

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1930.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, and on the roll call the following Councilmen responded: Mayor Van Wagner, Councilmen Warner, Morten, Paquin and Ely.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with unless there was some reason required for reading them.

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

Communications were read from the following -

Dr. Franklin A. Gaylord re safety light at corner of Teaneck Road and State Street.

William Lohr re condition of DeMott Avenue.

Board of Assessors re tax books being open to the public.

Bergen County Mosquito Commission requesting appropriation in Budget.

Frank A. Morrison re Building Inspector.

Assessment Commission re improvements on which they are working.

Assessment Commission tendering resignation.

Wright, Vanderburgh & McCarthy enclosing Final Decree Teaneck vs. Warr.

Association of Exempt Firemen requesting consideration of exempt firemen in filling vacancies.

Frank A. Morrison re Macarone vs. Board of Adjustment.

N. P. McLean - Tax Collector.

R. W. Wells - Resignation as engineer.

Board of Public Utility Commissioners denying application of Public Service to extend Hackensack-Newark bus line.

Board of Chosen Freeholders re 1931 budget.

Bergen County Chamber of Commerce re inadvisability of holding tax lien sales.

Tax Collector's Report up to November 11th, 1930.

S.P.C.A. re picking up dogs in Teaneck @ \$1,000. per annum.

After the reading of letter from Assessment Commission, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner:

WHEREAS the Township Clerk of this Township, Mr. Henry Diehl, acting upon instructions of the Mayor, attended the meeting of the Assessment Commission of this Township on Friday, November 21st, 1930, for the purpose of taking notes of what transpired at such meeting, and reporting the same for the use of this Council;

AND WHEREAS under date November 21st, 1930, said Commission has advised this Council that they "do not consider it necessary for the proper functioning of the Commission to have present an additional clerk" although they knew or should have known that Mr. Diehl was not present as an additional clerk, but as a spectator, to report to this Council, the proceedings of the Commission, and were so advised;

AND WHEREAS said Commission has advised this Council that "The whole idea of the Assessment Commission would be defeated if a representative of the Township Committee was present when they had their "deliberations, and that they cannot operate as a Commission unless they can have their own preliminary deliberations by the members of the Assessment Commission in private;

AND WHEREAS said Commission has advised this Council that in order to reach an unbiased opinion and render a just report it is necessary for the Commission to meet in private and that their deliberations at preliminary meetings should not be open to the public or any member of the various departments of the governing body;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding that said Assessment Commission has expressed the desire to go on record and express their willingness to cooperate to the fullest extent with the present municipal government, yet it has informed this Council, in writing, under said date, that it deems it necessary to call the facts above mentioned to the attention of this Council and state that unless the governing body clearly designates their powers as defined by the statutes, and as outlined in said communication, and permit them to function as heretofore, independent of all other departments, as regards their deliberations on assessments, their resignations are incorporated in such communication;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Council, such communication is abundant proof of the lack of appreciation on the part of said Commission of the duty they owe to the public, and particularly to this Council, who, in the final analysis, is responsible for their acts;

AND WHEREAS said Commission has admitted that it is unable to properly perform the duties assigned to said Commission, if they have their meetings open to the public, and to representatives of the governing body, and has insisted that they have their preliminary meetings in private, thereby admitting an utter lack of qualification for the performance of the duties assigned to them, if open and known to the public;

AND WHEREAS private meetings and secret sessions are abhorrent to this Council, and, in the opinion of this Council, are contrary to the spirit and intention of the Municipal Manager form of government, and should not be tolerated,

AND WHEREAS the members of such Assessment Commission should not be compelled to remain in office after they have admitted that they cannot properly function, if all their deliberations are to be open to this Council, or the Clerk thereof, and the public, and either of them as spectators;

AND WHEREAS said Commission has admitted that it still has several assessments undetermined and unreported, one or more of them having been held by them since the year 1927, without any report having been made thereon which has been accepted, and although an explanation for such delay has been requested of said Commission, yet no satisfactory explanation has been made;

AND WHEREAS this Council deems it for the best interest of the Township that the resignations of the several members of this Commission should be accepted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the resignations of J. George Gross, Robert J. Lewis and Rudolph L. Zimpel, as members of the Assessment Commission of the Township of Teaneck, be and the same are hereby accepted, to take effect at once.

