

Takoma Park, Md. January 15-1894.

The Council met in pursuance of a call by the Mayor.

Present Mayor Maris and Councilmen Skinner and Ford. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Mayor stated that the object of the meeting was to receive the report of the special committee appointed by the citizens for the purpose of bringing about a permanent organization of a fire company.

Messrs. Favorite, Hall, Guerry and Judd of the citizens committee were present with samples of buckets and estimates from various companies regarding the cost of chemical and other engines; also estimates as to cost of trucks, ladders, hooks, ropes, chains &c were submitted.

It was suggested that the Council pass an ordinance creating a fire department and appropriation a certain amount of the town's revenue toward the maintenance of such department.

Mr Skinner was appointed a committee of one to confer with the Citizens committee with ^{the view of} perfecting the organization of the fire department.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved April 19, 1894

J. Skinner

Town Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md.

April 19, 1894.

The Council met in the Union Chapel at 7:30, p.m. in pursuance to a call of the Mayor.

Present Mayor Maris and Councilmen Skinner and Ford. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on ordinance then presented an ordinance to prohibit smoking or disorder of any kind in the Council Room. Mr Ford moved that said ordinance be laid on the table which motion was lost for want of a second.

After some general discussion, Mr. Skinner offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved that hereafter smoking be prohibited at the meetings of the Council while occupying the basement of the Chapel and that the Bailiff is hereby instructed to enforce this resolution

The following bills were then read and by unanimous ^{vale} ~~consent~~ of the Council the clerk was ordered to pay the same

Bill of J. B. Kinnear for money advanced on account of expenses to and from Marlboro + Rossville and stationery furnished	\$8.08 ✓
Bill of E. E. Blodgett for repairing fire engine	11.68 ✓
" " Angus Lamonds for sewer pipe	18.08 ✓
" " J. F. Cherry for balance of work in filling pond on Tulip Avenue	16.50 ✓
Bill of Thomas L. Thomson for rent of Council room from March 14-1893, to December 12, 1893	44.00 ✓
Carried forward	\$98.29

Brought forward	98.29
Bill of G. H. Sleeper for repairing road machine	3.50
" " Enoch Maris for sewer pipe furnished	11.00
" " James St. Owens for correcting, engrossing and amending charter at Ann Apolls	15.00
Total allowance	\$127.59

A communication from the Public Welfare Association enclosing the draft of an ordinance which, in the opinion of the association, would meet the wishes of the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County Md and the people of Takoma Park: and also enclosing a petition urging the Council to pass said ordinance, was read by the clerk.

The petition was signed by the following named persons.

H. Allen Griffith, George W. Parsons, V. C. Gaster, A. G. Thomas, E. R. Bitzer, C. A. Longfellow, A. S. Bitzer, J. B. Kinnear, George L. Videtto, W. W. Dyar, E. C. Gilbert, F. J. Lung, Takoma Loan and Trust Co, per C. M. Heaton Jr, E. E. Blodgett, G. M. Davis, B. C. Hall, F. A. Schneider, L. M. Moore, J. J. Atwell, Charles H. Miller, J. R. McManus, F. W. Longley, H. Albert Warren, William Kahlert, Samuel S. Shedd, J. A. Finch, Morris Biehn, George O. Warren, Thomas J. Doran, Arthur R. Calburn, G. L. Spencer, H. R. Holt, J. B. Kinnear, T. H. Gosson, ^{and} Ralinson Calburn.

After some general discussion the clerk was instructed by the Council to notify the Public Welfare Association that the Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday evening April 24-1894, for the purpose of considering the proposed ordinance granting

the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery Co.,
Md. permission to lay its mains in the streets of
Takoma Park, Md.

There being no further business, the Council, on
motion of Mr Skinner adjourned.

approved April 24-1894

J. B. Skinner
Town Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md. April 24-1894.

The Council met in the Union Chapel at 7:30, p.m. Present, Mayor Maris and Councilmen Stainer and Ford. After the roll was called Councilman Gibbs came and took part in the business of the Council.

Messrs. J. Vance Lewis, William E. Smith and Rev. G. H. Remington were put in nomination for Judges of the Town Election to be held Monday May 7, 1894, and there being no other nominations they were unanimously elected and the Clerk was instructed to notify them of their election or appointment.

The Clerk then read the following ordinance

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md. as follows,

That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County Maryland to lay its mains or gas pipes along the direction of and under the avenues, streets and alleys of said town upon the following terms and conditions viz: That the said gaslight company shall make all excavations for said mains or pipes and shall fill up and repair any and all avenues, streets, alleys, sidewalks or other property so dug up or excavated, they shall replace all gravel or other material with which said avenues, streets, alleys, sidewalks or roadways shall have been covered prior to such excavation, with the same sort of material in the same condition and of the same depth that was removed in making such excavations: and such excavations shall be made in the manner that shall least seriously affect the use of said avenues, streets

Referenced by No. 1123 (21:158-190)

streets, alleys &c. by the general public and all repairs of said avenues, streets, alleys &c. shall be made without any unnecessary delay.

