

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THURSDAY, March 19th, 1931.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:11 P.M. and on the roll call the following members responded: Mayor Van Wagner, Councilmen Warner, Morten, Paquin and Ely.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the further reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved.

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

The following communications were received:

Communication from First District Republican Club favoring the use of the Tri-Township Poor Farm for Park purposes, but requesting that this property be included in the County Park system.

Referred to Township Manager.

Communication from Assemblyman Jos. C. Kinzley re Senate Bill No. 191 and Assembly Bill No. 208, stating that his vote in the Assembly is always governed by the sentiment of the majority of the people of Bergen County and he will vote according to that sentiment.

Received and filed.

Communication from Assemblyman Jason R. Elliott stating that he has already determined to vote against Bill No. 191. He also agrees with the Municipal Council in their objection to bill No. 280, that such questions should be considered at times when County or State political issues will not becloud the local issue, and he expects to vote accordingly on this bill.

Received and filed.

Communication from Teaneck Post No. 128 requesting the Council to lend their efforts to securing a more centrally located plot of ground suitable for a playground than the Tri-Township Poor Farm. That the Council petition the Freeholders of Bergen County to convert the Poor Farm property into a County Park to be maintained exclusively by the County.

After some discussion on this matter, during which Mr. Paquin stated that if they would suggest where we could secure land, rent free, in a more central location, we would be glad to use that instead, this matter was referred to Mr. Volcker for investigation and for draft of reply which is to be submitted to the Council for approval before it is sent out.

Communication from A. Edmondston requesting that the fire hydrant in front of his property on Grace Terrace be moved about 10 or 15 ft. so that he can park his car in front of his house.

Referred to Township Manager.

Petition signed by about thirty residents of Sagamore and Garrison Aves. protesting against the deplorable condition of these avenues.

Mr. Morten - On the matter of that petition, I would say that last night we had a meeting here between representatives of Brewster and Company and about 15 or 20 of the residents of that neighborhood, and I think we are going to work out a happy solution. I suggest, therefore, that the petition be received and lie on the table for future consideration if necessary.

Mr. Paquin - The paper said they shall be out of that district after twelve more working days, leaving the street in good repair, and in the meantime would scatter as little dirt as possible.

Mr. Morten - Arrangement was made they were going to try and get out in twelve working days, and if there were any differences between Brewster on one side and the residents on the other they were going to try to adjust them amicably and Mr. Boland, representative for Brewster, was to get certain information and report to Mr. Borg who would report to the spokesmen for these residents. I presume that has been done.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the matter lie over until it requires action.

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

Assessment Commission report on Lincoln Place Sanitary sewer was received. The Clerk read the report.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the report be received and the Clerk ordered to set a date for hearing.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution was offered by Mr. Paquin, #435, appointing Dr. F. Dilger as a member of the Health Advisory Board.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Ely apportioning assessments on Block 105, lot 1, but Mr. Morrison requested that this resolution be held up inasmuch as it is before the State Highway Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that the request of the Counsel be granted.

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Morten #436, refunding \$16.78 to Louis Hingstman on Glenwood Park Sewers, Block 366-E, lot 2.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Warner, #437, refunding \$5.48 to Teaneck Development Co. and \$7.42 to D. Meachem on Block 101-B, lots 63 and 64.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Paquin, #438, apportioning assessments on Block 23-D, lots 43 and 43-A.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that this resolution be adopted.

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Ely, #439, apportioning assessments on Block 241-B, lots 38 and 38-A.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that this resolution be adopted.

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Morten, #440, refunding \$6.00 on Block 103-D, lots 5 and 6.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Paquin, #441, refunding \$6.00 on Block 102-E, lot 97.

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.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Morten, #442, refunding \$4.25 to John Scherer on Glenwood Park sewer assessment on Block 332, lot 3.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Paquin, #443 correcting the taxes against Block 109, lot 1, for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 inasmuch as it was assessed for 23.20 acres and an investigation shows that this property has only 14.66 acres, refunding \$320.89 for 1926 taxes - \$550.81 for 1927 taxes - \$820.13 for 1928 taxes, deducting from this amount \$54.50 due to the Township for tax searches.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Morten, that this resolution be adopted.