Mayor - Mr. Morrison, will you kindly acquaint us with the statute covering the duties of the Assessment Commission.

Mr. Morrison - Assessment Commissions are supposed to arrive at the amount to be assessed against any property benefited by any local improvement. A local improvement is an improvement which can be assessed against any property particularly benefited. I do not know of anything in the law that requires their preliminary hearing to be in secret or closed to the public. They are supposed to reach the conclusion according to their best judgment, according to property benefited. That is my understanding of their duties, Mr. Mayor.

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

Communication from Wright, VanderBurgh & McCarthy enclosing final decree Teaneck vs. Warr.

Re Writ of Certiorari served on Mr. Morrison in the case of Macarone vs. Bard of Adjustment, - a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that Mr. Morrison be authorized to take such steps as he deems necessary to protect the Township's interests.

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

The resignation of Mr. R. W. Wells as Township Engineer, effective as of November 15th, 1930, was read and a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the resignation be accepted.

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

The decision of Board of Public Utility Commissioners denying application of Newark-Hackensack bus line of Public Service Coordinated Transport to extend their route to Englewood was read and a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the decision be received and filed.

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

The Tax Collector's report for October, 1930, was read as follows: "Total Taxes Collected - \$34,822.91. Total assessments - \$30,788.83.

Report from Nov. 1st to November 10th - Total taxes - \$12,769.16. Total assessments collected - \$6,546.60."

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that these reports be received and filed.

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

Mr. Volcker reported as follows - I have a letter from our auditor to the Council, Mr. DeValliere, with some men, have been working for about a week, long enough to

acquaint themselves with the magnitude of the work to be done here in order to get the accounts in adequate shape. Because of the magnitude of the work, Mr. DeValliere asked Mr. Darby himself to come down. Mr. Darby was here yesterday, and he and I went over the proposition, and the position of the Department of Municipal Accounting and Finance is briefly this - they want me to realize, which I can, and they want the Council and the people to realize that there is a great deal of work to be done. They don't want to be put in the position of doing this work and then rendering what may possibly seem a large bill without having told the people beforehand what was to be done. Mr. DeValliere was asked to put in writing just what had to be done, and this is the communication addressed to the Township Council -

"In accordance with a request from the Township Manager, Mr. Volcker, I am submitting a list of items which must be undertaken in order to complete the 1930 audit and bring the books and accounts into agreement with the State requirements. This list is complete only insofar as the work inspection has progress, and is subject to revision upon further investigation.

Collector's Office -

1. A detailed check of all taxes, both for the current and prior years, as far back as taxes are found to be open.
2. The installation of a delinquent tax register.
3. Search of county records for outstanding tax title liens in order to establish the correctness of the liens.
4. Revision of the present tax title lien register in order to reflect the results of the search.
5. Analysis of all outstanding assessments. This item includes inspection of some twenty-eight thousand items.
6. Analysis of assessment liens.
7. Analysis of assessment lien interest.
8. Investigation of costs of improvements in progress.
9. Investigation of Costs and Assessments held for future levy.
10. Analysis of the accounts received from Utility Companies as refunds on Water and Gas improvements.
11. Analysis of the Bonded Debt.
12. A complete check of the Bond and Coupon Account, which account I understand has never been reconciled.
13. Analysis of Town's share of improvements.

Items presented on the above list have apparently not been properly investigated previously and it may be necessary to trace some items back to their inception, which investigation in some cases must cover a period as far as ten years back. Due to these facts, the costs of investigation and audit this year must be greatly in excess of the costs of audits in succeeding years. It is impossible at this time to give an estimate of the costs of work which must be done.

