized to make such cancellation for the 1929 taxes providing he is in receipt of a proper resolution from the City of Englewood cancelling the 1928 tax, and be it further.

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Collector of Taxes for his information and authority in making proper notation on the tax books of the Township.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the resolution be adopted.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Paquin:

RESOLVED that during the absence or disability of the Township Manager, Mr. Richard J. Pearson be appointed by the Municipal Council as a person properly qualified to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the office.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The Clerk reported that he had received a report of Assessment Commission on improvement of Forest Avenue, east of Teaneck Road.

The Mayor requested that he set a date for confirmation. December 9th, 1930, was the date set by the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that he had received a report entitled: "Township of Teaneck, Bergen County, New Jersey, Summary of Receipts and Disbursements, Ten Months ending October 31st, 1930 - H. V. Reilly & Co."

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the report be received and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office, to be seen by any citizen if they so desire.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Morten:

RESOLVED that the Teaneck National Bank be and it hereby is authorized and directed to pay upon presentation interest coupons due December 15, 1930, of Temporary Loan Bonds of the Township of Teaneck, \$301,000.00 issue, bonds numbers 1 to 245 inc., and 253 to 301 inc., amounting to \$8,820.00, and

To pay by check to the order of Jewish National Workers Alliance of America, 189 Second Avenue, New York City, interest on Registered Bonds Numbers

246 to 252 inclusive, amounting to \$210.00, aggregating a total interest of \$9,030.00.

The said \$9,030.00 to be charged by the Teaneck National Bank to the Township of Teaneck Bond and Interest Account, 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 Teaneck National Bank, Teaneck, N. J.

A motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Morten, that the resolution be adopted.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Volcker - First, I formally wish to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard Pearson as Collector for the Township of Teaneck at a salary of \$3,000. per annum. That will probably need some action by the Board as to approval of the appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the Township Manager's action in the appointment of Mr. Richard Pearson as Tax Collector be confirmed.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Mr. Volcker - Tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, I have a meeting with a representative of the Public Service Electric Company on the lighting situation of the Township of Teaneck, and I would be very glad to have any of the Councilmen drop in at that time. Last year a five year contract was entered into for the lighting of the Township's streets, specifying a minimum number of lights which must be used and totaling an amount of \$44,000.

Mayor - Is there any advantage in that contract for having it for five years which you can see?

Mr. Volcker - Five years is longer than the average. They usually run for three years. The contract, however, is for a period of five years, and it specifies about \$44,000. worth of lights.

Mayor - Who signed that contract?

Mr. Volcker - It was executed by the Township Committee, I don't know which one signed it.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the Township Manager make such adjustments as he can, advantageous to the Township.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared adopted.

Mr. Volcker - With the resignation of Mr. Wells, that left the Engineering Department temporarily without a head. I have divided up the work of the Engineering Department between Mr. Wild and Mr. Whitelaw, Mr. Wild taking the Public Works end and Mr. Whitelaw the Engineering end. I think this will be satisfactory.

Upon the recommendation of the former Engineer, and upon personal investigation, we have reduced the street gang for the present by two-thirds, that is, rather than lay anybody off entirely, there being many men on the street gang, we have divided the gang into three units, giving them each two days a week work until there is further opportunity for making still further investigation to see just what the work is to be.

Mr. DeValliere, Senior Accountant of the State department of Municipal Accounting is in the City and is starting his work of auditing the books. He is here alone, but will bring some men in a few days.

Mayor - It is rather early to give estimate on how long it will take?

Mr. Volcker - Yes, it is.

Mayor - Are you prepared to give a financial statement?

Mr. Volcker - I have financial statement which shows amount appropriated, amount expended and unexpended balance. I have not had an opportunity to study it to see how amounts expended compare with amounts unexpended so far.

Mayor - I think public will be interested to know figures.

STATEMENT OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.
JANUARY 1, 1930 - NOVEMBER 5, 1930.