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Ely, #444, apportioning 1929 taxes on Block 561-A, lot 197-A.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Morten, #445, refunding 2% interest on various blocks and lots in the Glenwood Park Area.

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

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

A resolution was offered by Mr. Warner, #446, apportioning assessments on Block 102-C, lots 35, 35-A and 35-B.

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, motion was declared carried.

Township Manager's Reports -

Mr. Volcker - Report on Police Magistrate for month of February showing amount collected on fines, etc. for Township \$125.00.

The Police report for the month of February shows a total of 94 arrests. \$531.00 was collected for dog licenses.

Board of Adjustment received \$5.00 for an appeal of Aug. Hielm.

Township Clerk's report shows \$198.00 collected for bus franchise tax for the month of February.

The case of the Bogota Water Company came up in Newark last Friday. Mr. Morten and I represented the Township and went far enough into the case to be absolutely satisfied that the return of the Bogota Water Company would net them only 5 or 6% of a fair valuation of the plant. We left that in the hands of the Public Utilities Commission.

Tonight is the night set for receiving of automobile bids, two cars for Public Works and four for the Police. I have here five bids.

Mayor asked if anyone else had a bid to offer.

Bids received are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>
Ridgefield Park Auto Co.	Ford	\$3,140.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Shea Chevrolet Co.	Chevrolet	3,520.00	780.00	1,494.00
Menick	Plymouth	3,840.00	600.00	1,500.00
Cliffside Motor Co.	Ford	3,103.06	1,310.00	No maintenance
B.M.T. Motor	Willys-Kn.	3,047.00	No allowance	355.20

Mayor - Are these bidders residents?

Mr. Volcker - I don't know whether they are. Shea is. Ridgefield Park Auto, they both live in Teaneck.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the bids be received and lie over for consideration.

Discussion was held on the necessity of purchasing these cars as quickly as possible. It was decided that when the meeting adjourn a special date for meeting on this matter should be set.

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

Mr. Volcker - On Sagamore you already have had a partial report. I am very glad that the matter turned out so, because it means we can again start hauling stone for our unimproved streets and also put some in our storage yard for future use. The certiorari, I suppose Mr. Morrison will report on that, comes up on the 25th. I don't know whether this agreement will have any affect on the certiorari or not. Since reporting at the last meeting I received a letter from the Motor Vehicle Commissioner that he didn't approve of the ordinance on the ground that the original ordinance was never approved. I think the attorney's answer to that is that he held it for more than ten days before giving us any answer on it. I do want to correct the impression that our present ordinance is illegal. It is not illegal at the present time. Whether it will or will not be no one can tell. Attorney General cannot determine. It takes the Court of Errors and Appeals to state whether ordinance is illegal or not.

You may have noticed we have two new trees for the Town Hall grounds to replace a few trees lost last year.

Following out a recent suggestion of the Mayor's, I communicated with Dr. Neulen and Mr. High relative to the possibility of giving the senior high school students an inside view into the workings of the Township. As a result of that it was decided that groups will come down to the Town Hall and go through the building, visiting each department in turn and finding out as much as they can absorb in one hour of why the wheels go around and what makes them. The first group comes tomorrow. We have set Friday afternoon from four to five apart for this. Each department will take the people in turn and explain what is going on.

The Advisory Boards are all busy and all enthusiastic and interested. The Finance Board is still working on the very difficult question of assessments. Health Board is working on the Sanitary Code, and giving out health reports.

The Building Code Committee has organized, with Mr. McGuire as Chairman. The Charity Committee has organized with DeRonde as Chairman. The Police Committee has been busy recently investigating the Raby appeal for an advisory opinion.

Last Tuesday Mr. Morten and I were in Trenton again before the Public Utilities Commission on the Main Street grade crossing. Mr. Morten conducted the case

for the Main Street adherents.

