

Clifton, Virginia

3 January 1952

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor at the home of Mrs. Nannie Johnson at 8 p.m., with the following members present:

W. S. Elgin, mayor	Edward Detwiler, st. comm'r.
Elmer Ayre, councilman	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treas.	Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, clerk
R. R. Buckley, councilman	

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was some discussion of the matter of the proposed Clifton School, and after report of the clerk on action by the Parent-Teacher Association Committee on sites, it was decided that Mr. Buckley would attend a supper meeting of the PTA the following Wednesday, and that all interested citizens would be urged to attend for purpose of discussing the available sites and asking questions or offering suggestions.

The following bills were presented and approved for payment:

Town lighting, December 51	\$30.00
Town sergeant, December 51	15.00

It was moved and seconded that Foster Cabaniss be authorized to handle hauling of trash. Carried. It was moved and seconded that trash collection be made every two months. Carried. The last Saturday of the month was suggested for this work when practicable; notices will be sent out each time hereafter on the previous Wednesday. The first such collection will be 12 January, weather permitting. Mr. Cabaniss is authorized to arrange for better dumping facilities if he can do so.

The matter of a zoning board action again came before the meeting. It was decided that no immediate action would be taken county-wise, and that the mayor would appoint a zoning board of three members to suggest appropriate plans.

The mayor appointed Elmer Ayre to consult the commonwealth attorney on arrangements necessary for securing the services of the county dog-catcher inside the corporation limits.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand first of December	\$2055.86
Disbursements to date	\$65.75
Taxes collected to date	448.97
Balance on hand this date	\$2439.08

There being no further business to come before the Council, it stood adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Clifton, Virginia.  
5 February 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor at the home of Mrs. Delsie Buckley at 8 p.m., with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	R. R. Buckley, councilman
Elmer Ayre, councilman	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, January	\$30.00
Town sergeant, January	15.00
January trash removal:	
Foster Cabaniss	18.00
Woodrow Lewis	6.00

The treasurer requested that those making trash collections be informed that in the future payment would be made following the next Town Council meeting, rather than on the day of collection.

The mayor announced that the following citizens had been appointed to serve on the Clifton Zoning Commission: Carl Ambler, ~~D. W. Buckley, Jr.~~ *D. W. Buckley, Jr.*, ~~Johnson~~, and John Gunther. Mr. Liddell has been asked to give these names to the ~~Commonwealth Attorney~~. *Circuit Judge.*

In regard to inquiry relative to dog ordinances, Mr. Ayre reported that the necessary action by the Town Council was to adopt an ordinance similar to that of Fairfax County, and thereafter request the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to extend the county pound services to the Town of Clifton.

Request was made that light bulbs be installed in the poles near the property of Mr. Harry Selby and Mrs. Sweeny.

Mr. Buckley reported that the Clifton Parent-Teacher Association had sponsored an open meeting for the school district residents at the Clifton Fire House, at which the vote was 41 to 8 in favor of retaining the present site for the new Clifton School, and that the School Board at today's meeting had designated the architect to draw up the plans. The latter will take about two months; when these preliminary plans are ready they will be discussed with residents before being sent to Richmond for preliminary OK. The architect's fee for the whole project is to be 5 percent of the amount for which the contract is let.

Mr. Ayre reported that since 1 January 1952 there is no official county surveyor, and that since the corporation survey had not yet been started (other than the paperwork done by Mr. Liddell) he wished to mention that Mr. O. K. Paternoster, Route 1, Lorton, had been recommended to him as a very competent man. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Berry be asked to complete the survey at once, and that if he could not do so another surveyor be gotten at a cost not to exceed \$200. Carried.

It was planned to hold the next regular meeting at the home of Mr. Fugitt.

Respectfully submitted,

*V. Sweeney*

Mrs. C. P. Sweeney, Clerk

APPROVED:

*W. Swem Elgin*

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
4 March 1952

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton Va. was convened by the mayor at the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. with the following members present:

W. W. Swem Elgin, mayor                      W. Edward Detwiler, councilman  
Delsie Buckley, treasurer                  Ruel Fugitt, councilman  
R. R. Buckley, councilman                  Virginia Sweeny, clerk

This was an open meeting to which all residents were invited as usual.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, February	\$30.00
Town sergeant, February	15.00

*Town* In regard to the corporation survey, the mayor reported that Mr. Berry has been checking the Clifton charter but has not finished this. It was recommended that we have Mr. Wright, who has been ~~doing~~ the new Fairfax ~~township~~ survey to complete the Clifton work, and that he be contacted before a final decision is made; Mr. Liddell was asked to see both Mr. Berry and Mr. Wright on this matter.

The clerk read replies from Supervisor of Assessments John Ferguson and County Attorney H. B. Marsh on the subject of reassessment of property in the Clifton area, stating that this could not be undertaken at this time since there was no official charged with such responsibility under the new form of county government.

The mayor recognized Mr. Harry Selby as spokesman for the general public present, who stated that the town residents had held an open meeting in regard to protection of the Southern Railroad crossing on Main Street. Mr. Selby asked Mr. Liddell to report further on the matter. Mr. Liddell stated that he had checked the position of the Town Council in such a matter and read from the present statute with reference to the powers of a Town Council of an incorporated town, Section 56.4.10 of the Virginia Code of 1950, entitled "Erection of gates, etc., in cities and towns" (copy attached hereto).

The mayor asked for expressions of opinion on the present situation and the best methods for remedying it. Mr. Calvin Millen was recognized, and stated that the present protection is inadequate, the lights being outmoded and not easily seen; that the lights have been seen to fail and that when this was reported no remedial action was taken; that the lights sometimes come on after the engine has passed the crossing. Mr. Millen felt that we should have modern, adequate and proper protection of the crossing, including flashing lights and bells. He cited an incident of the preceding Friday at 2 p.m. when only the shouts of Mr. Ladue, Mr. Clyde Mathers and warned a driver turning into 645 from 641 in time to stop a few feet from the oncoming train, in spite of the train whistle.

Mr. Liddell suggested that the Council authorize an ordinance, to be drawn up by him in collaboration with Mr. R. R. Buckley, effective in requiring the railroad to install the necessary gate, flagman, or bell at the crossing.

It was noted that the Manassas crossing has both bell and flashing lights.

*Edward*  
Mr. Detwiler suggested the installation of three lights, one green and two flashing red.

Mr. Woodside noted that the Manassas lights can be seen from either side of the tracks.

Mr. Burke noted that the whistle posts once governing the crossing had been removed some time ago, which probably accounted for the fact that all trains did not whistle uniformly.

Mr. Webb commented that whistling is not effective from a distance such as from No. 5 Bridge.

Mr. Sullivan asked whether the railroad could guard Railroad Street from the Presbyterian Church. He suggested a STOP sign be placed at the foot of this street.

Mr. Bailey suggested that the proposed ordinance require flashing lights, gates and a watchman. Mrs. ~~Robert~~ *Robert* Prentiss seconded this, with special emphasis on the protection of school children.

*Edward*  
Mr. Detwiler pointed out that gates can be a hazard, particularly since in storms the circuits controlling gates, bells and lights may go off, leaving the crossing unprotected at a time when some people lean on these devices.

Mrs. Delsie Buckley suggested that a request be made that trains blow for the crossing and the whistle posts be replaced; this was restated in the form of a motion, but was later withdrawn in favor of the following motion suggested by Mr. Detwiler: Moved and seconded that the Town Council authorize its Legal Adviser to draw up an ordinance covering lights, gates, watchman, bells to be used for crossing protection in the corporate limits; and that this proposed ordinance be advertised in the prescribed way. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stuart DeBell asked whether anything had been done in the way of requesting a watchman for school children crossing the tracks from now until further protective devices were achieved. In a similar case Officer Shumate has promised to provide uniform and appointment as special policeman for any such watchman secured by the town.

*Stuart DeBell*  
*may*

Mr. Liddell explained that such a guard had been proposed at the open public meeting sponsored by the PTA, with the suggestion that such service be paid for by the corporation, and for periods of 8-9:30 and 3:30-4:30.

Mr. De Bed was of the opinion that the county might be able to furnish such a guard temporarily. It was moved and seconded that this matter be followed up. Carried.