II. That no greater price for gas for street lamps or for public or private houses shall be charged at any time by said gas light company than is charged to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or to private individuals within the limits of the District of Columbia for the same service.

III. That no rights granted under this ordinance shall prevent the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park from laying any underground sewers, water pipes or electric conduits along or under the said avenues, streets or alleys or any of them or from crossing with such sewers, water pipes or conduits, any main or pipe laid by said gas company.

It is hereby expressly stipulated that all rights granted herein shall be subject to the establishment of grades for streets or the laying of sewers, water pipes or other such public improvements by the said Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, and to all changes thereof that may be from time to time adopted the changes in said gas mains or pipes made necessary shall be made by said gas light company at its own expense.

IV. It is hereby expressly stipulated that the rights herein granted may be at any time revoked by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park for failure on the part of said gas light company to perform any

any or all the terms, conditions and stipulations of this ordinance and the council may amend or alter the same at their discretion.

Provided, that the said Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County Maryland shall lay its mains within the corporate limits of Takoma Park Maryland within six months from the passage of this ordinance

After some general discussion by the members of the Council and Mr. Morris Bien of the Public Welfare Association, the above ordinance was unanimously passed and numbered XLI

On motion of Mr. Gibbs ordinance No. XLII giving the Washington Gaslight Company of the District of Columbia the privilege of laying its mains in the streets of Takoma Park Maryland, was repealed

The following bills were presented & the clerk was ordered to pay the same

Bill of Ch. E. Skinner, expenses to & from Rockville and for 4 " No Smoking Signs	\$ 3.25 ✓
Bill of J. W. Gosport for printing 1000 Tax Bills	3.00
Expenses of Enoch Maris for money paid by him for six trips to Rockville & return and two trips to Annapolis & return, a total of	<u>8.30 ✓</u>
Total allowance	\$14.55

On motion of Mr. Gibbs, councilman Skinner was authorized to procure 100 feet of rubber hoses ^{with nozzle} for the fire engine

There being no further business the council adjourned
 approved May 5-1894
 J. P. Skinner
 Town Clerk

Takoma Park, Maryland, May 5, 1894.

The Council met in the Union Chapel at 7:30, P.M.

Present Mayor Maris and Councilmen Skinner and Ford. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There were no committee reports made.

The clerk presented the following bills which were allowed and the clerk directed to pay the same.

Bill of Katie M. O'Rear for typewriting	\$.60
" " Thomas Somerville + Sols for 100 ft Hose	15.60.
" " J. C. Kramer for blacksmithing	<u>2.30</u>
Total allowance	\$18.50

The clerk presented the following report which was, on motion of Mr. Skinner, received and referred to a special committee.

(See next page)

Receipts

Cash in Bank April 30, 1893 (see last report)	cash available	\$197.73
	In sinking fund	650.00
Received from county commissioners of Montgomery Co.		224.30
Received from taxes	Special assessments	764.27
	General taxes	1354.35
	Sale of dog tags	24.00
Received from fines		5.00
" " Pound Master for stock arrested		5.50
Total Receipts		<u>\$3225.15</u>

Disbursements

Street work		\$1059.31
Paving Material		278.14
General Expenses	Salary of J. B. Kinneer, clerk.	195.00
	Other expenses	226.68
Taxes erroneously exacted and refunded		11.02
Certificate of Indebtedness, No. 1.		500.00
Interest on Certificate of Indebtedness		285.00
Salary to Bailiff		150.00
Commission paid to the Bailiff for collecting taxes		22.28
Cash on hand	In sinking fund	492.00
	available	5.66
Total Disbursements		<u>\$3225.15</u>

There being no further business, the Council adjourned
 Approved May 15, 1894.

J. B. Kinneer
 Town Clerk.

Takoma Park, Maryland, May 15, 1894.

The Council met in the Chapel at 7:30 o'clock, Present Mayor Mairs and Councilmen, Skinner Ford and Gibbs. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Skinner from the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks submitted his report from June 27, date of his appointment on said Committee, until April 30, 1894, showing that there had been expended during the above period money as follows.

On Elm Avenue	\$ 274.29,
" Sligo "	20.50,
" Holly "	208.64
" Oak "	17.00
" Tulip "	128.64
" Maple "	.63
" Chestnut "	41.97.

On motion of Mr. Ford, said report was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. Gibbs from the Committee on Assessments reported that the sidewalk on Oak Avenue in front of lot 13, in block 5, be assessed at \$31.84.

It was so ordered and the clerk was authorized place the same on the special assessment book and collect the same.