Mr. Morten - In section 707, laws of 1923, the Municipal Council is required to cause a full and complete examination of all the books and accounts of the municipality to be made by competent accountants. I know of no better than the State Department of Municipal Accounts and Finance and if our records are in such shape as are indicated by this report, it is high time we got a full and complete audit, and let the cost be what it will, we must have it.

Mayor - I am inclined to side in with you in that respect. We have taken over a new business, we must take account of assets and liabilities. I am in favor of Mr. DeValliere, under Mr. Darby's supervision, remaining here until job is completed. I would like to have the other Councilmen express their opinions.

Mr. Paquin - It seems to me as an obligation on our part to have the accountants work until it is completely finished. It is an obligation to the Township at large to let them know of the financial situation in the Town. It is an obligation to them and essential we should have it to guide us in any future action.

Mayor - I see no other way out.

Mr. Warner - It might be well to point out that it is absolutely an unbiased report and can be done from year to year on that basis, absolutely unprejudiced, and it will be a lot better than any single firm of auditors.

Mr. Ely - I quite agree.

Mr. Morten - We can have every confidence in the State Department. They are not going to make any charge that is any greater, if so large, as private accountants for the same service. Further, in view of that fact, it is my opinion and my belief it should be conducted until we get a complete and full account as required by the statute. I have been asked whether or not it is true that we have three or four

million dollars to refund in 1932 because it has been incurred in such a way we cannot re-finance it, and I have said I do not know. If that is the situation, the sooner we know it the better we will realize what kind of a government they have been getting in the past.

Mayor - Mr. Volcker, you have had similar experience as to the costs of Mr. Darby. Has there been any difference between their charges and those of a private auditor?

Mr. Volcker - It is a question that could not be answered, yes or no. In Cape May we found ourselves in financial position very similar to Teaneck, except for different reasons. Council there immediately called upon Mr. Darby's department to help them out. Mr. Darby came in there and his men spent most of one summer straightening us out. Since that time, audits have run along very smoothly and have been almost a matter of form. I haven't the figures, but we averaged the cost of the last five years. They will be below cost of the yearly audit before that time, and as to the work done there is absolutely no comparison between the two. In saying that I refer to the audit in Cape May.

Mr. Morten - What was cost of yearly audit before State took it over?

Mr. Volcker - \$1400. to \$1500. and lately for \$1200. Those are approximate figures. There was no comparison between the results.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the State Department of Municipal Accounting be authorized to make a full and complete audit of the Township's accounts.

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

Petition from Queen Anne Park Holding Company requesting refunds of duplicate payments.

Mr. Volcker - Just in general, there was a duplicate payment made on the lots listed. It was checked by Mr. DeValliere, and the resolution is in the hands of the Clerk, making payment of the duplicate payments. Gist of the whole matter is that Queen Anne Realty Company claimed that they gave the then Collector a check to buy in tax sale property and that the check instead of being used for that purpose was used to pay the taxes, which is a very different thing. Naturally, the Collector claimed there was a misunderstanding and that check wasn't given to him for that purpose. There was duplication of payments which has been checked by our auditor and there is resolution to follow

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck that duplicate payments have been made on the properties listed below by the Queen Anne Park Holding Company on April 17th, 1930,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that refunds be made in accordance with the following:

<u>1928 Taxes</u>					
<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>COSTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
140A	29-30	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	37	13.32	1.62	1.25	16.19
	38	26.65	3.80	1.25	31.20
	73-74	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
1403	25-26	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
140C	8	10.66	1.34	1.25	13.25
	9-10	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	28-29	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	30-31	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	32-33	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	34-35	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	36-37	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	38-39	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	40-41	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	42-43	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	44-45	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	46-47	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	48-49	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41