The mayor will ask the Southern R.R. to re-install whistle posts and do what can be done in regard to flashing lights and bells in advance of passage of the proposed ordinance.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand last meeting	\$ 2,371.58
Disbursements during month	69.00
Balance on hand this date	\$ 2,302.58

There being no further business, the  
meeting stood adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Seamy  
Clark

W. Seamy  
Clark

LAW OFFICE OF  
GEORGE T. LIDDELL  
722 WASHINGTON LOAN AND TRUST BLDG.  
800 F STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.  
DISTRICT 2812

Section 56-410, Virginia Code 1950:

Erection of gates, etc., in cities and towns.— Whenever, in the opinion of the council of any city or incorporated town, the public interest requires that a gate be erected and maintained, or a flagman stationed and kept at the place where any highway or street is crossed, within the corporate limits of such town or city, by any railroad, it shall give the railroad written notice that the same is required, and the railroad company shall, within the time prescribed in such notice, erect and maintain at such crossing the style of gate directed in such notice, and keep a man in charge of the same during such hours as the council may designate, or keep a flagman at such crossing during such hours as it may require. And the council may authorize the discontinuance of such gate or flagman whenever, in its judgment, the public interest no longer requires the same.



Clifton, Virginia  
1 April 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va., was convened by the Mayor at the Clifton Fire Department Auditorium at 8:15 p.m., with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	R. R. Buckley, councilman
Elmer Ayre, councilman	Ruel Fugett, councilman and
Delsie Buckley, treasurer	acting clerk
<i>Edward Peterson, councilman</i>	

The acting clerk read the minutes of the meeting of 4 March, which were approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, March	\$30.00
Town sergeant, March	15.00
Town Treasurer, Jan-Mar	15.00
Town clerk, Jan-Mar	7.50
Foster Cabaniss, hauling trash	28.50
Woodrow Lewis, helper	7.50

Mr. Buckley presented and read the draft of the proposed ordinance requiring installation of safeguards at railroad crossings in the corporation (copy attached). It was moved and seconded that this draft with the changes noted be advertized in the Fairfax Herald with appropriate foreword to be supplied by the town's legal adviser. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the attached resolution regarding blowing of train whistles be adopted and copy forwarded to the Southern Railroad. Carried.

The Mayor was requested to assemble all town ordinances now in force and turn them over to the legal adviser for codifying.

Mr. Calvin Millen was recognized, and addressed the Town Council in favor of installation of a 30,000 gallon reservoir tank to be placed on the Hickey property in back of C. R. Buckley property to furnish water for fire fighting. The mayor was asked to contact the attorney for the Hickey Estate for permission to so locate the reservoir.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruel Fugett*  
Ruel Fugett, Acting Clerk

APPROVED:

*W. Swem Elgin*  
W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
Clifton Firehouse  
6 May 1952, 8 p.m. EDT

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va., was convened by the mayor with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	R. R. Buckley, councilman
Elmer Ayre, councilman	W. E. Detwiler, st. comm'r.
Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
Virginia E. Sweeny, clerk	

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Clerk read the pending ordinance regarding safety measures at railroad crossings in the Corporation as amended at previous meeting, and the introductory material to be published therewith. Due to the changes incorporated in the wording, it was moved and seconded that the railroad crossing ordinance be approved as changed. Carried. Resolution regarding blowing of train whistles was read with necessary alterations; it was moved and seconded that this resolution be approved as read. Carried.

The mayor presented a resignation handed him by the Town Sergeant. It was moved and seconded that this resignation be accepted. Carried.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, April	\$30.00
Prince William Electric	
Cooperative, bulks	19.20
Town sergeant	16.50
(April plus 3 days	
in May)	

The mayor reported that Mr. Forrest had requested that he see him personally in regard to the water storage tank, but that Mr. Millen had since suggested that pipe might be laid from Pope's Head up Main Street to School Street for firefighting purposes. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Detwiler be designated to study the plan and make recommendations to the Council, in order to determine whether this plan should be adopted and by what means effected, and to secure estimates for the work if deemed advisable.

The mayor was requested to ask the State Highway Department to put pipe under the road by the Margaret Detwiler property, Jackson property, and Ayre property, to carry off excess rainwater.

It was moved and seconded that the mayor be authorized to secure judges for the Town Election in June. Carried. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to all residents giving details of election procedure.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Council accept from Mrs. Carl Ambler the gift of a davenport for the Council room. Carried.

Treasurer reported as follows:


Balance on hand first of April	\$\$2375.13
Disbursements during April	103.50
Balance on hand this date	\$2271.63

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SAFETY  
MEASURES AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE TOWN OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Clifton, Virginia, held on the 6th day of May, 1952, it was proposed to adopt the following ordinance, and the Clerk of said Town was directed to advertise in two consecutive weekly issues of a newspaper published or circulated in the County of Fairfax that the Council for the said Town proposed to adopt such an ordinance at the regular meeting of said Council to be held on

**TUESDAY**

**JUNE 3, 1952**

commencing at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Daylight Saving Time

in the Firehouse at Clifton, Virginia;

said ordinance being as follows, to-wit:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the Town of Clifton, Fairfax County, Virginia, this 3rd day of June, 1952, that, within 90 days after said date, in the interests of public safety, at all places where public streets cross a railroad within the corporation limits of the said town the railway company shall keep a flagman on duty during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week while

the public schools are in session, and during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each and every Sunday; that traffic lights shall be maintained which shall show a green signal when street traffic may proceed to cross said railroad in safety, and two flashing red lights of sufficient and adequate candlepower shall show when trains are approaching; that bells shall be maintained to warn street traffic of approaching trains; and that uniform whistle signals shall be blown by all trains approaching said crossings.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any previous ordinances which are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Attest:

Virginia E. Seay  
Clerk, Town of Clifton, Va.

*W. E. Seay*  
*Mayor*

WHEREAS for many years trains passing through the Town of Clifton, Virginia, have been blowing their whistles in such a manner as to cause considerable annoyance, resulting in the writing of many letters to the Southern Railway Company, including correspondence from the said Town to the said railway company; and

WHEREAS such correspondence has been brought about by some few train crews which have blown whistles unreasonably; and

WHEREAS in recent years diesel locomotives have largely replaced steam locomotives, thereby increasing the necessity for uniform whistles, and otherwise changing the situation;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that train whistles shall sharply sound an uniform signal at a distance of not less than 300 yards nor more than 400 yards from the place where the railroad crosses upon the same level any highway or crossing in the Town of Clifton, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any previous action taken by the Council for the Town of Clifton, Virginia, which is inconsistent with these resolutions is hereby rescinded.

DATED 6 May 1952

True copy attested:

*Virginia E. Sweezy*  
Clerk, Town of Clifton, Va.

*W. B. Swenley*  
*may 11*

Clifton, Va.  
3 June 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor in the Clifton Firehouse at 8 p.m. with the following members and visitors present:

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor                      Ruel Fugett, Councilman  
R. R. Buckley, Councilman                Virginia Sweeny, Clerk  
W. Edward Detwiler, Councilman  
Representatives of the Southern Railway: Messrs. McNutt,  
Booth, Fox, and Brown  
Mr. Calvin Millen

*minutes?*

The mayor asked Mr. Booth, Assistant Division Counsel of the Southern Railway to speak on the pending safety ordinance affecting local railway crossings. Mr. Booth stressed the fact that he would support the installation of the latest type safety devices for the crossing, and advised the flashing lights with bell, as had been installed at Manassas. These lights are planned to meet State Standards. The exact delivery date for such equipment was not immediately available, but could be ascertained within 30 days. The matter of crossing guard was discussed, but in view of the semi-police authority needed for effectiveness, he felt that the Railway would not feel in a position to provide such a guard; the use of the station agent for such work would not be allowed by the Union.

It was moved and seconded that the Railway be given 30 days to determine when it could install lights and bells, and to withhold enactment of the ordinance until this information is received.  
Carried.

Mr. Millen was asked to contact Mr. Stewart Debell regarding the possibility of securing police women for crossing protection.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Town lighting, May	\$30.00
Fairfax Herald, advertizing	10.93
Jail commitment bill	4.25
Trash collection: F. Cabaniss	22.50
W. Lewis	27.50

The new Social Security regulations for municipal employees were discussed. It was moved and seconded that the Clerk should write the Commission returning the Plan of Agreement properly executed, and ask further clarification.