Mr. Morten - We offered maps showing the proposed Main Street route which began at a point in Fort Lee Road somewhat east of Willow Street connecting with DeGraw at Willow, continued along DeGraw through Teaneck into Main Street, Bogota, to River Road. We had the figures of Mr. Volcker offered in evidence showing that that route could be contracted for about \$387,000. including cost of overpass bridge of the West Shore Railroad which was \$184,000. less than proposed route that had been ordered by the Public Utilities which was somewhat south of Fort Lee Road and involving the condemnation of both improved and unimproved property. We also showed that no objection could be urged against the adoption of the route which went as far as River Road because of the turn in Main Street and River Road and again into Fort Lee Road, that there was a way to overcome that objection by re-locating the present grade crossing of the Susquehanna Railroad at a point directly opposite Main Street and River Road which would be only temporary because sooner or later that grade crossing must be eliminated. We offered proof of the expense of adopting that present temporary location which was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$58,000. and taking that in consideration we showed that the route we suggested would be \$137,000. less expensive to the State and West Shore Railroad and that would give us a 40' roadway at the eastern end, 56' through Teaneck at DeGraw and then not less than 44' clean through to where the road would connect with Fort Lee Road on the west which was somewhat west of the curve which now exists on Fort Lee Road after it crosses the Susquehanna. After the close of those proofs, the Public Service asked for time to consider. Proofs were offered and matter continued until March 27th, and Mr. Volcker and I expect to attend at that hearing and possibly the matter will be closed at that time.

Mr. Volcker - Route #4, Teaneck Road intersection. That was to have come to a hearing before the State Highway Commission on last Tuesday. However, you know Captain Wilkins is and was at that time very sick. I got in touch with officials of the State Highway Department, and after telling them the situation they struck it off the list for last Tuesday, but I believe it is coming up again next Tuesday and someone will have to pick up where Captain Wilkins has left off. Mr. Morten and I were down at each of these hearings and we will go down again Tuesday. Mr. Morten, will you be going down Tuesday?

Mr. Morten - Yes.

Mr. Volcker - As to the Bell Telephone meeting, I haven't set a date. If Council has any suggestion I will be glad to set it now. You will remember that Vice-President declined to come and referred us back to Mr. McGowan who is ready to meet with the protestants.

Mr. Morten suggested that that be left open for the present and that we get together with Mr. Volcker and fix a date some time within the next two weeks, which was satisfactory to all the Councilmen.

Mr. Volcker - Hackensack Valley Sewerage Commission held a meeting a week ago Wednesday. Mr. Weiner and I went over to the City Hall in Englewood, and met various city officials there. Meeting was not productive of any real results. Commission's work is not far enough along for them to tell us anything of the probabilities of it going through or as to the costs. They did all the asking of the questions, and they wanted to know how each Town's sewerage is being handled and how much money they had left to put in Hackensack Trunk Sewer. The Commission is going up and down the valley gathering engineering data and having aeroplane survey made and getting estimates of the cost. There will be another series of meetings.

On the tax search case I will give a partial report. You had two communications last meeting from a Title Company calling attention of Council to certain searches made two or three years ago on which there had been omissions, and, therefore, the law relieves the property owner from paying the thing which had been omitted. One was in the amount of \$30.00 and another \$130. Mr. Morrison has those letters and will be able to give you a little more data on it.

On the bonding end of it, - in the making of searches under these conditions where the law relieves the property owner from paying for assessments which were omitted from the search, it is a mighty hard law to comply with. Under conditions, especially as you have them in Teaneck, with 273 assessments outstanding, and the records not terribly legible, there are bound to be some mistakes made. I put a hypothetical question to a bonding attorney, asking him what would happen, whether bond would cover. I think you would be interested in the answer. The opinion of the attorney is as follows:

"For the purpose of accuracy we are repeating the hypothetical case presented to you. This company executed in favor of the above mentioned township, its Fidelity Bond #5-15612, to which there is attached a rider stipulating for the faithful performance of duties by the Tax Search Officer. We understand from the situation presented that there is a state act which in effect stipulates that if a Tax Search Officer makes a mistake in a search, and forgets to show on the abstract, some lien or a tax which is due the township, such lien or tax becomes uncollectable and is a loss to the township. Upon this hypothetical case, the question was presented whether this company as surety must sustain the loss suffered by the township.