140C	50-51	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	52-53	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
146	4-6	31.98	3.95	1.25	37.18
	7-9	31.98	3.95	1.25	37.18
	10-12	31.98	3.95	1.25	37.18
	13-15	31.98	3.95	1.25	37.18
	16-23	85.28	10.50	1.25	97.03
	24-35	127.92	15.44	1.25	144.61
	35A	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	42-47	63.96	7.88	1.25	73.09
147	9-10	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	11-12	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	13-14	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	15-16	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	17-18	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	19-20	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	21-22	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	23-24	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	29-30	23.45	2.87	1.25	27.57
	45-46	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
148	3-4	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	43-44	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
149	1	20.25	2.49	1.25	23.99
	2-4	31.98	3.95	1.25	37.18
	10-12	31.98	3.95	1.25	37.18
	13	10.66	1.34	1.25	13.25
	17-18	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	21	10.66	1.34	1.25	13.25
	46-47	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	48-49	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	50-51	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	52-53	17.06	2.10	1.25	20.41
	54-55	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	56-57	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	58-59	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	60-61	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	62-63	21.32	2.61	1.25	25.18
	64	10.66	1.34	1.25	13.25
140A	53	10.66	1.34	1.25	13.25
Total					\$1,551.47

West Englewood Drainage Area

148	1	14.58	3.87	1.25	19.70
	2	16.20	3.71	1.25	21.16
	3-4	18.00	4.16	----	22.16
Total					\$63.02

Addition to East Sewer #86

241B	39	10.11	6.35	1.25	17.71
	40	10.11	6.35	1.25	17.71
Total					\$35.42

Cranford & Grayson Place Sanitary Sewer

241C	23	31.00	19.51	1.25	51.76
	24	31.00	19.51	----	50.51
Total					\$102.27

GRAND TOTAL \$1,752.18

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the payment of these refunds be authorized and approved when a proper release has been filed with the Township Council and approved by the Township attorney.

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

A petition was presented from 13 property owners on Schley Place for the improvement of this street. Petition was acknowledged by the Town Manager stating that the financial condition of the Township practically ties the Township's hands, as far as making additional improvements are concerned.

Mr. Morten - I would suggest that the letter from the Township Manager be made a little more explicit so that citizens will realize that it is no fault of this

Council, and that the fault lies with previous Governments who have burdened the debt of the Township to an amount which is in excess of legal debt limit. That is reason why we cannot make the improvement. Isn't that correct, Mr. Volcker?

Mr. Volcker - That is correct.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the Township Manager supplement that letter and advise that it is not the fault of the present Township Council, and not their desire to refrain from making improvements, but that previous Governments have involved the Township in so large a debt already that we are beyond our legal debt and, therefore, improvements cannot be undertaken under the Law at the present time.

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

Petition was received from property owners in the section known as Teaneck Gardens requesting that their property be put in the "C" zone for apartment houses.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the petition be referred to the Township Manager for conference with these petitioners and to make his recommendations to the Council.

On roll call Councilmen voted as follows - Mayor Van Wagner, Councilmen Morten, Paquin and Ely - Aye. Councilman Warner - No, inasmuch as he believed it should be referred to the Board of Adjustment and not the Town Manager.

Mr. McClave, a Civil Engineer, addressed the meeting regarding various Township matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the Township Manager be authorized to confer with Mr. McClave upon this matter and to make such recommendations to the Council at its next regular meeting.

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

The Clerk reported having received the following financial reports -

Engineering Department for permits, etc.	- \$272.25
Township Clerk for bus tax	238.35
Board of Health on Milk & Ice Licenses	12.00

Mr. Volcker stated that the Building Inspector is also working on fees, 50-50, which is a strictly illegal proposition. He has to turn over full collections, and Council can fix any fixed salary which must be paid. All must go into the treasury, and can only be paid out by an ordinance or from the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that all monies be turned over to the Treasurer, and that the financial officers be so advised.

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

REPORTS

Mr. Volcker - Mr. Mayor, some of the matters have already come up in the course of other business, and others will come up under course of old business. I have had the pleasure of meeting a good many people with grievances, old and new. They come in at the rate of 2 or 3 an hour. At this time there are just a few things I want to bring up. I have had requests from various organizations to use this Council Chamber. Girl Scouts, Joint Civic Association, American Legion and Phelps Manor Civic Assn.