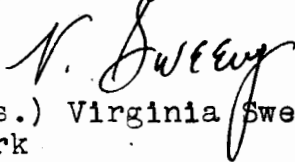
Mr. Detwiler reported that to run 1000 feet of 3" pipe (cost approaching \$2 per foot installed) would seem to be prohibitive in cost. Mr. Millen suggested a pond be made behind the Robert Buckley property; it was pointed out that the drainage from the Buckley house would prohibit this. Mr. Detwiler announced that the county is getting some tank cars which will be used for transporting water to fire sites. It was also suggested that the Southern Railway might be asked to ~~allow the~~ install ~~ation~~ 12" pipe under the tracks so that hose could be connected through this conduit without disturbing operations over the roadbed.

The mayor agreed to contact the railway company on the matter.

It was moved and seconded that the drainage ditch to the Baptist Church have pipe installed at the corporation's expense providing this meets with the approval of the Church. Carried. The length installation required will be determined by the mayor, Mr. Detwiler and Mr. Fugett.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



(Mrs.) Virginia Sweeny  
Clerk

Approved:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor



1 July 1952  
Clifton Fire House

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened at 8 p.m. by the mayor with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	R. R. Buckley, councilman
Elmer Ayre, councilman	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
	Mrs. Virginia E. Sweeny, Clerk

Minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read and approved.

The mayor reported that Mr. Booth of the Southern Railway Company had phoned to report that safety lights for the Clifton crossing had been approved and ordered, but that a delivery date had not been received as yet. It was moved and seconded that the Southern Railway Company be granted an extension of thirty (30) days until the next regular meeting to furnish this information. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that judges for the ~~forthcoming~~ recent municipal election be paid \$7.50 per day. Carried.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment :

Town lighting, June	\$30.00
Town treasurer, April-June 1952	15.00
Town clerk, April-June 1952	7.50
Fairfax Herald, for ballots	5.00
Election Judges:	
Mrs. Inez Kincheloe	7.50
Mrs. Alice Woodyard	7.50
Mr. George Kidwell	7.50

The mayor was further authorized to pay for a load of gravel used at the McMullen property when this bill is received.

The following returns of vote cast in the regular bi-yearly municipal election was directed to be included in the minutes of the meeting:

Elmer Ayre	21 (council)	Ruel Fugitt	38 (council)
Delsie Buckley	35 "	Virginia E. Sweeny	26 "
R. R. Buckley	40 "	Stuart Bryce	1 "
W. Edward Detwiler	39 "	W. Swem Elgin	39 (for mayor)

The mayor reported that the State Highway Department had completed the following work: Fixing of road at J. Detwiler's; fixing of Pope's Head bridge; and that the work of ditching between Clifton and Centreville will be done shortly.

Mr. Buckley was asked to draft an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of songbirds and fixing penalties for damaging of public or private property by gunfire. The clerk was further instructed to include in the next trash collection notice a warning to parents on the subject of carrying of guns by minors and shooting of songbirds or damaging of property. The mayor was to contact Mr. Fred Brown, the game warden, and ask him to keep an eye on the situation pending enactment of such legislation.

The mayor reported that he had not heard from either the <sup>former</sup> county surveyor or the one suggested as alternative choice, although they had both been contacted by Mr. Lyddell. Mr. Buckley stated that he had also inquired of Mr. Walter Ralph whether he would undertake such a survey, and that he would contact him further during the following week.

The matter of a Zoning Board Report was brought up, and the mayor was asked to inquire of Circuit Judge whether the appointment of Zoning Board Members suggested by the mayor and council had been made official.

It was suggested that the Planning Commission members submit a tentative budget at the next regular meeting in order that it might be posted previous to the September meeting at which it would be subject to adoption.

The treasure reported as follows:

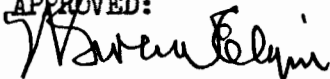
B alance on hand 3 June 1952	\$2,205.93
Disbursements during June	<u>75.18</u>
Balance on hand this date	\$2,130.75

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Virginia E. Sweeny

APPROVED:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

28 July 1952  
Clifton Fire House

The mayor convened a special meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia at 8:30 p.m., with the following members present and voting:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

Councilman Buckley was given the floor, and announced that in the near future the Virginia Electric Power Company proposed running a high voltage feeder line adjacent to the corporation limits, and that this line was scheduled to run through a piece of property which he had for some time contemplated presenting to the Town of Clifton for recreation and park purposes. If any transfer of title was to be effected, he felt this should be done before the final transaction with the VEPCO. For that reason he presented for approval of the Town Council a draft title deed transferring to the Town of Clifton a tract of 8 acres adjacent to the town limits to the southwest and lying between the bluff near the Jackson property and Pope's Head, in return for the sum of \$5 and other valuable considerations.

It was moved and seconded that the Town of Clifton accept Mr. Buckley's offer and authorize payment of a sum not to exceed \$10 in accordance with the conditions set forth in the proposed title deed, and that the Town of Clifton further assume all taxes levied against the described tract for that portion of the calendar year 1952 preceding date of acquisition by the Town of Clifton. Carried.

It was further recommended that the fee for extending the VEPCO line over the property in question be \$500 if no poles are set within that acreage, and \$1,000 if poles must be placed on the property, this money to be expended on its development and furnishing with park and picnic facilities.

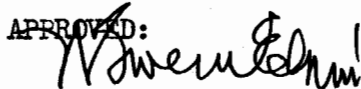
Mr. Buckley was asked to draw up final title deed and turn over to Mrs. Oscia Mathers all papers necessary for recording of the transfer. The clerk was authorized to reimburse Mrs. Mathers for the recording fee when this amount was ascertained. Upon completion of recording, the clerk was further instructed to write to Mr. John Ferguson stating that the transfer, effective 1 August, had been made, and requesting statement of taxes due for the period 1 January 1952 through 31 July 1952 to be paid by the Town of Clifton.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Virginia E. Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

5 August 1952  
Town Council Chamber

The regular monthly meeting was convened at 8:15 p.m. by Mr. Detwiler in the absence of the mayor, the following members and visitors being present:

Elmer Ayre, councilman	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia E. Sweeny, clerk
Mr. Bacon, representative of VEPCO	
Mr. Millen, Manassas Journal-Messenger	

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Elmer Ayre be named chairman of the meeting. Carried.

The clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting of 1 July and of the special meeting of 28 July, both of which were approved as read.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, July	\$30.00
Fee for recording of Park Title	3.15
Trash collection 26 July:	
L. Foster Cabaniss	
W. Lewis	

Treasurer for stamps & envelopes

It was moved and seconded that an extra trash collection be made on the last Saturday of August (30 August). Carried.

Mr. Buckley explained to Mr. Bacon that he had been invited to the meeting in view of the fact that the property belonging to Mr. Buckley over which the Virginia Electric Power Company wished to extend its high voltage feeder line had been transferred effective 1 August 1952 to the ownership of the Town of Clifton, and any further arrangements for right-of-way would have to be considered by that body.

Mr. Bacon explained that the proposed line would feed the Middleburg region, but would not be available for current for the Prince William Electric Cooperative. The VEPCO is offering \$275 for 338 feet of 100-ft. wide right-of-way through the 8-acre tract owned by the Town of Clifton, which would amount to slightly over \$300 per acre of land affected.

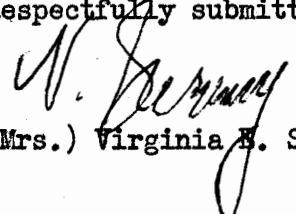
In view of the fact that the contract and plats would have to be reworded, it was decided that the further consideration of the matter should be postponed until such time as Mr. Bacon could ascertain whether it was intended to place poles on the property, and until a recheck on title could be made by VEPCO.

Mr. Buckley read the proposed budget for FY 1953 (see copy attached). This was amended as indicated on the attachment. It was moved and seconded that the proposed ~~amended~~ budget with amendments be posted publicly prior to formal consideration at the regular September meeting. Carried.