"The question presented cannot be answered categorically. It is definite that our bond in its expressed condition of faithful performance does not insure the infallibility of the Tax Search Officer. Put in another way, our bond does

not cover liability without fault. A mistake or error does not of itself show that the Tax Officer was derelict in his duties. A mistake or error may be made from the operation of causes which would have led the most skillful and careful man into error. There is legal authority in your state which sustains the position we have taken in the regard. Hoboken vs. Evans 31 N.J. L. (2 Vr.) 342.

"It would, therefore, seem that the situation presented by the Township Manager, in the absence of any further facts, would not be covered under the terms of the rider."

Mr. Volcker - There we are. How can we and in what way can we get protection against any human mistakes which might be made.

Mr. Morten - I am not satisfied with the correctness of the Law. They would not admit liability if they didn't have to.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that this question be laid over until the next meeting.

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

Mr. Volcker - I have a tentative report on the matter of foreclosure proceedings handled by Wright, VanderBurgh and McCarthy, on which there are now costs of \$2400.00.

Mr. Warner - How long has that been going on?

Mr. Volcker - They were given the contract in 1927. Last letter told them there was no provision in the budget to pay for this work and we had an answer the next day.

Mr. Morten - How many titles are there in that \$2400.?

Mr. Volcker - Thirty-one.

Mr. Morten - Thirty-one tax titles, \$2400. charged, and not one completed.

Mr. Morrison - A few were completed.

Mr. Warner suggested that the bill be checked by our attorney and Mr. Morten.

Mr. Volcker - I had these properties all plotted on a map and they are individual lots in the northeast corner, and down here in Glenwood Park and down along the Bogota line. Individually the lots are very poor. From my limited knowledge of the real estate market, they are at present unmarketable unless adjoining property owner wanted it.

Mr. Morten - All of these lots seem to be so scattered and without homes, you couldn't use it for any public use.

Mayor - Probably the Financial Advisory Board could advise us on it.

Mr. Morten - There might be some salvage in some of them.

Mr. Morten suggested that this matter be referred to the Advisory Board for their investigation and recommendation.

Mr. Warner - We ought to have it referred to attorney to find out how much it will cost to complete.

Mr. Volcker - I asked that. Complet costs would be \$250. plus cost in Chancery which usually runs from about \$125. to \$150.

Mr. Morten - They have been lying in attorney's hands for four years and nothing done.

Mr. Warner - Why couldn't we turn it over to Mr. Morrison and if large part of money had been spent it would seem to be worth it to pay \$50. more and get the property in our own name.

Mr. Morten - I think if matter is referred to the Advisory Board for their recommendations and then referred to Mr. Morrison to go over the matter to see if it is advisable to go further.

Mr. Warner - I think Advisory Board is more or less for guidance in policy. They are working and their advice is worth something. We pick on high class men and we don't want to have them go around looking over lots.

Mr. Volcker - I would like an opportunity of sitting with them to see what their opinion is.

Mr. Warner - The Advisory Board would not be familiar with where the lots were.

Mr. Volcker - They know the Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Morten, seconded by Mr. Paquin, that this matter be referred to the Financial Advisory Board for their recommendation.

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

Mr. Volcker - Police examinations were held in the high school Saturday morning and afternoon. Forty-nine took mental test in the morning and 43 took the physical test. At the physical there were four doctors present. The papers are all marked, but not summed up. By that I mean the papers, both the physical and mental, bear no names. Names are in sealed envelopes with the number outside and while the papers have all been averaged, the envelopes have not been opened as yet.

Mayor - Have you seen the papers?

Mr. Volcker - Yes.

Mayor - Are they in the office and checked?

Mr. Volcker - Marked and corrected by two teachers.

Mr. Warner - Who made up examination questions?

Mr. Volcker - I did.

Mr. Warner - Is there any set examination on that?

Mr. Volcker - I waited three weeks for State Department to send me questions, and received a letter that due to press of business they were unable to send them. I got the typical New York examinations and combined them with my own thoughts and made up the examination papers.

