

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON Tuesday, December 30th, 1930.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M., and on the roll call the following members responded: Mayor Van Wagner, Councilmen Warner and Paquin.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called by the Municipal Manager to consider matters of finance and any other such details as he sees fit to bring to the Council's attention.

Mr. Volcker - Gentlemen, this is the last meeting of the year probably, and there are certain financial adjustments which must be made. For instance, we find that we have outstanding \$500,000. of 1930 taxes. It may be during the present year we will have to turn these outstanding taxes into money through the issuance of tax revenue notes. In order to provide for such a contingency, it is necessary that a resolution be passed this year providing for issuance of such notes. Resolution reads as follows-

WHEREAS there are outstanding 1930 taxes due to the Township of Teaneck to an amount of at least Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officials of the Township be and hereby are authorized to issue Tax Revenue Notes against these taxes to an amount not greater than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), said notes to be issued at such times and in such amounts as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary. Said notes shall bear the signatures of the Mayor, Treasurer and the Township Clerk, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. (6%) and shall be issued for a period of not more than four years from December 31st, 1930.

a motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that this resolution be adopted.

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

Mr. Weiner requested that the resolution be amended to be re-callable at the request of the issuer of the note.

Resolution was amended to read - "said notes to be payable at any time before maturity at the option of the Municipal Council, said notes to be issued at such times and in such amounts, etc."

Motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the resolution be adopted as amended.

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

Mr. Volcker - after taking stock of what has been spent this year, we find that only two appropriations are overdrawn. First administration and Finance, and the second, Poor Relief. Others in the appropriations have a healthy balance. We are transferring from the appropriation for maintenance of Sewers and Disposal Plants to administration and Finance and Poor Relief, the respective sums of \$11,400.00

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

WHEREAS by reason of unforeseen demands there has arisen the necessity for greater expenditures to fulfill the purpose of the following appropriations, to wit:
administration, Finance, etc.
Poor Relief

WHEREAS there is a surplus in the following appropriations over and above the amount necessary to fulfill the purpose of said appropriation to wit:

Maintenance of Sewers and Disposal Plant

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there be and hereby is transferred to the first aforesaid appropriations from the second aforesaid appropriation the following sums to wit:

FROM		TO	
Maintenance of Sewers and Disposal Plants	\$11,000.	administration, Finance, etc.	\$11,000.
Maintenance of Sewers and Disposal Plants	400.	Poor Relief	400.
	\$11,400.		\$11,400.

Mr. Warner - Comment is this, that at this time of the year when we transfer monies from one account to another, it appears that there are certain accounts that run

over and the one I am concerned in is the receipts of Building Department. Building permits pay half to Building Inspector and half to Town, and it always results in surplus and that money is turned over to administration for some other purpose. I don't think that general taxpayer wants to have that done. I don't think it is fair to the builder, and I just want to register that protest about it and when time comes to make out new Building Code I would say that the cost of the permit should be as near as possible to cover cost of Department only. I would lower cost of building permits, because the present cost now is such that it covers expense of the department and always leaves a big surplus and that is always thrown into some other department.

Mr. Paquin - If you cut down charge for fees, how will you adjust building inspector's fees?

Mr. Warner - Instead of giving him 50% give him 90% and reduce fee. You don't tax lawyers, doctors or architects, but this Building Code now in effect taxes the builders.

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

Mr. Volcker - I have another resolution which I am going to present to be introduced, but reading it over it wouldn't mean a whole lot because there is nothing but a bunch of figures, but it is the beginning of the re-vamping of the lighting system in the Township of Teaneck, and that resolution will amount to a saving of just about \$6,000. a year in our lighting bill.

The saving in general is made by reducing 600 c.p. to 400 c.p. Beauty of that is practically no one is going to lose any light, and they won't be able to tell whether they have 600 or 400 c.p. aside from these changes, a portion of the lights which the Township has been paying for on the Nelson ayers' development are eliminated. I do not know whether it is generally known, but half were paid for by Nelson ayers and half by the Township. There are one or two lights added, one down at Martense and one at Lincoln Place and Cedar Lane.

Mr. Paquin - Have you changed lighting at Garrison avenue and Cedar Lane?

Mr. Volcker - It is 600 c.p.

Mr. Paquin - Traffic is increasing all the time, and it is important in my mind to have stop light or blinker there.