Mayor - I feel we need a civic center and this is the place to air all grievances, speak of all issues, and I think we should turn this over to the public. This is their building. Personally, I would dedicate, under proper supervision and regulation, this Council Chamber for any and all purposes, and any and all organizations. That goes for Taxpayers League, Republican or Democratic party and Socialist.

Mr. Morten - In that regard, the Council Chamber should be open to the public for their use when anybody or any association of citizens having a public purpose in view desires to use the Chamber and the Chamber is open for that purpose.

I am in favor of permitting Township Manager to allow associations to use the Council Chamber under such conditions. (The other Councilmen concurred.)

Mr. Volcker - It seems to have been the policy of the Department of Public Works to stage a clean up week in the spring and fall. The Public Works Department has set aside December 1st to 5th for Clean Up Week.

The Township has been under a year's contract with Mr. Reinert for hauling garbage. Mr. Reinert expressed his willingness to go into another contract on the same basis. It is at present the only practical way of doing it and most satisfactory way. If Councilmen have any other opinion, or any citizen, I would be glad to know it for my judgment in coming to final conclusion and preparing any contract. We can't talk of incinerator or disposal plant now; they cost money.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the Township Manager be authorized to insert an advertisement for the disposal of our garbage.

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

The Township Attorney was asked for his report and stated there have been no developments in the legal matters.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, N. J., that on November 17th, 1930, Mrs. Gertrude R. McCarthy paid \$86.15 (\$36.10 Principal, \$10.05 Interest) on Griggs Avenue improvement assessment on lot 93 in Block 561-A,

WHEREAS Mrs. McCarthy owns lot 91 in Block 561-A instead of lot 93, and requested by letter that this credit be transferred to her property,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to transfer this credit to lot 91 in block 561-A where it was intended.

Mr. Morrison - If official tax search has been made and fees paid, the Township cannot collect from the person who relies upon that search.

Mr. Volcker - There are several resolutions of this form. Motion approving should read that approval is subject to the okay of the Municipal attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the above resolution be approved by the Township Council, subject to the approval of the Township attorney.

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

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that an error was made in assessing a building on lots 41-42 in Block 244-A, on 1930 tax duplicate, and

WHEREAS no building was included in levy lots 43-44 in Block 244-A,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to transfer the charge of \$182.40 for building from lots 41-42 to lots 43-44 in Block 244-A and issue corrected bills to owners of record.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the above resolution be approved by the Township Council, subject to the approval of the Township attorney.

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

Following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, N. J., that due to an error in assessing Maitland Avenue Storm Drain, property described as Block 127, lots 38 to 41, and in accordance with resolution #161, adopted October 7th, 1930, interest was figured on the original amount of \$20.00 each lot, as assessed, instead of \$10.00, the corrected levy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to transfer the overpayment of interest in the amount of \$.71 each lot to principal and adjust the records accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Morten, that the above resolution be approved by the Township Council, subject to the approval of the Township attorney.

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

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that on October 23rd, 1930, H. F. Rothman paid in error the first half 1930 taxes in amount of \$135.39 (\$131.22 Principal, \$4.17 Interest) on lot 93 in Block 561A,

WHEREAS H. F. Rothman has requested that this payment be transferred to lot 91 in Block 561-A,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above credit be transferred to lot 91 in Block 561-A.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the above resolution be approved by the Township Council, subject to the approval of the Township attorney.

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

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

RESOLVED that a bill against the Township of Teaneck, when properly sworn to, shall be considered to have been properly approved when it bears on the face of it the signature of the person who ordered the material or labor, and the signature of the person for whom the labor was performed, or who received and checked the material, and the signature of the Township Manager. The Treasurer shall pay no bills unless they are thus approved and sworn to.

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

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, N. J., that a resolution was passed on September 10th, 1927, reducing the Griggs Avenue assessment, and changing the due date to September 10th, beginning the year 1927, and

WHEREAS an error was made on October 8th, 1929, in computing interest on this assessment, covering Block 230, lot 39, from the date of last payment instead of the corrected date,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to transfer the amount of overpayment (\$21.53) to the credit of principal.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the above resolution be approved by the Township Council, subject to the approval of the Township attorney.