The following list of bills was read by the Clerk:

Silent Automatic Sales Co.	Furnace Oil	\$	62.50
Abell Coggeshall	Repairs - Police Car		.20
Jos. Weiss	Tire Tube " "		8.72
G. L. Mendelson	Legal Index - Gen. Govt		2.00
O. Weisgerber & Son	Cinders - Road Dept.		12.50
Henry E. Diehl	Steno. Services		30.00
Daisy L. Rapp	Exam. Police Papers		15.00
Josephine Sippel	" " "		15.00
Theodore Morgan	Use of car for Police		15.00
Goldsmith Bros.	Petty Cash Slips - G.G.		.89
Liebl Press	Dog. Redemp. & App. Slips		11.00
M. Gottschalk	Supplies - Fire Dept.		1.93
Clarence Lofberg	Earned premium on policy		30.15
Wm. Prout, M. D.	Medical Service - Police		15.00
Anna Weber	Services - Bd. of Adjust.		20.00
C. Fred Dandrow	Repairs - Traffic Lights		24.00
W. F. Reynolds	75% Plumbing Permit Fees		109.12
W. F. Reynolds	Fumigations		20.00
Times Review	Bids for automobiles		4.18
L. M. Hargreaves	Mimeographing - Police		2.16
N. Y. Central R. R.	Rental for pipe crossing		5.00
N. J. Bell Tele. Co.	Services - Police & Gen. Govt.		55.25
N. J. Bell Tele. Co.	Service - Road Garage		9.90
Public Ser. E. & G. Co.	" Disposal Plant		208.60
Public Ser. E. & G. Co.	" Fire Dept.		18.55
Public Ser. E. & G. Co.	" Bldg. & Grounds		102.45
Public Ser. E. & G. Co.	" Police Dept.		56.42
Hackensack Water Co.	" Grds. & Bldgs. Dis. Pl.		42.75
Hackensack Water Co.	" Disposal Plant		68.11
Al. Pierce	Painting street signs		51.80
M. Gottschalk	Supplies - Eng. & Road Depts.		26.80
C. Fred Dandrow	50% Bldg. Permit Fees		280.50
C. Fred Dandrow	100% Elec. Sign Permits		10.50
Geo. M. Brewster & Son	Eng. Dept. Suspense		25.00
Regional Plan Assn.	Membership - Paul Volcker		5.00
L. M. Hargreaves	Mimeographing - Fire		3.13
Times Review	Board of Adjustment		2.40
O. Weisgerber & Son	Cinders - Road Dept.		12.50
R. J. Pearson	Petty Cash		6.27
Wright, Vanderburgh & McCarthy	Cedar Lane Widening		19.10
Louis G. Morten	Purchase of stationery		8.00
L. A. MacElwreath	Boiler Inspection		7.00
Woodhouse Mfg. Co.	Pyrene Liquid - Fire Dept.		45.85
Mayberry Linen Sup. Co.	Towel Service - Fire Dept.		29.00
Standard Motor Parts	Supplies - Dis. Plant		1.40
O. Weisgerber & Son	Cinders - Road Dept.		25.00
Al. Rohde	Ice for February		6.75
O. Weisgerber & Son	Cinders - Road Dept.		62.50
Bergen Bldg. Block Co.	" Grounds & Bldgs.		12.00
Hack. Auto Radiator Wks.	Repairs - Police Car		2.50
Home Fuel Oil Co.	Fuel Oil - Road Dept.		31.25
O. Weisgerber & Son	Cinders - Road Dept.		250.00
Lackawanna Laundry Co.	Towel Service - Bldg.		7.50
Board of Education	Payment on Budget		30,000.00
J. Geo. Gross	1930 Assess. Comm.		30.00
Rudolph Zimpel	1930 " "		30.00
Robert J. Lewis	1930 " "		30.00

C. W. Hudgins	1931 Assess. Comm.	\$ 60.00
J. Mayher	" " "	60.00
Anna Weber	" " " Secy.	35.00
Standard Motor Parts	Supplies - Rd. & Police	13.00
Bonn & Duane	Poor Relief	5.22
Sweeney Fuel, Inc.	" "	28.00
Sheffield Farms Co.	" "	38.24
Grand Union	" "	38.54
M. Massamo	Refund, Bl. 238A, lot 13	1.00
R. J. Pearson, Coll.	Refund of Gas Stub	6.00
G. Becker	" " "	6.00
Payroll	Second half March	6,750.00
Pension Fund	" " "	85.00
Horn Signal Co.	Signs - Police Dept.	42.40
		<u>\$39,156.53</u>

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

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Morrison - This certiorari on trucking ordinance is returnable on the 25th and return is being made.