Mr. Volcker - This is a question of street lights, not traffic lights. Following this there will be some other changes, some eliminations or additions. We have not touched any of the three business districts for the present.

Mayor - This is the initial reduction of the lighting costs?

Mr. Volcker - and the great majority of the reduction. There may be a possible reduction of \$500. or \$1,000. during the year. Last year your lighting was \$45,000. and this brings it down to \$39,000.

Mayor - Have we had any basis of comparison of lighting costs of Hackensack and Englewood with that of Teaneck?

Mr. Volcker - We are approaching Englewood now. I think Englewood was \$34,000.

Mayor - Does anybody know what Hackensack had?

Mr. Weiner - Hackensack, \$44,000.

Mr. Paquin - We have a very much larger area. We are almost 100% larger than either of those in area.

Mr. Warner suggested that Mr. Volcker get a report from Englewood, Hackensack, Rutherford and Ridgewood which will show the population, the mileage of passable or improved streets, and the amount of money paid annually for lighting.

Mr. Volcker - Though they are comparative figures, they would not be a guide. Englewood is in places very much under-lighted. With this reduction, we will

still be pretty well in the forefront of municipal lighting in Bergen County.- I will get those figures as soon as I can, but I want to reiterate, this is the beginning. I gave them \$35,000. to shoot at.

Mayor - average taxpayer believes in ample light, a sufficiency of light, but not an excessive amount of illumination. I would be perfectly willing to install more lights where they are needed.

Mr. Volcker - That is the final end of it. We have just gone in with an axe and cut off about 15 to 20% of our lighting appropriation. We have got the rough bark off, now we have to go in with finer tools and chisel off here and there. I don't want you to get the impression that it is dropped. I understand it isn't and Public Service understand that it isn't.

Resolution was offered by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Warner, #371, that changes be made in the lighting system of the Township beginning immediately and being completed not later than January 15th, 1931.

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

Mr. Weiner wanted to know if Township was entering into a contract for this amount with the Public Service, but Mr. Volcker informed him that there is no contract to be signed. Present contract still exists and will exist for period of three or four years and that this is a concession on the part of the Public Service.

Mr. Weiner suggested other changes in lighting. He asked if the Township is tied up by a contract whether it can still reduce the lights.

Mayor - Municipal Manager proposes to do that.

Mr. Volcker - I told the Public Service this was just the beginning, and they didn't offer any particular resistance to the thought. It is true that in one way we are doing it by the sufferance of the Public Service.

Mr. Warner - are the lights in this section taken off completely (Forest Drive.)

Mr. Volcker - They were put there at the request of the Police Department.

Mr. Warner - I would say that those lights ought to be taken out completely and if there are any violations, let the police arrest them.

Mr. Volcker - Lights do have value as police protection. In some places they are as good as policemen. That is one of the places I had in back of my head to investigate more thoroughly, and the Vandellinda section which is peppered with lights. For the present, we haven't changed any lighting on Fort Lee Road. We have left those 600 for the present.

Mayor - Queen anne Road, what candle power is on that street?

Mr. Volcker - It is being changed from 600 c.p. to 400 c.p. Business districts we have not for the present touched.

Mayor - Why don't you experiment with it.

Mr. Weiner made the suggestion that at two o'clock in the morning every other light be turned out. Referred to Mr. Volcker for investigation.

Mr. Volcker - Considering we have started off with a cut of \$6,000. -

Mayor - Keep up the good work.

Mr. Volcker - Right across from the Town Hall over here by the Library, they are erecting girders for a roof which, I am informed, was for an automobile show room and the plans call for an automobile show room with garage in back of it. Permit for this was granted on June 28th. We also find section in the zoning law, special regulation for garages, gist of which is that except with the permission of the Board of adjustment, no garage can be built within 200' of a public library. This 200' is to be measured along a public street. From a cursory examination of the minutes of the Board of adjustment, and in asking the former secretary, it would seem that permission required by the Board of adjustment was never given.

Mayor - There is violation of the ordinance?

Mr. Warner - They shouldn't have given permit it seems to me. I think we ought to see the lawyer. By the looks of it it is not going to be a good thing, we ought to stop it if we can.

Mr. Paquin - The objectionable element to the construction of this show room, is it the type of building?

Mr. Volcker - I am presenting it as coming to my attention as a possible violation of the ordinance.