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

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that Nelson & Williams, owners of Block 102-B, lots 26 to 31 inc., have filed a map dividing these six lots into five lots,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to apportion the Central District Sewer assessment as follows:

<u>Assessed</u>			<u>New Apportionment</u>		
<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
102-B	26	134.59	102-B	26	159.63
	27	134.59		27	156.50
	28	134.59		28	156.50
	29	134.59		29	156.50
	30	134.59		30	178.41
	31	134.59			
		<u>\$807.54</u>			<u>\$807.54</u>

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to apportion payments on Block 102-B, lots 27 and 28, upon consent of owners, Nelson and Williams.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the above resolution be approved by the Township Council, subject to the approval of the Township attorney.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Volcker - You will find listed first 16 different items which are hang-overs from the old Council. Majority are legal matters, more or less complicated. They have been hanging over for greater or less periods, and I would suggest that we just pass them up and let the attorney go into them, unless he has any report.

Mr. Morrison - There isn't anything that I haven't reported on. Some have been closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the attorney submit a report on each item so we know which can be eliminated and which can be taken up.

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

Mr. Volcker - Regarding a complaint of the condition of Grayson Place, we have done some work on that, I hope satisfactorily.

The appointment of Mr. Fred Fader to active membership in Fire Department was confirmed.

Meeting with Public Service on lighting situation took place last Wednesday. I told the representative that this Town was well lighted and extravagantly lighted in places, and it was desire of this Council to make considerable reduction in the lighting rates and lighting appropriation for next year, and asked him if it was their desire to work with us or oppose us in effecting the change. He said they would work with us regardless of anything that their contract might say. He left with the understanding he was to start immediately on a survey of the lighting situation of the Township here, bringing in his recommendations for a cutting down in candle power and in number of lights. I will keep after him and see that he actually brings it in.

Mr. Warner suggested that we set a certain amount and have him work on that basis. Mr. Volcker informed him that he had given him an amount to work on, \$35,000. as against appropriation of \$50,000.

Mr. Volcker - Sussex Road sidewalks were investigated. It was a private matter, but we were successful in getting contractor to lay cinders and to get walk in decent shape.

Next is resolution of Mr. Warner's.

Mr. Warner - I will put that off until Mr. Volcker gets through with his business.

Mr. Volcker - Rough grading of roads, I turned that over to the Engineering Department, which at present consists of one man, and Engineering Department is looking into that and will let me have a report on what roads can be so graded.

Next is trucks using Queen Anne Road - I am glad to say that they are not using it any more, that the fill from that part of the road is completed. The contractor has promised to clean up the road and clean out the catch basins, though I don't think he has started to do that yet. I have an appointment with representative of the contractor to go over the situation next week some time re hauling any further fill over county roads.

Re complaint on DeGraw Avenue - I rode out there with Supt. of Public Works and looked at it. It looked bad, but it didn't look materially different than about a hundred others. We have just looked at it; it looks kind of hopeless.

Silt on Cedar Lane - County had force of men cleaning it up. I went over to thank County Supervisor of Roads for it.

Lights have been placed at foot of Morrison Street and Cherry Lane, red reflector lights. Light could not be placed on Frances Street because that is continued through and I do not think it is essential at that point. We only had two lights on hand, but we are ordering more.

Light on corner of Cedar Lane and Lincoln Place. I looked at that and I have to confess I couldn't see any great improvement that could be made. When we re-vamp our lights we may separate big lamp there and put smaller lamp with another lamp on other side of road. That matter can go until such time as whole matter is taken up.

Mr. Schneir, gentleman who made complaint, stated that he thought light on

Lincoln Place should be taken out and brought down to the corner, but Mr. Volcker said small light should be kept where it is.

