

January 4, 1949

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	Edward Detwiler, Councilman
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Ruell Fugitt, Councilman
Mrs. W. Buckley, Treas.	Virginia Sweeny, Clerk

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The mayor reported that Mr. Loughborough had not yet been able to locate posts for the Buckley memorial; Mr. Marsh has not yet reported on the law regarding assessment against property for improvements such as drainage piping. Most of the work promised by the county engineer has now been completed, and a letter of thanks will be dispatched for work on the bridge.

Councilman Detwiler reported that it would not be possible for *Mr. Loubes* Detwiler to get enough ~~pipe~~ <sup>pipe</sup> for street sign standards, since he could not secure enough for use in his business at the present time.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town Lights, December	\$30.00
Town Sergeant, December	15.00
John Robey, street work	3.75 (warrant already issued & paid)
W. S. Elgin for telephone calls;	2.00
ice cream for convicts at Xmas	2.25

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

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia E. Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:

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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

February 1, 1949  
Clifton, Va.

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	R. R. Buckley, Councilman
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Edward Deywiler, St. Commr.
Mrs. W. Buckley, Treas.	Ruell Fugitt, Councilman
	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

Mr. Fugitt reported that he had located posts for the memorial well, and felt that in a short time he would be able to purchase them (or have them donated) from the District Government.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance January 1, 1949	\$2231.84	
Disbursements during January		\$53.00
Tax collections, January	106.41	
Balance on hand February 1, 1949		\$2285.25

The mayor reported that the State of Virginia is taking over street maintenance from Main Street to the Presbyterian Church in July. The Church is putting stone around the building and we will attempt to get the State to grade around the building, so that about two loads of crushed rock purchased by the town would put this streetbed in good condition for later surfacing. It was moved and seconded that the stone be purchased by the Town of Clifton. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of the relative merits of macadam, asphalt, or cobdroll for new and repaired sidewalks in the town limits, also the necessity for trimming bushes at several blind corners.

The mayor reported that the police from Fairfax had been patrolling the town, and had picked up several fines for speeding.

Mr. Buckley reported that the survey for the Washington-Manassas portion of the proposed Monticello Highway had been lagging due to the very serious illness of Mr. Stockton of the Planning Commission; however, plans have been made for an aerial map on which the preliminary survey could be indicated.

Mrs. Sweeny reported that she had attended the organization meeting of the Fairfax Cancer Society Chapter, at which plans were made for a fund drive in April. In addition to any solicitation and public collection, each community is asked to give a function for the benefit of the drive, so that resultant publicity will aid in making the new Chapter known to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

8 March 1949  
Clifton, Virginia

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	Edward Detwiler, St. Commr.
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Ruell Fugitt, Councilman
Mrs. W. Buckley, Treas.	Virginia Sweeny, Clerk

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

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

It was moved and seconded that spring clean-up day be set for Saturday, April 2. Motion carried. Clerk was instructed to prepare notices to be distributed from house to house.

The mayor was delegated to contact the Resident Engineer about cleaning of ditches.

It was moved and seconded that street signs be bought for the streets within the Corporation limits. Motion carried.

The mayor reported that an ordinance had been passed sometime ago (during mayoralty of James B. Cross) prohibiting parking of vehicles on the south side of Chestnut Street. There has been trouble recently with this street being blocked by parked cars, and signs should be posted if the ordinance is to be enforced. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman of the Planning Committee meet with the mayor and clerk to draw up for the consideration of the Town Council a code governing parking of vehicles anywhere within the town limits and penalties for violation thereof, as well as an ordinance prohibiting destruction of public property and specifying penalties for violation. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on February 1, 1949	\$2285.25	
Trial Justice check	10.00	
Disbursements during February		\$45.00
Balance on hand March 8, 1949		<u>\$2250.25</u>

It was noted that the Southern Railroad Crossing is again above the road level, and the mayor will write to them inquiring whether the promised wooden crossing cannot be installed as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Approved: W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
5 April 1949

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

W. Swem Elgin, mayor  
Elmer Ayre, Councilman  
Mrs. W. Buckley, Treas.

R. R. Buckley, Councilman  
Ruell Fugitt, Councilman  
Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Minutes of the ~~January~~ February and March meetings were read and approved.