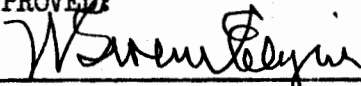
It was announced that the ladies of the Presbyterian Church have requested permission to use the Town Council Chamber for temporary storage purposes during the week preceding their September auction sale. It was agreed that this request should be granted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Virginia B. Sweeny

APPROVED:

  
W. Swen Elgin, Mayor

The matter of provision of a crossing guard was taken up. Mr. Millen reported that Mr. Debell had stated that the county would pay one half of the cost, since this was an incorporated town (cost is assumed in full when crossing is not within a corporation), and that he would do what he could to see whether the full cost could be paid by the county. In view of the fact that the Southern Railway Company has informed the mayor that they had not yet been able to secure delivery of the new crossing lights, it was felt that it would be well to provide a guard ~~pending~~ when school opened, pending installation of better lights. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Millen contact Mr. Debell to see what could be done toward providing a watchman for the crossing at county expense pending installation of signal lights; and further that if the matter is not satisfactorily cared for through this channel, to call a special meeting of the Town Council to deal with the matter. Carried.

An alternative to regular police guard would be parttime guard commissioned by the Police of the County from among the women of the community. Such parttime duty carries a salary of \$50 per month.

Clifton Town Council Chambers  
2 September 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members and visitors present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	Colonel J. F. Quinn
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Calvin Millen
W. Edward Detwiler, councilman	
Ruell Fugett, councilman	
Virginia Sweeny, clerk	

The mayor having been previously sworn in for the term of office commencing September 1952, swore into office the following council-members-elect:

R. R. Buckley	Ruell Fugett
W. Edward Detwiler	Virginia Sweeny

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Virginia E. Sweeny be appointed Clerk of the Town of Clifton. Motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes of the regular August meeting and the publicly-posted FY 1953 budget.

Mr. Millen reported that Mr. Stewart DeBell stated that Fairfax County would furnish \$60.00 a month towards the hiring of a crossing guard pending installation of new railway signals; if no man were available the same amount would be paid to women deputies.

It was moved and seconded that the posted budget be amended to increase the amount for Town Sergeant's salary to \$480, and that the tax rate be increased to \$.55 per hundred in order to cover this expenditure for extra duty as crossing-guard morning and afternoon. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget for FY 1953 as above amended be adopted. Carried.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that an Auditing Committee be appointed with the following members: Robert Buckley, L. Wyckliffe Johnson,. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Delsie Buckley be appointed Treasurer of the Town of Clifton. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that E. G. Taylor be appointed Deputy Treasurer of the Town of Clifton. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that W. Edward Detwiler be appointed Street Commissioner of the Town of Clifton. Motion carried.

Colonel Quinn suggested that parents be encouraged to inhibit the actions of their children at Halloween, where the destruction of property and molestation of citizens was involved.

It was moved and seconded that Ruell Fugett be appointed Lighting Commissioner. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, August	\$30.00
Trash collection 30 August:	
L. Foster Cabaniss	
Jackie Wells	5.00

It was moved and seconded that the mayor and Mr. Detwiler be authorized to hire a Town Sergeant as soon as it is known just what financial support will be given by Fairfax County. Motion Carried.

Mr. Buckley reported that he has contacted Mr. Robinson, Fairfax County Park Commissioner relative to the new park, and read his reply in which it was stated that the property could be transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority for improvement and maintenance; the next meeting of the Park Authority will be 24 September. After some discussion of various aspects of this arrangement, the Town Council was favorably disposed toward the plan, but felt it would be advantageous to consider the matter further before making a final decision.

Mr. Fugett reported that the Baptist Church had approved installation of pipe for drainage along Harris Street as proposed by the Town Council. It was moved and seconded that this pipe be installed extending to the drainage ditch on the property line. *Carried*

Mr. Detwiler reported that the surveyor Mr. Ralph had told Mr. Ayre that he would be willing to start the town survey at any time, but that it would cost less if done after leaves were off the trees.

The mayor was asked to contact the Highway Engineer relative to the need for TOWN OF CLIFTON direction signs as follows: two at the Braddock Road and 645 intersection near Mat Crosson place; one at southern intersection of Braddock Road and 645; one where 645 leaves ~~leaves~~ the Lee Highway at the Virginia Diner; one at Butts Crossroad; one where 612 meets the Occoquan Road near the Paul Brown place.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Virginia E. Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED

  
W. Swen Elgin, Mayor

Town Council Chambers  
Clifton, Virginia  
15 September 1952

A special meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order by the mayor at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of appointing a Town Sergeant and Deputy Town Sergeants, the following members being present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor  
Delsie Buckley, treasurer  
R. R. Buckley, councilman

W. Edward Detwiler, councilman  
Ruell Fugett, councilman

Due to the illness of the clerk Mr. Fugett acted in that capacity.

The mayor recommended the appointment of Raymond D. Padgett as Town Sergeant, L. Foster Cabaniss and Granville Brill as Deputy Town Sergeants.

After some discussion it was moved and seconded that Mr. Padgett be appointed as Town Sergeant, and that Mr. Cabaniss and Mr. Brill be appointed as Deputy Town Sergeants. Motion carried.

The mayor asked for authorization to purchase a Deputy Town Sergeant's badge for Mr. Brill. It was so moved and seconded; motion carried. The bill for this purchase will be presented at the next regular meeting of the council.


The mayor was instructed to meet with the appointees and swear them into office immediately. Notice of these appointments will be posted on the Town Bulletin Board by the Clerk.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruell Fugett  
Acting Clerk

APPROVED:

  
W. Swem Elgin, mayor



Clifton Firehouse  
7 October 1952

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members and visitors present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	Mr. R. A. Bragg, Right-of-Way Agent,
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Virginia Electric Power Company
W. Edward Detwiler, st. commr.	Mr. Fred Crum, Right-of-Way Agent,
Ruel Fugett, councilman	Virginia Electric Power Company
Virginia E. Sweeny, councilwoman, clerk	

The minutes of the regular September meeting and of the special meeting held 15 September were read and approved.

Mr. Buckley introduced Mr. Crum of the Virginia Electric Power Company, who explained the position of that company relative to securing an easement to cross the Clifton park tract with its high voltage wire, and stated that the company was prepared to offer a price of \$275 for the use of the acreage involved.

It was moved and seconded that a counter offer of \$500 be made, with no poles to be sent on the park tract, and with a new easement relative to the use of the land, spelling out the intended use of the area. Motion carried. The Town Council will prepare a copy of this counter offer and submit it to VEPCO (Mr. William Bacon). The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on 5 November, and Mr. Crum will endeavor to have an answer to the counter offer by that time, if possible.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, September	\$30.00
Town Sergeant (from 15 September)	25.00
(It was moved and seconded that this payment of overtime be made in lieu of promised compensation from Fairfax County which was not forthcoming for September. Carried.)	
Deputy Town Sergeant badge (to W.S.Elgin)	2.75
Cap badges (2) (to W. S. Elgin)	6.50
Fire Department donation	350.00
Helms Concrete Pipe Co.	168.20
(\$78.20 of this amount to be reimbursed by citizens using pipe)	
Town Treasurer, July-September salary	15.00
Town Clerk, July-September salary	7.50

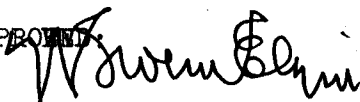
It was announced that the State Highway Department will be in Clifton this week to put in pipe along the lot owned by the Baptist Church, and also along the Fletcher property; also to install drain pipe by Mathers property and Clifton Firehouse.

The mayor requested authority to pay the Centreville Garage for installation of police light and siren (donated by Clifton Volunteer Fire Department) on the Town Sergeant's car. It was so moved and seconded. Motion carried. The mayor expressed his appreciation to Colonel Webb for painting the police insignia on the Town Sergeant's car. It was moved and seconded that the Town Sergeant be allotted the sum of \$5.00 per month for expenses incurred in using his car for official patrolling. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

(Mrs.) C. P. Sweeny  
Clerk

Clifton, Virginia

15 October 1952

A special called meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the Mayor at his home at 7:30 p.m. with the following members and visitor present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor

Mr. Fred Crum, Right-of-Way Agent,

Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer

Virginia Electric Power Company

Ruell Fugett, councilman

Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, councilwoman & clerk

This meeting was called to consider acceptance of VEPCO's counter offer of \$500 for easement over town park property, as suggested by the October meeting of the Town Council.