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Admin., Finance, etc.	\$52,000.00	\$42,102.38	\$ 9,897.12
Grounds and Buildings	12,000.00	9,795.93	2,204.07
Int. on Current Loans	1,500.00		1,500.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department	88,500.00	70,950.18	17,549.82
Fire Department	37,000.00	26,878.01	10,121.99
Hydrants & Water	26,000.00	18,724.91	7,275.09
Street Lighting	50,700.00	38,217.75	12,482.25
Pension Fund	3,550.00	2,438.89	1,111.11
PUBLIC WORKS:			
Engineering Department	25,000.00	13,208.34	11,793.66
Maint. of Streets	44,000.00	36,135.90	7,864.10
" " Sewer & Disposal Pl.	40,000.00	23,787.20	16,212.80
Snow & Weed Removal	2,000.00	1,099.26	900.74
Street Signs	1,000.00	667.82	332.18
Maint. of Dumps	8,000.00	3,469.59	4,530.41
HEALTH & RECREATION:			
Board of Health	1,000.00	294.59	705.41
Poor Relief	800.00	934.52	134.52
Parks	1,500.00	1,156.04	343.96
DEBT SERVICE:			
Redemption of Bonds	19,000.00	13,000.00	6,000.00
Interest on Bonds	283,900.00	253,648.75	30,251.25
Township's Share of Asst.			
Imp. Costs	35,173.92		35,173.92
Int. on Impt. Notes	3,000.00		3,000.00
CONTINGENT	3,000.00		3,000.00
	<u>\$738,623.92</u>	<u>556,508.36</u>	<u>182,115.56</u>

Ax Poor Relief overexpended.

A list of bills to be paid was read and a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the bills be referred to the Township Manager for investigation and that they be ordered paid when approved, sworn to and the money available.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Mr. Morrison reported that in order to take care of the interests of the Township he wrote to Chandless, Weller and Selzer asking them for a report of matters in litigation. He reported that the following matters were in the Courts -

- Sydney S. Jordan vs. Township - laying cinder walk on Queen Anne Road.
- A. C. Hart, et al vs. Township - legality of sewer on property of Mr. Hart from Pomander Walk to River Road.
- Eickhoff & Spiegelglass for grading of Cedar Lane.
- Macarone vs. Township Board of Adjustment re building permit. revoked for erection of garage on Teaneck Road and Westervelt Place.

Mr. Morrison - We requested former Township attorneys to grant us substitution in these matters and they stated they will be glad to do so upon payment of bills which they have rendered to date, on condition that these bills be paid.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that these bills be referred to the Township Manager and Council for investigation, and if found correct that they be ordered paid.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the Township Attorney, Mr. Morrison, be authorized to proceed in the above cases to protect

the Township's interests.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Namm - I heard your manager making reports of the Public Service on lights. Manager made statement he is going to meet Public Service about lights. With your promise to save money, I would like to call your attention to State Street. There is one empty block with 64 lights on that one block 100' apart. Is one empty block entitled to lights 100' apart and other people living here for years have lights from 400' to 500' apart?

Mayor - That is already under consideration. We mentioned that to Town Manager. Thank you very much for calling it to our attention.

Mr. Wilcox - I am one of the residents on Sussex Road at end of Garrison Avenue where new highway is going through, and we feel we are being put to inconvenience by the way work is being done. Builder that built houses has protested to the contractors, but nothing has been done and the builder built a sidewalk that has been demolished and nothing but mud there. I was wondering if you could look into the matter to see if you could protect the taxpayers in that section.

Mr. Morten suggested that the builder get in touch with the Township Manager to see if there isn't anything that can be done to protect the property owners.

Mr. Warner - May I suggest that all the letters that come in to our Township Committee which are not settled be mentioned by date and subject each council meeting under unfinished business until they are finally disposed of.

Mayor - There is no reason why it can't be done.

Mr. Warner presented resolution regarding policy for the Regulation of Purchase and Employment of Service.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that this matter be laid over until next meeting and Council furnished with a copy for their consideration.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Mr. Warner - The situation in Bergen County today is peculiar, due to the fact that there is a great demand for earth fill and if we have any roads to be rough graded we can get that work done for the amount of dirt that is in the roads, for no expense to the Township or any resident. It is a good chance to get a lot of work done that some time in the future may be an expense. For instance, Cedar Lane east of Teaneck Road, in streets in West Englewood section, or anywhere in the whole Town we can get that rough graded. That is not only benefit to ourselves, but to people here and their friends.

Mayor - Will you make note of that Mr. Volcker.

Mr. Morten - There may be a number of people interested in having street graded if they knew it would be done for little or no expense. It would be a good idea for them to get in touch with Township Manager to ascertain what can be done. We are here to help you citizens in whatever way we can. If you understood what Mr. Warner said, well and good, if you don't, we will try to make it a little more plain. I take it that you all understood what Mr. Warner said when he spoke about the grading.