The mayor reported that Mr. Fox had been in Clifton recently and said that the wooden crossing for Main Street was being shipped and should be received within the month; it will be installed as soon as it is received.

Mr. Phillips had agreed to clean ditches this week and put in pipe at Mrs. Dorothy Smith's ~~property~~ <sup>scarifying and</sup> frontage. He told the mayor that the next fiscal budget will cover/hard surfacing of Main Street from the railroad crossing to Dell Avenue and the rest of the streets will be top surfaced, and Church street will be paved this fall. He will also install street signs when purchased, without charge, but could not pave sidewalks except on a pay~~ment~~ <sup>in cost</sup> ~~ment~~ in advance basis, any differences to be reconciled upon completion of work.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, March	\$30.00
Town sergeant, March	15.00
J. Robey, handling trash	6.00
H. Sutphin, trucking trash	20.00

It was moved and seconded that the mayor be authorized to expend if necessary a sum not to exceed \$20.00 to have drainage ditch dug along Dell Avenue, above the intersection of Main Street. Carried.

It was decided that a tree commission should draw up plans for planting trees along the town streets. The mayor appointed a commission consisting of Chairman of the Planning Commission (R. R. Buckley) and the Street Commissioner (E. Detwiler).

The mayor reported that a contract for dumping refuse had been signed by Mrs. Pitkin; but that the road to the Pitkin property had been blocked so that it could not be used last month; however, he hopes that this situation will be remedied before the next trash collection.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to ~~Randy Buckley~~ Randolph LeGallais for his help in distributing trash collection notices.

The question of installation of additional telephone cable from Fairfax Station and impending increase in rates was discussed. It was suggested the the State Corporation Commission should be contacted, and interested town officials in the vicinity, and a protest registered. The mayor reported that cable and posts were being shipped according to the latest information available, and authorized Mr. Ayre to contact some of the interested parties to ascertain whether protests seemed feasible.

Clifton, Virginia  
3 May 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia, was convened at the home of Councilman Detwiler at 8 p.m. with the mayor in the chair and the following members present:

W. S. Elgin, mayor	Edward Detwiler, Sta commr.
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Ruel Fugett, councilman
Mrs. Wyc <del>N</del> . Buckley, treas.	Virginia Sweeny, clerk
R. R. Buckley, councilman	

The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were so approved.

The mayor reported that the street work and crossing mentioned in the minutes of the previous meeting had been completed with the exception of the ditching on Dell Avenue. It was decided that this work could/be not done for the amount authorized, and the mayor suggested that Mr. Phillips be contacted to see whether he could do the job and bill the Town for it. It was moved and seconded that the mayor be authorized to contact the State Highway authorities to see what can be done. Carried.

Mr. Ayre reported that in connection with telephone rate increases he had contacted Mayor Graham of Fairfax, who suggested that he see the Fairfax town lawyer; he was unable to contact Mrs. Quigg at Vienna; and therefore suggested that the Town of Clifton write each Town Council. Judge Brown has already asked the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County to fight this increase, according to the mayor. It was suggested that the Town of Clifton register a protest with the State Corporate Commission. It was so moved and seconded and the motion carried. Hearings are set for May 13, it is thought, so that the project of writing other towns was dropped.

The following bills were presented and duly authorized for payment:

Town lights, April	\$30.00
Town sergeant, April	15.00

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance April 1, 1949	\$2227.43
Disbursements during April	
Blance on hand May 3, 1949	\$2156.43

A report was presented on the recent Cancer Control program at the school, and because of the small attendance at that time and the value of the educational material presented, it was asked that the clerk arrange to have a second program at the Masonic Hall in the near future and insure adequate advance publicity.