The clerk read a prepared and attested excerpt from the minutes of the regular October meeting relating to this counter offer, for transmittal to VEPCO. Clerk also read the altered easement as drawn up by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Crum pointed out that in view of the change in easement wording which eliminated the standard liability clause, it was suggested that the Town of Clifton post on the property warning signs against the flying of kites, model airplanes, etc. which might result in injury or fatality for which the VEPCO could not accept liability.

It was moved and seconded that all flying of kites, model airplanes, etc. be prohibited on park property. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the mayor and clerk sign the amended agreement. Carried.

The amended instrument was thereupon signed and sealed by the mayor and clerk, and notarized by Mr. Crum.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Virginia E. Sweeny, Clerk

APPROVED:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
5 November 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the Mayor at the Clifton Firehouse at 8 p.m. with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruell Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The mayor turned over to the treasury a check for \$599.00 which has been received from VEPCO to cover permission to run high tension wire across the new Clifton park site.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Social security payment to State Treasurer	\$4.76 (back to 1Jan51)
Town lighting, October	30.00
Town sergeant, October	30.00
Trash collection, October: F. Cabaniss	14.00
W. Lewis	6.00
Special Halloween Police duty: .75 hr:	
F. Cabaniss, 7 hrs	5.25
G. Brill, 4 hrs	3.00
L. Crouch, 7 hrs	5.25
H. Sutphin, 7 hrs	5.25
Carleton Smith, 7 hrs	5.25

The treasurer reported that the following tax bills were more than three years overdue and deemed not collectible, and that counsel had advised that they be dropped from the books: Dick Brehmer, Marion Herndon, Walter Wright, Willard Pearson, O. C. Poe, L. Wetzell. All of these represent bills for personal property assessments. It was moved and seconded that no further action be taken at this time with regard to the foregoing tax bills for personal property assessments. Motion carried.

It was decided that the check from VEPCO would be deposited in the regular Town of Clifton banking account, but earmarked to be used only for park development. The mayor was asked to contact the State Highway Department to ascertain whether they have a bridge which might be installed at termination of the street in order to open up the park area to auto traffic. Mr. Buckley will write to the Park Commission to see whether they can be of help in this regard.

Mr. Buckley reported that the surveyor, Mr. Ralph, wanted information as to just what type of survey map the Town Council wants. It was decided that for our purpose the best plan would be to show the boundary lines, with indication of ownership of adjacent property on each side of lines, for taxation purposes. Mr. Buckley will ask Mr. Ayre to explain this to Mr. Ralph.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance brought forward	\$2847.31	
Disbursements during October		\$549.95
Collections during October	78.20	
Balance on hand this date	\$2375.56	

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, Clerk

Clifton Firehouse

2 December 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, street commissioner
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town Sergeant, November	\$30.00
Town lighting, November	30.00
Town Treasurer, October-December 52	22.50
Town Clerk, October-December 52	15.00

(It was moved and seconded that the last two items be paid in advance of usual payment date in view of the approaching holiday; motion carried.)

The mayor is making an appointment to see Mr. Eichols about

Mr. Ralph has quoted a price of \$600 for a town survey. Since this seemed high, several alternatives were considered: the mayor reported that he was to get the name of a man in Manassas who might be willing to do the job, and that he will also ask for names from the Southern Railway. Douglas Detwiler was suggested as helper, since he has no license as a surveyor.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand last meeting	\$2375.56	
Disbursements November		\$118.76
VEPCO park franchise check	500.00	
Taxes collected	317.91	
Balance on hand this date		<hr/> \$3074.71

It was suggested that the Fairfax County Clerk be contacted re obtaining certain of the Vernon lots which are to go for tax payments, for the purpose of use as a dumping ground. The mayor will see Mr. Chapman and Judge Brown on this matter.


It was moved and seconded that the salary of the Town Sergeant be increased to \$35 per month, plus \$5 per month expenses. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, Clerk

APPROVED

  
W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
6 January 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order at the Clifton Firehouse at 8:20 p.m. by Mr. Calvin Millen, Acting Chairman in the absence of the mayor, and with the following members and visitors present:

Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer  
W. Edward Detwiler, st. commr.  
Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

Mr. R. Padgett, town sergeant  
Mr. Walter Ralph, private surveyor  
Mr. Douglas Detwiler, private surveyor

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town sergeant, December 52	\$40.00
Town lighting, December 52	30.00
Trash collection, December 52	24.00
Foster Cahaniss	\$18.00
Woodrow Lewis	\$6.00

Social Security payments

4.56 1/3

(It was moved and seconded that the Town Council continue to pay the complete amount for Social Security. Carried.)

The chairman introduced Mr. Ralph, a surveyor who had been mentioned for employment in connection with the survey of the Town of Clifton boundaries. Mr. Ralph explained that a full and authenticated property map would cost approximately \$600, but that boundary marking would be a little less costly, running approximately from \$55 to \$550. One complicating factor in the case of this survey is the establishment of the center point for the Town of Clifton, about which he felt there was some doubt. His proposed method would be to run a reference traverse of the boundaries and then check them with existing property records and compute the exact lines. With marking of boundaries, this system would cost between \$500 and \$600.

It was moved and seconded that this matter be deferred until the full council could consider it. Motion carried.

Mr. Padgett explained that he had been asked by the mayor to attend the meeting for the purpose of discussing difficulties which had been experienced recently with certain boys who had been creating disturbances in the community. After lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded that a special meeting be called and the parents of the offending boys be invited to talk over the situation. Motion carried. Clerk was instructed to send letters to Mrs. Smith, Mr and Mrs. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Benham. It was decided that the meeting would be held at 8 p.m. on 14 January. Wording of the letter was discussed and the clerk given wording desired by the council members present. Full confidence was expressed in what Mr. Padgett had done.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance beginning of December	\$\$3074.71
Disbursements December	97.50
Taxes collected	728.26
Balance on hand this date	\$3705.47

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Clifton Fire House  
3 February 1953

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members and visitor present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor  
R. R. Buckley, councilman Calvin Millen  
Ruel Fugett, councilman  
Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, ~~clerk~~ *councilman*

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town Sergeant, January	\$40.00
Town lighting, January	30.00

Mr. Buckley reported that Mr. McLaughlin of Annandale had looked over the town and had given a price (tentative) of \$500-600 for a boundary survey. As presented, this survey would not be quite as comprehensive as that proposed by Mr. Ralph.

It was moved and seconded that the Town of Clifton employ Mr. Ralph to survey the limits of the town and do such other work as he indicated when before the Town Council, at a price not to exceed \$600. Motion carried.

Mr. Millen brought up the question of road signs which were recommended some time ago but have not yet been posted. The mayor reported that he has been in touch with the State Highway Department about this matter, but that they have a crew building signs and the matter has to wait until this crew can be gotten to do the work. The mayor will see Mr. Eichols again on this matter. It was suggested that ~~another~~ be added to the list, to be placed at the turn at Fairfax Station north of the Southern RR, and at Fairfax Courthouse.

Mr. Buckley noted that some citizens have been complaining about the garage business being operated across from the Clifton Firehouse. The mayor further noted that someone had been told that there were no restrictions in the way of zoning in the community. In view of the apparent need for definitive action on the matter of zoning, the mayor will check with Judge Brown as to whether he has made the appointments to the Zoning Board which were proposed by the Town Council some months ago. Mr. Buckley will follow up with Mr. Schumann of the County Zoning Board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Virginia Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:

*W. Swem Elgin*  
W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton Firehouse

3 March 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 pm with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor

Ruel Fugett, councilman

R. R. Buckley, councilman

Virginia Sweeny, councilwoman, clerk

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The mayor reported that Mr. Eichols would have work on the road signs done as soon as possible.

The matter of zoning was brought up for discussion, and the mayor reported that Mr. Schumann had said that most communities accomplish county-handling by going through the County Board of Supervisors (via local supervisor) rather than through the Circuit Judge, as the Town Council had previously contemplated. After some discussion it was decided to defer the matter until such time as the full council could consider the matter. The question of whether certain related ordinances regarding building, subdivision, sanitation, etc. were involved was raised. It was further decided that the mayor would invite Mr. Schumann to attend the April meeting of the Town Council to further clarify and explain the procedures involved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, February \$30.00

Town sergeant, February ~~40~~ 30.00

Trash collection, February, 9½ hrs

L. Foster Cabaniss 28.50

Woodrow Lewis 9.50

Renewal of dumping contract with

J. H. Kilbey 25.00 \*

\*It was moved and seconded that Mr. Kilbey be sent a check for \$25.00 for extension of agreement for another 12 months, dating from November 1952. Motion carried.