The case of Spiegelglass and Eickhoff was up for hearing yesterday and again postponed by the Judge for at least two weeks. They have been pending for at least a year.

Mr. Volcker - On Cedar Lane curbs I was over in Hackensack one day last week and saw Mr. Browne in connection with this Main Street grade crossing location. He at that time said that the paving of Cedar Lane was still on the books and that the chances were very much in favor that the County would pave Cedar Lane this year. He told me he would like to see me some time the latter part of this week.

Mr. Warner - It is not very satisfactory to have things put off and off without having anything done.

Mr. Paquin - I understood from statements made by Freeholders that the paving of Cedar Lane is contingent on having the curbs put in, and I understood property owners were to put in curbs.

Mr. Warner - We don't want to do that until Township agrees to put in storm drain and paving. Mr. Volcker has made arrangements to have curbs put in.

Mr. Volcker - A good many of the property owners will set their curbs voluntarily as soon as it is known that the Freeholders will pave the street.

Mr. Paquin - The only thing is to wait for Freeholders to say they will go ahead.

Mr. Warner - I would like to see it carried on unfinished business. In connection with that would be acquisition of some property by gift, which Dingfelder has agreed to give us.

Mr. Paquin - Under what conditions?

Mr. Volcker - Under conditions that we move sidewalk back and pay for it.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Whipple inquired if this Township had an enforceable traffic ordinance at the present time. Mr. Volcker said we have a traffic ordinance which has not been declared illegal. We, therefore, consider it effective. It is under a certiorari. Considerable discussion was held on this matter.

Mrs. Whipple then asked if Council draws any distinction between secret sessions of an executive nature and private conferences of a public nature behind closed and locked doors. She read a prepared statement regarding a meeting between Mr. Weiner and another gentleman which she stated was behind locked doors and asked where the line was drawn between public business and private conferences.

Mr. Morten said that public hearings refer to the hearings of the Council. Private citizens are not allowed to interfere with Advisory Boards or other citizens who may be here in the interest of the Council.

Mr. Shea requested that the letter accompanying his bid be read which was done.

Mr. Walker - When Clerk read list of bills, one item there, did he say payroll for first half or second half.

Mr. Diehl - Second half of March.

Mr. Volcker - It is the second half.

Mr. Walker - It is absolutely wrong. It is wrong to pass the payroll now for the end of the month. I want to register my protest.

Mr. Warner - We would have to have a meeting to approve it or hold municipal employees up with their money. We decided we would pass the payroll, but not approve the bill until the money was due.

Mayor - I believe you are correct.

Mr. Morten - Motion does not order payment. It specifies the amount that will be paid when bills have been approved and sworn to.

Mr. Paquin - In every instance when the date of the next Council meeting is more than two or three days from the date of the payroll a special meeting has been called to authenticate the payroll. I remember coming here several times. Motion provides that bills be ordered paid when properly sworn to, approved and the money available. This motion just makes the money available when properly sworn to. This may save us the inconvenience of coming to another meeting. Bills cannot be paid until services have been rendered.

Mr. Reilly - I understand from Mr. Volcker's report that final agreement has been reached between Township and Route #4. I have in mind just one point. Has any consideration been given to the disposition of unpaid assessments on improved streets where assessments will be wiped out. If not, I think that ought to be taken into consideration before final agreement is made with the Highway Commission. Particular instance I am talking about is north side of Elizabeth Avenue. I know those assessments have not been paid.

Mr. Morten - If they take that Township receives its part of that assessment or whatever lien we have.

Mr. Reilly - Have we agreement?

Mr. Morten - We don't need one in that respect. If they don't make us a party we are not deprived of our lien. They purchase it on private contract, and when they find a lien upon it they deduct that lien and pay the Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Warner, that the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, March 25th, 1931, at 8:00 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Diehl

Township Clerk.

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Wm. A. Gue
Mayor

Councilmen
Arthur E. Gue
Samuel R. Paquin
George M. Gue
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