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

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

W. Swen Elgin, Mayor

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Clifton, Virginia  
June 6, 1949

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	Edward Detwiler, St. Comm'r
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Ruel Fugett, Councilman
Mrs. W. Buckley, Treas.	Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk
R. R. Buckley, Councilman	

The clerk read a draft of the minutes of the previous meeting, which was approved.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town Sergeant, May	\$15.00
Town lighting, May	30.00

The mayor reported that work on Dell Avenue had not yet been done.

The clerk read a copy of the letter sent in May to the State Corporation Commission relative to increase in telephone rates and the resolution of protest voted by the council at the May meeting. This letter was acknowledged with thanks by the State Corporation Commission. Mr. Ayre reported that according to the newspapers the matter had aroused so much opposition that it had been postponed until September.

In view of a recent case in which property holders attempted to have rezoning to effect a business venture in the middle of residential and farming property, the question of future protection in this respect was considered. It was decided that it would be advantageous to the Corporation to have some control of this matter, and the mayor was requested to bring to the next meeting copies of the county zoning ordinance and trailer ordinance, for possible adoption or adaptation for the Town of Clifton.

It was moved and seconded that town trash be hauled on July 2. Motion carried. The clerk was instructed to prepare notices to be distributed to householders on Wednesday, June 29.

The mayor volunteered to contact Mr. Philips relative to mowing or killing weeds along the corporation streets.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand May 3, 1949	\$2156.43
Taxes collected in May	85.23
Disbursements in May	<u>45.00</u>
Balance on hand this date	<u>\$2196.66</u>

At the treasurer's suggestion, the clerk was instructed to type notices of payment due to be forwarded to delinquent taxpayers so that payment might be made in advance of June 30 when 6% interest would be added.

The clerk announced that June 24 had been set as the tentative date of the showing of a cancer film at the Masonic Hall, since that date was acceptable to the speaker. This date was also approved by the Town Council, and further arrangements will be completed.

Since it has not yet proved possible to get iron posts for the proposed Buckley Memorial, and since it would be advisable to have foundations finished before the main street is resurfaced, it was decided that it would be better to have a three-sided brick wall around the pump; this plan had previously received approval of the Buckley family. Mr. Detwiler was asked to contact Bill Detwiler about doing the work and was given authority to arrange for getting materials in advance, including brick, water pump and piping, as well as the necessary concrete and mortar when needed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. C. P. Sweeny  
Clerk

APPROVED:

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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
12 July 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor at 8:15 at the home of Councilman Fugitt with the following members present:

W. S. Elgin, Mayor	Ed Detwiler, councilman
Elmer Ayre, councilman	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
Mrs. W. Buckley, treas.	Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, clerk

The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

J.B. Cross, paper & warrants	\$2.50	
Town lighting, June	30.00	
Town sergeant, June	15.00	
Pr. Wm. Electric Coop. (bulbs)	10.25	
W. S. Elgin for outlay in connection with hauling of trash 2 July 1949:		
H. Sutphin	\$10.00	
W. Lewis	4.00	14.00

The mayor reported that he had asked Mr. Stockton to go over the zoning ordinance with the Town Council members as soon as possible. It was decided that the ordinance would be passed around among the individual members for reading so that it might be discussed later.

Mayor Elgin reported that Mrs. Stewart Bryce wished to raise sufficient money to have constructed a wading pool for Clifton children, and had inquired whether the Town Council would contribute to this fund. Sanitary requirements will have to be checked with the Health Department.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand July 6		\$2196.66
Disbursements June	\$45.00	
Balance on hand July 12		\$2151.66

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

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk



Clifton, Virginia  
4 August 1949

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	Edward Detwiler, Councilman
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Ruell Fugett, Councilman
R. R. Buckley, Councilman	Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, July	\$30.00
Town sergeant, July	15.00

The mayor was asked to consult Mr. Phillips, State Highway Engineer, about patching work on Harris Street.

It was moved and seconded that the State Highway Engineer be requested to place in the State Highway System 1/4 mile of Chestnut Street within the Town limits. Carried. The clerk was instructed to draw up a resolution to this effect in the form previously used for this purpose, and forward it to Mr. Phillips in Fairfax. Copy of this resolution is appended hereto.