Mr. Buckley raised the question of early development of the park recreation area, and asked that the council approve the drawing up of plans for that purpose. Mr. Robinson of the County Park Commission has suggested the name of a man who does such work for the National Park Service. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Buckley contact this man in reference to drawing plans for the Clifton Park at a cost not to exceed \$50.00, to be taken from the Park Fund. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*V. Sweeny*  
(Mrs.) Virginia Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:

*W. Swem Elgin*

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

28 April 1953  
Clifton Fire House

A special meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 pm with the following members and invited visitors present:

W. Swen Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk
Members of the Clifton Recreation Committee: Patrick Clifford and James Johnson	

Mr. Buckley explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider with the Clifton Recreation Committee the proposed plan for the Clifton park site. Pending their arrival, the following business matters were taken up.

Mr. Buckley suggested that it would increase the convenience of the Town Council Chamber to have a door cut through from the lobby of the Fire House. It was moved and seconded that the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department be authorized to cut a door through into the Town Council Chamber without expense to the Town Council. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported that several people had been to her complaining about the ditch draining from the Clifton Hotel to Popes Head. It was suggested that the Town Council Sergeant be asked to watch and see whether refuse is being dumped into the ditch, stopping it up and causing odors. The mayor will have the State Highway Department clean the ditch as a temporary measure; he noted that Mrs. Janie Mathers had intended to have this ditch where it borders her property piped and covered, and offered to inquire whether her daughter would consider doing so. It was also suggested that the Health Department might be contacted regarding sewage and outhouse adjacent to the ditch.

Following arrival of the Committee members and inspection of the suggested plan for park improvement, it was moved and seconded that the drawing be approved as drawn. Following discussion on the motion, both it and second were withdrawn, in view of the fact that it was pointed out that the baseball diamond had rather insufficient outfield. Action was postponed, and Mr. Buckley and Mr. Fugett were asked to ascertain the proper size and discuss possible changes with the artist and report back to the next meeting of the Town Council on the possibility of relocating the ball diamond in order to enlarge the outfield.

Mr. Buckley raised the question of how far the road should be extended so that petition could be drawn up for the State Highway Department. It was felt that if they would undertake to do so, the quota of 1/4 mile would be ample to bring it into the park area. The mayor will speak to the Road Commissioner about this problem before the resolution is presented.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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*W. Swen Elgin*  
*mayor*



Clifton Fire House

7 April 1953

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members present:

W. Swen Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman.
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town Lighting, March	\$30.00
Town Sergeant, March	40.00
Town Treasurer, January-March 53	22.50
Town Clerk, January-March 53	15.00
Town Clerk, for ditto stencils	1.20

The mayor reported that he had been unable to contact Mr. Schumann in time to have him come to the April meeting, but would arrange a meeting at later date.

Mr. Buckley reported that Mr. Kilbey had called him to say that people had been dumping trash along his road, and this would have to be stopped. However, he would allow the Town of Clifton to use the dump~~ing~~ ground, providing the Town Council would put up a barricade so only the authorized Town of Clifton employees could get in; this would have to be a locked road block. The mayor offered to furnish gates if the Town Council could provide posts and lock. It was suggested that a log be put across the road and chains locked around trees on either side. The mayor and Mr. Detwiler will ~~take~~ take care of this matter.

Mr. Buckley reported that Mr. Driver had some park tables at the school for disposal for the benefit of the Clifton School Fund at \$2.00 each. It was moved and seconded that the Town Council buy up to five of these tables if still available, the money to be made available from the Park Fund. Carried.

Mr. Buckley also reported that Mr. Howland, National Capitol park planner, had looked to the park side and has drawn a preliminary plan, and after discussion of this will draw a complete plan. Mr. Buckley and Mr. Fugett will see Mr. Howland on Saturday and present the plan next week to a special meeting of the Town Council. Mr. Buckley explained that at a recent meeting of the Clifton Recreation Committee the question of bridging the stream to the park was discussed. It was suggested that one or two concrete piers be placed in the streambed and bridged by railroad ties; it was thought the cost of such a bridge would be around \$50.00. The members of the Town Council did not believe such treatment would be effective, or that bridging could be done for such a small sum.

It was suggested that the State Highway Department be asked to take over the building and maintenance of the extension of Harris Street leading to the park. It was moved and seconded that the Town Council pass a resolution to be presented to the State Highway Commission asking them to take over the continuation of Harris Street from the end of the present street to the far side of the stream. Carried. Draft of the resolution will be presented to the next regular meeting.

Clifton Firehouse  
5 May 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor at 8:15 with the following members present:  
W. Swem Elgin, mayor                      W. Edward Detwiler, councilman  
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer          Ruel Fugett, councilman  
R. R. Buckley, councilman                Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, April	\$30.00
Town sergeant, April	40.00
Trash collection	
Foster Cabaniss	24.00
<del>Ellie Pee</del> <i>W. Lewis</i>	8.00
Social Security payments	4.73

The mayor introduced Mr. Schumann of the Zoning Board who outlined two plans authorized for zoning corporations. (1) Three steps are involved, the first of which is to set up the town in zones. (2) Show these zones on an official town map adopted by the Town Council. (3) Make definite regulations for use of land within these districts. According to the Act of 1926, the Town Council shall provide for making and amending of regulations; no such regulating map shall be effective until after public ~~xxxxx~~ hearing following newspaper notice; the Town Council must set up a zoning board and planning commission which must hold public hearing on any change, amendment or supplement after public notice thereof; the Circuit Court shall appoint a Zoning Commission to recommend bounds of the original restrictions.

According to the Act of 1934 the zoning commission dies after the original recommendations are presented to the Town Council; the Town Council shall then create by ordinance a zoning commission to continue to act as advisory body to make recommendations on any proposed changes, etc., or the Town Council may request the County Board of Supervisors to have the County Planning Commission serve in this capacity, and the County Board of Zoning Appeals to act for the town in this area of responsibility. Mr. Schumann noted that the Fairfax County Zoning Commission now has a map set up with land use indicated thereon. He also outlined the type of restriction permissible.

It was decided to look over the building ordinances and then decide which of these plans to adopt.

It was moved ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ that the park site planner be authorized to draw up final plans altering position of the ball diamond. This motion was withdrawn after some discussion in which it was decided that the present plans were sufficient for present use.

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. Sweeny*  
Virginia Sweeny, Clerk

Clifton Firehouse

2 June 1953

The regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order by the clerk at 8:20 p.m., with the following members present:

Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, Clerk
W. Edward Detwiler, councilman	

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, May	\$30.00
Town sergeant, May	40.00

Mr. Detwiler reported that the town was in need of street light bulbs, and a new light stick. It was moved and seconded that these items be purchased. Motion carried.

After some discussion, it was decided that the various plans for zoning control should be studied further before selection of the plan to be adopted.


It was moved and seconded that the following residents of the Town of Clifton should be appointed as a zoning commission to make a preliminary zoning recommendations to the Town Council: ~~MAXIM~~ Carl Ambler, John Gunthar, and Wyckliffe Buckley. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Virginia E. Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton Firehouse  
11 June 1953

A special called meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor                      Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk  
Mrs. Daise Buckley, treasurer  
R. R. Buckley, councilman

The mayor announced the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering plans to prevent the Southern Railway from removing the Clifton depot.

The question was raised as to whether any set amount of service had been guaranteed in franchise to the railroad. It was the opinion of several members that the corporation was not formed at the time the station was established, and therefore did not figure in any franchise transactions.

The mayor introduced a letter from Congressman Joel Broyhill addressed to the Interstate Commerce Commission, requesting measures be taken to prevent ~~the~~ removal of the Clifton Depot.

It was suggested that the Town Council request the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to communicate with the Interstate Commerce Commission signifying their disapproval of the intended removal, also that the Centreville Citizens' Association be requested to do the same. It was decided that this action would be more effective if initiated through members of each body, so as to issue spontaneously therefrom. The mayor reported that he had been trying to get in touch with Senator John Donovan to request a letter in the same vein as that from Congressman Broyhill.