Mr. Warner - We might even get some money. I doubt that, however, because we are getting rid of it for nothing and a year and a half ago it would cost \$1.00 or \$2.00 a yard.

Mayor - Have you made a check on trucks removing dirt from Queen Anne Road whether they are running on pneumatic tires?

Mr. Volcker read the following communication received from Mr. Wild 6
"In reply to your letter of November 14th regarding use of Queen Anne Road by contractors' trucks; upon investigating this matter I find that all trucks are pneumatic tired and there is no apparent damage to the street."

"I have talked this matter over with Mr. Benj. Vogt, construction engineer for contractor on Route 4, section 3, which section includes Teaneck, and he tells me that he still has 7,000 yards to fill which will take approximately two weeks, finishing this kind of work for the rest of the season. Mr. Vogt has promised to put a gang of men to sweep Queen Anne Road from Hobson Place to Cedar Lane and clean the catch basins, upon completing the above work. Mr. Vogt also promised to take the same action on North Forest Drive, thereby relieving our sewer gang of at least three days work in this section. If the above procedure does not meet with your approval, I suggest that the contractor be notified to use Elizabeth Avenue to connect with Teaneck Road which is a County Road."

Mayor - Are we protected for any damage incurred on that road?

Mr. Voleker - I don't believe there is any bond in existence for protection.

Mr. Morten - I have no knowledge, but I have heard citizens complain that some trucks were not pneumatic tired, but were solid rubber.

Mayor - Get police to check on it first thing in the morning.

Mr. Warner - Are the signs on those streets restricting the weight of the truck to 2½ ton?

Mayor - I believe there are such signs.

Mr. Warner - Either strick to that or take the signs down.

Mayor - I agree with you.

Mr. Warner - After they had been on the road and actually damaged it, you could hardly prove condition of road before they started.

Mr. Guldner, 323 Crestview Place, reported condition of DeGraw Avenue on account of the recent rains.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that this matter be referred to the Township Manager for investigation and report.

On roll call all Councilmen voting in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Mr. Warner - There is condition on Cedar Lane from Elm Avenue west that I have called to attention of former Township Councils quite often, and also to County Board of Freeholders. After every rain, gutters carry down silt and last fall two people were killed due to that silt being along the road. I don't want to burden Township Manager with lot of things all at once, but I suggest that he take that situation up as one of the most important things. It is really a serious condition.

Mr. Paquin - There is one other similar condition I would like to bring to attention of Manager, that is on streets north of Cedar Lane and extending into Palisade Avenue, Frances, Merrison and Cherry Lane. Palisade Avenue is dead end and there are no stop signs at bottom of streets. There have been several accidents there.

Geo. W. Scherer, 1146 Anna St. - Why can't a resident get a hacking license outside of the one who controls?

Mr. Morten - Take that up with the Township Manager. We didn't know that condition existed. We assure you everyone is going to get a square deal.

Mr. Klemmer requested a copy of the law on Township Manager form of Government, requesting information on who appoints Tax Collector.

Mr. Morrison - City Manager appoints, with approval of Township Council.

Mr. Klemmer, of Paramus - Tax Collector, also Township Clerk and Police Commissioner are appointed by Township Committee.

Mayor - Clerk is appointed by the Council.

Mr. Morten - If you write for copies of laws of 1923, you will find law you desire.

Mayor - What is purpose of your question?

Mr. Klemmer - I guess I am entitled to know about it. The change has been made so suddenly, Tax Collector has been voted by the taxpayers and as we have a new

Tax Collector we want to know if he is officially appointed or not.

Mr. Morten - You heard designation and confirmation by Council, is that not sufficient?

Mr. Klemmer - Was it confirmed tonight?

Mr. Morten - Yes it was. Mr. McLean's office as Tax Collector expired on November 15th, we had nothing to do with that.

Mr. Klemmer - I wanted to know. I liked him and he served us faithfully for years and he is capable.

Mr. Schneir, 569 Tilden Avenue, requested that a light be placed on the corner of Cedar Lane and Lincoln Place as it was very dark there at night and a stranger coming down in there at night would not be able to see the turn and might run over the curb. He asked former Committee to change this light, but nothing was done.

Referred to Township Manager.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, and carried, that the meeting adjourn to November 25th, 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry E. Dehl

Township Clerk.

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