The mayor was instructed to contact the Fairfax County Surveyor and also the Washington firm of Johnson & Williams relative to cost of running a complete survey of the Town of Clifton boundaries and marking of same, this work to be completed before date of issuance of yearly tax bills.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Approved:

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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

THE TOWN OF CLIFTON  
CLIFTON, VA.

23 August 1949

Mr. J. H. Phillips, Resident Engineer  
Fairfax County  
Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Mr. Phillips:

At the regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va., held 4 August 1949, the attached resolution was passed by the Town Council, a quorum of the membership being present and voting.

The Council has directed that this attached copy be forwarded to you for official action. I trust that you will find it to be in order.

If I can be of further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeney  
Clerk

VS:s  
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At the regular meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia, held 4 August 1949, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

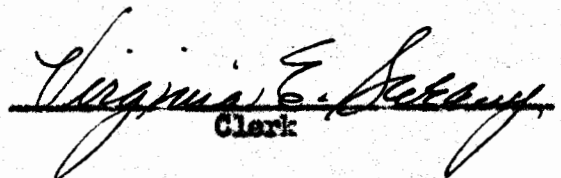
WHEREAS, it is provided in Senate Act 234, Chapter 507, Legislature of 1948, that the State Secondary Highway System may include up to two (2) miles of streets for maintenance, improvement, construction and reconstruction; which after July 1, 1948, may be increased annually up to a maximum of one-quarter (1/4) mile, at the request and recommendation of the governing body of such towns under 3500 population:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia shall recommend and request that the State Highway Commission include in the Secondary Road System the following described street having a 30-foot usable right-of-way:

Chestnut Street - from the intersection of Main Street (T-645) to town limits of Clifton.  
Condition - 12-foot surface treated gravel.  
Total length - 0.25 mile.

The Town of Clifton certifies and guarantees to the State Highway Commission that the right-of-way width stipulated above for this section of road exists, or will be provided by the Town at no cost to the Highway Commission before said street is taken into the Secondary System.

WITNESSED: This to be a true copy

  
Clerk

23 August 1949

Clifton, Virginia  
6 September 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Va. was convened by the mayor at 8:15 at the home of the treasurer with the following members present:

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	Ruell Fugett, Councilman
Elmer Ayre, Councilman	Virginia Sweeny, clerk
Mrs. D. W. Buckley, Treasurer	

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, August	\$30.00
Town sergeant, August	15.00
W. S. Elgin (reimbursement for payment to John Robey for cutting weeds)	5.25

The treasurer reported that a stock of tax bills was needed for this year. It was moved and seconded that purchase be authorized of 1 thousand tax bills. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the treasurer be authorized to purchase stamps to the amount of \$7.00. Carried.

The question of erecting "Clifton" signs at Centreville, Butts Crossroad and Johnson's was discussed. The mayor was asked to contact Mr. Phillips to see whether the county could take care of this matter.

The treasurer reported that an ABC check had been received in the amount of \$771.54.

The mayor reported that Church Street and Main Street are to be fixed this fall, including drains over Main Street sewers. Mr. Walter Wright wants to purchase pipe for installation at the Payne House, which he has purchased, and will occupy.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, Clerk

Approved:

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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

4 October 1949

Clifton, Va.

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	Edward Detwiler
Elmer Ayre	Ruell Fugett
Delsie Buskley	Virginia Sweeny, Clerk

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Saterwaite has promised to place signs on the roads leading into Clifton in the near future. Tax bills have been ordered but not recd.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town sergeant, September	\$15.00
Town lights, September	30.00
W. Swem Elgin, for handling trash collection payment as follows: H. Sutphin, \$12.50; Woodrow Lewis, \$5.00	17.50

The mayor advised that acknowledgement had been received from General Anderson of the Council's petition that Chestnut St be taken into the State road system.

The mayor agreed to contact the county surveyor to see whether he can make the needed survey of the Corporation Limits.