It was moved and seconded that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors be requested to pass a resolution against discontinuance of the Clifton station. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Clerk draw up an appropriate resolution against discontinuance of the Clifton station as being passed by this meeting, to be forwarded to the ~~Interstate Commerce~~ Commission, Richmond, Virginia. *As attached.* 1/2 S.C.

It was moved and seconded that an appropriate petition be drawn up and circulated, to be incorporated with resolution to be forwarded to Richmond. Motion carried. Mayor was delegated to ask Gordon Kincheloe to draw up this petition for circulation in the Centreville District and environs of Clifton using the depot facilities.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Council purchase 6 park-table benches from the Clifton School at a cost of \$9. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Mrs. Virginia E. Sweeny, Clerk

WHEREBY it has come to the attention of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia that the Southern Railway has proposed to the State Corporation Commission of the State of Virginia the discontinuance of depot services and facilities at Clifton, Virginia; and

INASMUCH as these facilities represent the only convenient freight dispatch and reception center for the residential and business populations of the majority of the Centreville District of Fairfax County, Virginia; and

INASMUCH as the Clifton Station Agent maintains the only convenient Railway Express Agency available to the majority of the residential and business populations of the said Centreville District; and

INASMUCH as the Clifton Station represents the only comfort accommodations for passengers waiting for train service which is often delayed far into the night, and the Clifton wire service is the only available information service on such delays or on changes in service; and further

INASMUCH as removal of these enumerated services and facilities would work undue hardship on businesses receiving and dispatching goods thereat, as well as on residents of a large tract of adjacent countryside who look to the already scanty railway services as the only convenient means of public transportation to and from their homes;

BE IT NOW HEREBY RESOLVED that the State Corporation Commission of the State of Virginia is most seriously and urgently petitioned to disapprove and prohibit any curtailment of facilities or services at the Clifton Station of the Southern Railway, as being prejudicial to the public interest of the citizens of the State of Virginia, and in opposition to the spirit of public service with which said Southern Railway was established and built.

ATTEST: True Copy of a resolution authorized  
by the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia,  
in the Centreville District, County of  
Fairfax, all necessary members being present  
and voting for same at special meeting  
convened by the mayor at the Clifton Firehouse,  
11 June 1953.

SIGNED

*V. Sweeney* 2 July 53  
Mrs. Virginia E. Sweeney, Clerk

Town Council Chambers  
7 July 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order by the mayor at 8:15 p.m., with the following members and visitor present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Bugkley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk
Calvin Millen, Clifton Volunteer Fire Department	

Mr. Millen presented the attached report of action taken at the hearing of the Virginia State Corporation Commission at Richmond this date on discontinuance of services and facilities at the Clifton Station of the Southern Railway. Speeches by Mr. Millen and Stuart DeBell, and letters and petitions from Mr. Edwin Lynch, Mr. John Donovan, Centreville District Citizens Association, and citizens of Clifton and the Centreville District were presented in evidence against the proposed discontinuance. In view of which, the facts presented by the railroad not being clearly proof of the contention that said station was operating at a loss, the judge ordered the case dismissed until presentation of further and more cogent evidence.

Minutes of the regular meeting of 2 June and of a special meeting on 11 June were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and approved for payment:

Town lights, June	\$30.00
Town sergeant, June	40.00
June 27 trash collection	
L. Foster Cabaniss	28.50
Woodrow Lewis	9.50
Town Treasurer, March-May	22.50
Town Clerk, March-May	15.00
Park benches (to Mr. Driver	
for Clifton School) -	
payable from Park Fund	9.00
Social Security payments	4.73

It was moved and seconded that the Town Council have an extra trash collection July 25. Carried.

The County Zoning Control Ordinance will be studied by Mr. Buckley who will report to the council at the next meeting.

Mr. Buckley will find out the legal aspects of dog control laws; The Town Clerk was also asked to write to Arlington and Fairfax Counties for copies of their dog ordinances.

It was moved and seconded that venetian blinds and screens and a screen door be purchased for the Council Chambers. Carried. Mr. Detwiler was asked to take care of these purchases. It was also suggested that furniture be purchased for the chambers; members were asked to have by next meeting any suggestions they wished considered; 12 conference chairs, steel desk, etc.

The treasurer reported as follows:

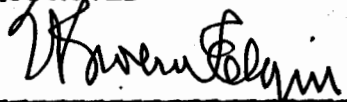
Balance on hand 1 June 1953	\$3275.54
Disbursements, June	70.00
Balance on hand this date	3205.54

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Virginia Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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W. Swen Elgin, Mayor

4 August 1953  
Clifton Council Chambers  
8:20 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Clifton Town Council was called to order by the mayor's absence by acting chairman Ruel Fugett, with the following members and visitors present:

Ruel Fugett, Acting Chairman	Mrs. Elva Ambler
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Mr. Calvin Millen
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mr. Basil Ambler
W. Edward Detwiler, councilman	
Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk	

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and approved for payment:

Town lights, July	\$30.00
Town sergeant, July	40100
July trash collection:	
L. Foster Cabaniss	<del>XXXXX</del> 18.00
Woodrow Lewis	<del>XXXXX</del> 600
Sears Roebuck & Co.: for	
venetian blinds for	
Town Council Chamber	36.00

Bill of lading has been received for the blinds, which should be received shortly.

Mrs. Ambler requested that sidewalk between Ambler's store and the garage along Main Street be repaired. It was noted that this work had already been ordered from the State Highway Commission, and payment made therefore. It was further suggested that all sidewalks be checked for needed repair work, and the mayor asked to contact the State Highway representative relative to prompt action on these.

Mrs. Ambler also asked that the Town Council adopt the Fairfax County type of dog ordinance, so that dogs could be controlled, and their nuisance value lessened. Mr. Buckley read the Fairfax County Ordinance. After some discussion it was moved that this ordinance with changes be advertised in the Fairfax Herald two weeks previous to public hearing in Clifton. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that the Fairfax Ordinance does not cover two points considered essential: penalty on nuisance value, and licensing of dogs. Motion was therefore withdrawn, and it was decided to obtain other such ordinances before final action.

Mr. Ambler requested that the roadway in Dell Avenue be fixed where a washout has occurred in the middle of the street. It was noted that this work was arranged for previously, and was supposed to be done some time ago. The mayor will be asked to contact State Highway Commission to try to hurry the work; also to ascertain when work will be completed on covering manholes along Main Street and other street work promised by Mr. Satterthwaite and Mr. Eichols. It was also requested that the matter of sharp curve in roadway at the Riordan property be discussed with them.



The necessity for some regulation of shooting, particularly by minors, within the corporation limits was discussed.

It was suggested that the Trial Justice be contacted to ascertain what ordinances he has on the record for the Corporation, and that a special meeting be called following this contact, for the purpose of discussing possible codification of ordinances to fit present needs. 13 August at 8 p.m. at the Town Council Chamber was set for this purpose.

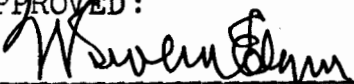
It was moved and seconded that the attached proposed budget for 1953-54 be posted for consideration and approval at the next regular meeting of the Town Council. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it stood adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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W. Swen Elgin, Mayor

20 August 1953

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town Council of Clifton, Virginia has directed that the following proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 1954 be posted publicly previous to its formal consideration at the regular meeting of that body to be held at the Town Council Chambers at 8 p.m. 1 September 1953.

  
Clerk, Town of Clifton

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**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954**

LIGHTS	\$360.00
TOWN SERGEANT, SALARY	480.00
SPECIAL POLICE	40.00
STATIONERY AND SUPPLIES	45.00
TRASH COLLECTION	200.00
STREET LAMPS (Replacement bulbs)	26.00
CONTINGENT FUND	150.00
CLERK, SALARY	60.00
TREASURER, SALARY	90.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT	350.00
SIDEWALKS AND STREETS (New construction, repair)	350.00
TOTAL . . . . .	\$2,151.00

PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954 . . . \$.55 per \$100 valuation

**ESTIMATED INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954**

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,200.00
RETURNS FROM ABC BOARD	900.00
TOTAL . . . . .	\$2,100.00

15 August 1953  
Town Council Chambers

A special called meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was called to order by the mayor at 8:30 p.m. with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Virginia Sweeny, clerk

Mr. Detwiler reported that the Trial Justice reports that he does not have any copies of ordinances of the Town of Clifton. The clerk was instructed to write to the Trial Justice Office in Fairfax, citing the letter transmitting the ordinances as revised in 1936.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Clerk draw up a dog-control ordinance to be acted upon at the next regular meeting and posted thereafter previous to enactment. Provisions of this ordinance were discussed, and similar act of Arlington County was read and discussed. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Clifton Boy Scout Troop be allowed to use the Town Council Chambers when ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~not in conflict with Town Council plans. Motion carried.