Mr. Paquin - Inclusion of garage in back of show room, does owner call it public garage?

Mr. Volcker - They don't call it public garage, they call it garage space for heavy and light repairs.

Mayor - Refer it to Mr. Morrison for investigation and report next meeting.

The following distribution of Payroll, second half of December, 1930, was read by the Clerk -

Contingent	\$ 312.50
General Government	1,263.29
Police Department	2,744.93
Fire Department	1,162.91
Engineering Department	262.72
Road Department	1,037.89
Sewer and Disposal Plant	418.25
Dumps	71.50
Building & Grounds	214.25
Snow Removal	133.48
	<u>\$7,621.72</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF PENSION FUND - 2nd half December

Police Department	56.30
Fire Department	<u>20.37</u>
	\$76.67

a motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the payroll for the second half of December as read by the Clerk be approved.

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

The following list of bills was read by the Clerk:

Henry Diehl	Typewriter purchased from Irving Trust Co.	45.00
S. C. Sherry	Letter file	29.00
Industrial Oil Co.	Fuel Oil	32.50
Tidewater Supply Co.	Stone - Road Dept.	57.60
Keuffel & Esser Co.	Tracing Paper - Eng. Dept.	1.65
Manor Garage	Oil - Gas, Supplies	319.41
alliance Lumber Co.	Supplies - Road Dept.	11.16
alliance Lumber Co.	" Bldgs. & Grounds	16.48
C. J. Olsen	Sup. & Repairs Bldg. & Grounds	86.83
W. Gottschalk	Supplies	49.00
Public Service Oil Co.	Gasoline	54.73
"	"	73.43
Gus Pohley	Supplies	2.30
"	"	3.00
Wm. Ludewig	"	15.00
N. J. Bell Tele. Co.	Service - Police	6.55
Times Review	advertising	3.48
G. L. Mendelson	Supplies	2.85
Chas. Wila, Jr.	Services - Elec. Day	10.03
Public Service E. & G.	" Fire Dept.	2.00
"	"	17.24
Rudolph Zimpel	assessment Commission	30.00
Robert J. Lewis	"	30.00
J. Geo. Gross	"	30.00
		<u>\$929.24</u>

Mr. Warner - We ought to have competitive bids on tires.

Mr. Volcker - They called up three or four places.

Mayor - Did you try Sears Roebuck?

Mr. Warner - I really think it would be best to have a record of bids from different companies, and then you are sure that you get best price.

Mr. Volcker - These are just for police cars, and we bought cheapest tires we could.

Mr. Warner - In connection with this bill, can't we pretty soon buy oil wholesale?

Mr. Volcker - I am getting out specifications within the next week or ten days for the gas supply of the Town for the next year. However, we are paying \$.089 a gallon, that is pretty low.

Mr. Warner - I am not saying it isn't low, but I do say that if we have competitive prices and any question comes up, you can say here are the bids we have.

Mr. Volcker - You are right on that. We will ask for prices on both gas and fuel oil.

Mr. Warner asked about bill of Mr. Wild for election, and it was explained that this was for extra services rendered election night bringing in the ballot boxes from the polling places.

a motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the bills from the assessment Commission be held up until the dates are inserted.

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

a motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the bills, with the exception of the assessment Commission bills, be paid when properly approved, sworn to and the money available.

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

Mr. Weiner requested the Township Council to investigate the charges being made by the N. J. Bell Telephone Company, inasmuch as they were still charging the five cents extra for a call from Teaneck-6 to Teaneck-7.

Mr. DeRonde also stated that he was paying more for telephone service now than he did before.

Mr. Paquin stated that his bills were less now than before the new system was installed.

Mr. Weiner requested that Mr. McGowan be asked to come before the Council and explain to the taxpayers of Teaneck the different rates charged.

a motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that Mr. Volcker be instructed to get in touch with Mr. McGowan, asking him to appear before an open meeting and explain the rates of the Telephone Company.

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

Mr. Weiner called attention to a decision of the Supreme Court in Illinois re a telephone company being supplies from a subsidiary company at exorbitant prices.

Lady called attention to the danger of having the policeman stationed at the corner of Queen Anne Road and Market Street without a flood light so that people driving along could see him.

Referred to Mr. Volcker for investigation.

a motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Paquin, and carried, that meeting adjourn. adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

CC

Mayor

COUNCILMEN

Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk.