Mr. Diehl - In trying to go through from Cedar Lane into Lincoln Place, there is condition that you cannot see entrance to Lincoln Place. There is are light across the street, but it doesn't give sufficient light across the street to any car going in. You can't differentiate between curb and road bed, especially when there is any rain. Also the entrance to Lincoln Place should be improved to extent of having some gravel or stone put there to level off the road bed.

Referred to Mr. Volcker for attention, to take up with Public Service for their recommendation.

Discussion was held on Mr. Warner's resolution, presented to the Committee at last meeting.

Mr. Morten - I wish to say that I am favorably inclined toward acceptance of lowest bidders on material, or material and labor combined, preference to Teaneck taxpayers, cost being equal. I am also favorable to that part of the resolution - that the employment of personnel service or labor, the basis will be on merit and qualifications alone, but that due consideration and preference for residents of the Township and among these those with war service records.

Where several bidders offer identical services for material, it shall be distributed amongst them equally as they as a body may determine, I am opposed to that, it should not be delegated to anybody but ourselves.

Mr. Paquin - That is entirely objectionable. That is a direct invitation to collusive bidding.

Mr. Warner - That is the resolution I have offered, and the reason for that is that it is just as bad for the Council to be prejudiced against a person as it is to be prejudiced in favor of them. Our past opponents politically, for instance, selling insurance, I do think they should be taken into consideration and given due share because they are still taxpayers. If a man is selling oil, and Mr. Hannibal is selling oil, we can do what we want to, he is only man who is selling oil in the Township, if his price is the same as others.

Mr. Morten - Do we need a resolution to make us do what we should do?

Mr. Paquin - It appears to me that that resolution as a whole is simply to define and determine our pledges, and they are spread on the records official part of the record already. They don't need any further interpretation.

Mr. Ely seconded Mr. Warner's resolution, and on the roll call the Councilmen voted as follows: Mayor - No. Councilmen Morten and Paquin - No. Councilmen Warner and Ely - Aye. Resolution declared not carried.

Mr. Volcker - We have transferred repair of the police cars to the Township garage. For the past year they have been repaired by the Manor Grage. We can do the work down there.

The following bills were presented for payment -

11-20-30	Christ Church	Special Election Exp.	\$	30.00
11-22-30	Veterans of Foren Wars	" "		15.00
11-22-30	G. L. Mendelson	Supplies, Gen Govt.		3.25
11-1-30	Arrow Stationery Co.	" "		5.00
11-21-30	Herbert S. Swan	Services - Zoning Expert		75.00
11-24-30	Edith I. Carr	Sal. - 2 weeks (Extra)		
		Typist - Assessor's office		50.00
11-10-30	Central Supply Co.	Supplies - Grounds & Bldgs.		8.20
11-12-30	Manor Grage	Gas & Repairs - Police Dept.		200.48
11-1-30	W. Eng. Coal & Syp. Co.	Coal - Fire Dept.		56.40
11-20-30	Chas. Bruning Co.	Blueprint Paper - Eng. Dept.		2.93
11-15-30	Burns Bros.	Fuel Oil - Road Dept.		32.50
11-22-30	Walter H. Williams	Refund of Permit (Eng. Dept. Sus.)	\$	15.00
11-17-30	John Weeks	" " " "		3.00
11-18-30	Peter Fernholz	" " " "		10.00
11-19-30	Pub. Service E. & G. Co.			
	Hackensack Dist.	Service		65.80
11-15-30	Pub. Service E. & G. Co.			
	Englewood District	"		370.04

11-19-30	A. W. Hart	Refund of Int. & Costs on Assess.	18.28
11-24-30	Anna Weber	Sal. - 2nd $\frac{1}{2}$ Nov. Assess. Comm.	87.50
11-22-30	Frank Teriello, Inc,	Est. #1, Martense Ave., Beverly Road and Merrison St. Imp.	<u>12,556.54</u>
			\$13,604.92

A motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Morten, that the above bills be ordered paid when properly approved, sworn to and the money available.

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

On motion made, seconded and carried, meeting adjourned to December 9th, 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Clerk.

cc

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MAYOR

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