The purchase of furniture for the Town Council Chambers was further discussed, and it was decided to defer this until after the proposed FY 54 budget was adopted.

The meeting stood adjourned by consent at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

APPROVED:



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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

L September 1953  
Town Council Chambers

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the Mayor at 8 p.m., with the following members present; and one visitor:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor	W. Edward Detwiler, councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk
Mr. Calvin Millen, Clifton Fire Department	

Minutes of the meetings of 4 August and 13 August were read and approved.

There was some discussion of the installation of sidewalk from the railroad to Pope's Head Creek and from the Railroad up to the Presbyterian Church. This will be done by the State Highway Department if property owners along Main Street will furnish pipe for installation under the sidewalk. Mrs. Ruth Walford has signified her willingness to give footage for the sidewalk along her property to the Presbyterian Church, and will contact Mr. Kenyon Mathers about right-of-way along the hotel property. The mayor will contact Mr. Archie Mathers and Mrs. Iona Kuntz, the other owners of the hotel property on this matter. Mrs. White has already signified her willingness to have pipe installed and to pay for the pipe along her property frontage. Mr. Eichols has promised to put in all pipe whenever the concurrence of all property owners is received.

After some discussion amendments were made in the proposed FY 54 budget as shown on the attached copy. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved as revised. Motion carried.

The matter of discouraging speeding motorists and loiterers -- particularly teen age children who have been causing trouble and disturbance by roaming the streets at late hours--was considered. The Council was informed that Mr. Chamberlain, owner of the Clifton Garage has offered to be of assistance in the matter of controlling these loiterers and speeders in the absence of the Town Sergeant, if he should be named a Deputy Town Sergeant, serving without compensation. It was also suggested that a reward for information on destruction of public property might be of assistance in inhibiting such vandalism as breaking of light bulbs. It was moved and seconded that the Town Council offer a reward ~~for information~~ ~~leading to the arrest and conviction of~~ of \$25.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person destroying public property. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that 100 printed notices be purchased with the above reward offer, and posted in the Corporation. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Chamberlain be appointed Deputy Town Sergeant, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Sergeant. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, August	\$30.00
Town Sergeant, August	40.00
Trash collection, August	
L. Foster Cabaniss	27.00
Refreshment for Road Gang	
W. Swem Elgin	1.40

Following reading of a proposed draft of an ordinance to control dogs in the Town of Clifton, it was moved and seconded that the proposed ordinance as drafted be advertised in the Fairfax Herald before consideration of its adoption at the next regular meeting of the Town Council in October. Motion carried. Draft attached.

The mayor reported that the State Highway Commission had cleaned ditches and that manhole covers for Main Street have been ordered.

The clerk reported that in answer to her inquiry the office of the Trial Justice had replied that the revision of ordinances forwarded in 1936 were on file in that office. Further search will be made to ascertain whether copies of the hog control ordinance and any later ordinances were forwarded to the Trial Justice.

Treasurer reported as follows:

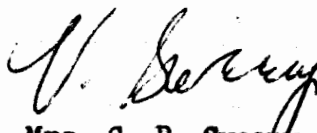
Balance on hand last month		\$3046.31
Taxes collected to date	\$124.75	<del>XXXXXX</del>
Disbursements August	\$151.30	
Balance on hand this date		\$3019.76

Clerk read a letter from the Fairfax County Executive offering the services of the newly appointed County Fire Safety officer, provided local ordinances were adopted and authority given this official to enforce same. Letter was directed to be placed on file with no further action.

Clerk read a letter from Hon. J. K. Donovan stating that he had received from the Richmond Judge sitting on the Southern Railroad petition to remove the Clifton Station a statement of the financial balance sheet of the station; clerk was instructed to write requesting Mr. Donovan to furnish the mayor a copy of the statement.

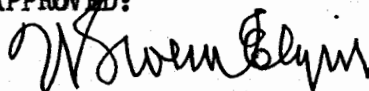
There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. C. P. Sweeney, Clerk

APPROVED:



W. Swen Elgin, Mayor

Town Council Chambers  
Clifton, Virginia  
6 October 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was convened by the mayor at 8 p.m., with the following members and two visitors present:

W. Swem Elgin, mayor  
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, treasurer  
W. Edward Detwiler, councilman  
Ruell Fugett, councilman  
Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk  
Mr. W. F. Smith  
Mr. Calvin Millen

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, September	\$30.00
Town sergeant, September	40.00
Prince Wm. Elec. Coop. for bulbs and changer	70.68
Fairfax Herald, advertising proposed dog ordinance	37.45
Social Security payment, St./Va.	4.73
Salary, town clerk, July-Sep 53	15.00
Salary, town treasurer, July-Sep 53	22.50

The clerk read the application of Mr. Smith to tap drainage sewer in front of his newly-acquired property for the purpose of installing kitchen sink drain. It was the opinion of the Mayor and Council that said drain pipe is under jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, and application should be made to Mr. Aichels; Mr. Smith was therefore referred to that department for approval of his plan.

Consideration of the proposed ordinance for controlling dogs was deferred until all members of the council should be present.

Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance last month	\$3019.76
Disbursements, September	98.40
ABC check deposit	836.72
Balance on hand this date	<u>\$3758.08</u>

Mr. Millen solicited support of the council in a petition by residents of Clifton and vicinity protesting the sending of children from the Clifton School District to schools outside the Clifton School District. A group of parents plans to go before the Fairfax County School Board with this complaint, and would like the Town Council to go on record as disapproving the practice of the school administration in disregarding regulations of the Fairfax County School Board to the effect that all residents of the school district must send their children to the school in that district. The following resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolved: That the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia go on record as favoring enforcement of the policy and regulation laid down by the Fairfax County School Board to the effect that all white children living within the Clifton School District territory should be required to attend the Clifton School.

Resolution carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it stood adjourned.

APPROVED:

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Virginia E. Sweeny, clerk

Town Council Chambers  
5 November 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor at 8 p.m. with the following members present:

W. Swen Elgin, mayor	Ruel Fugett, councilman
R. R. Buckley, councilman	Mrs. Virginia Sweeny, clerk
W. Edward Detwiler, councilman	

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting \$30.00

Town sergeant 40.00

Manassass Journal-Messenger  
printing reward notices 8.93

Special Hallowe'en Police:

(It was moved and seconded that these be paid at the rate of \$75 per hour. Motion carried.)

G. Brill 4.50

L. Chamberlaine 6.00

L. Crouch 7.13

L. F. Cabaniss 4.50

C. Smith 4.13

H. Sutphin 4.50

R. Padgett 7.13

October trash collection:

L. Foster Cabaniss 30.00

J. Wells 10.00

Clifton Volunteer Fire

Department 500.00

(It was moved and seconded that amount budgeted for provision of fire protection be paid. Motion carried.)

Sears Roebuck & Co for  
furniture 374.30

(It was moved and seconded that 6 armchairs and 4 side chairs (Comfortaire Brand) be purchased from Sears Roebuck & Co.

Motion carried. Mr. Detwiler was authorized to complete this purchase.)

The clerk was instructed to inquire prices of duplicating machine.

Pending dog ordinance was read and discussed by paragraphs. It was moved and seconded that ordinance be adopted with changes indicated on attached copy. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that this ordinance be made effective 1 December 1953. Motion carried. The Clerk was instructed to send copies to the Trial Justice and the Town Sergeant, and also to distribute copies to residents of Clifton.

It was moved and seconded that the State Highway Commission be requested to install drain pipe along Dell Avenue in a straight line with existing drain, parallel to the street. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department be permitted to use the Town Council Chambers for sale of handicraft articles until next Town Council meeting. Motion carried.

Approved:

*W. Swen Elgin*

Respectfully submitted,