The Planning Commission was requested to meet on the drafting of a parking ordinance as set forth in the minutes of March 1949.

The treasurer reported: balance last meeting	\$2908.87
Disbursements, Sept.	57.25
Balance on hand this date	\$2851.62

The mayor reported that a snow plow attachment has been secured by the county, and that it will pay Harry Sutphin to use it on his truck for clearing the local school routes and the Centerville Road.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny

APPROVED:

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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia  
1 November 1949

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

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor	R. Randolph Buckley, Councilman
<del>Elmer Ayre, Councilman</del>	Edward Detwiler, Councilman
Mrs. Delsie Buckley, Treas.	<del>Ruel Fugitt, Councilman</del>

Due to the absence of the clerk, the reading of minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and Mr. Buckley was asked to act as clerk pro tem.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lighting, October	\$30.00
Town sergeant, October	15.00
Manassas Journal - tax bills	14.75
Special HallowE'en Police:	
Foster Cabaniss	10.00
Harold Bowers	10.00
Carleton Smith	5.00
John Hart	3.00
Harry Sutphin	3.00
W. S. Elgin - reimbursement for refreshments for sp. police	3.00

The clerk was instructed to forward letters of appreciation with the above checks, and similar letter of thanks to the Town Sergeant as officer in charge of this special force.

The mayor reported satisfactory progress on the work underway on the main streets, including Church Street surfacing. A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Clifford, Secretary of the Lynt Class of the Clifton Presbyterian Church, expressing the appreciation of members and congregation for improved approach to the church.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. Fugitt were instructed to draft and post for 30 days on the bulletin board proposed ordinance governing parking of automobiles on the streets and penalties for destruction of government property. Copy of these ordinances appended hereto.

The Planning Commission was asked to spot on the corporation map the location and number of street signs needed, so that these may be ordered and erected without delay. The mayor reported that he had not yet been able to secure the services of a surveyor to plot and mark the corporation limits.

The mayor reported that Mr. Stockton, of the Zoning Commission, had agreed to come to speak with the Town Council at an early date on the zoning ordinances and their application within the corporation.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand 4 October	\$ 2851.62
Disbursements during October	62.50
Collections during October	
Balance on hand 1 November 49	\$ 2789.12

There being no further business, the meeting stood  
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Randolph Buckley  
Acting Clerk

APPROVED:

W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

Clifton, Virginia

6 December 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Clifton, Virginia was held at the home of Councilman Detwiler and was convened in the mayor's absence by Mr. Ayre as acting chairman at 8 p.m., with the following members present:

Elmer Ayre, acting chairman	Ruel Fugitt, councilman
Mrs. Wyckliffe Buckley, treasurer	Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, clerk
Edward Detwiler, street commissioner	

Minutes of the October and November meetings were read and approved.

It was moved and seconded that consideration of the proposed street and property ordinances be postponed until a later time when they could be discussed fully with full membership.

The following bills were presented and duly approved for payment:

Town lights, November	\$30.00
Town sergeant, November	15.00
Town treasurer, for envelopes	1.00

It was moved and seconded that the clerk be authorized to buy a rubber stamp "Town of Clifton" and stamp pad, so that plain envelopes might be used by the Clerk and Treasurer. Carried.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance 1 November 49	\$2789.12
Check, Circuit Court Fines	75.00
Taxes collected	474.29
Disbursements, November	<u>\$93.75</u>
Balance on hand 6 December 49	\$3244.66

on behalf of Clifton

Payment of per diem to Mr. George Kidwell for appearing as a witness/in the Malley-Pearson case was discussed. Moved and seconded that if it is ascertained that only mileage is to be paid by the County, ~~the~~ this witness for the Town of Clifton be reimbursed in the amount of \$3.00 per day. Carried. The mayor is to check with the County on payment already made and to be made.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. P. Sweeny, clerk

APPROVED:

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W. Swem Elgin, Mayor

*Elmer Ayre*  
Acting Mayor.