The following bills were presented and allowed,

Bill of Longfellow & Bitzer for typewriting	\$2.40
" " Remington, Lewis, Smith & Drissell as Judges and Clerk of elections	\$2 ⁰⁰ each 8.00
Bill of J. D. Gibbs for work on Carroll ave.	23.50
Total allowance	\$33.90

Rev. S. H. Remington, Chairman of the Judges of Election then presented the ballot box containing the returns of the election held May 7, 1894, which was unlocked by the Mayor in the presence of quite a congregation of citizens. The Mayor then read the following,

State of Maryland, } S. S. 3. Takoma Park, Maryland
Town of Takoma Park } May 7, 1894

We, the undersigned, duly appointed by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md. according to law, Judges of Election, do hereby certify and return that we did attend on the seventh day of May, A. D. 1894, at the Union Chapel at the said town of Takoma Park, Md. the place appointed for holding said election, and did then and there appoint Daniel O'Driscoll Clerk of said election, who qualified as directed by law.

We further certify that we did then and there before each other qualify as Judges of said election as by law directed and did then and there, at the hour of six o'clock in the morning of the said seventh day of May, A. D. 1894, open the polls for an election of a Mayor and six Councilmen for the said town of Takoma Park, Md.

That we continued the polls open until six o'clock in the evening of the same day when they were closed, the ballot box opened and the ballots publicly counted when it appeared that S. S. Shedd received 50, votes for Mayor and that Cnoch Maris had received 28, votes for Mayor, and that for councilmen, W. V. Dyer had received 49, votes

J. H. Clark had received 51 votes, G. L. Spencer had received 57 votes, J. A. Finch had received 50 votes, Byron A. Ford had received 28 votes, W. E. Skinner had received 75 votes, O. D. Summy had received 28 votes, B. F. Smith had received 28 votes, B. G. Hall had received 28 votes and that George A. Warren had received 76 votes, J. Vance Lewis, 1 vote and J. B. Kinnear 1 vote. And we hereby certify that the said S. S. Shedd, has received the greatest number of legal votes for Mayor and that the said S. S. Shedd is duly elected Mayor, and we further certify that W. H. Dyar, J. H. Clark, G. L. Spencer, George A. Warren, William E. Skinner and J. A. Finch have received the greatest number of legal votes for members of the Council, and that they are hereby elected members of the Council

attest

Daniel O'Driscoll,
Clerk

Signed

{ C. N. Remington
W. E. Smith,
J. Vance Lewis,

Judges

The Mayor then declared that the following named persons had been duly elected Mayor and Councilmen for the ensuing term.

For Mayor S. S. Shedd; for members of the Council W. H. Dyar, J. H. Clark, William E. Skinner, J. A. Finch, George A. Warren and G. L. Spencer.

The oath of office was then administered to the above named gentlemen by Justice of the Peace, Cousin Cordier and they then met in due form all being present at said meeting. The Mayor then made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion and then

then called the meeting to order.

On motion of Mr Dyar, J. B. Kinnear was placed in nomination for Town Clerk for the ensuing year. There being no other nominations the Mayor put the question to the Council and the vote was unanimous in favor of the said J. B. Kinnear. The Mayor then declared him duly elected.

The Mayor stated that at the next meeting of the Council, he would announce the various Committees.

Mr. Finch moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Clerk's books with a view of ascertaining what, and how much, money was available with which to meet certificates of indebtedness that become due on June 1, 1894. The committee was also to examine the books of the bailiff.

The Mayor appointed on the above committee, Messrs. W. W. Dyar, George A. Warren and William E. Skinner and requested them to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Clark moved that a committee be appointed to audit the Clerk's books and report to the Council at the earliest date possible. The motion was unanimously carried whereupon the Mayor appointed Messrs. Thomas G. Doran and J. Vance Lewis as said committee and the Clerk was authorized to notify them of said appointment.

On motion of Mr. Warren the Council then adjourned to meet Monday evening May 21, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock.

Approved May 21-94

J. B. Kinnear

Town Clerk.

Takoma Park, Maryland, May 21, 1894.

The Council met in the basement of the Chapel at 7:30 p.m.
Present Mayor Shedd, and Councilmen Clark, Dyar
Skinner, Warren, Spencer and Finch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No unfinished business appearing on the minutes the Mayor called for reports from special committees, when W. W. Dyar, Chairman of the special committee to investigate the club's book with a view of ascertaining what assets were now available, reported that the cash now on hand and that which was promised before the first of June 1894, amounted to \$1107.62.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Clark, the report was received and the committee discharged.

New business being next in order, the question of paying off \$1000⁰⁰ of the bonded indebtedness of the town was then discussed at length by all the members of the Council when Mr. Warren offered the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Finch. "That the clerk be authorized to correspond with the holders of the bonds of this town and inform them that this corporation is ready to take up the two bonds due June 1, 1894, with interest, and that the said clerk be empowered to ascertain on what basis the bonded indebtedness may be extended and in case such extension can be arranged legally that a special meeting of this Council be called to consider such extension." After some discussion the above motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor then announced that he had appointed the committees which are as follows

Committee

- Committee on Streets, lamps, sidewalks + c. { William E. Skinner,
George A. Warren,
J. A. Finch,
- Committee on Health + Sanitary regulations { G. L. Spencer,
W. W. Dyar,
George A. Warren,
- Committee ^{on} Finance, Taxes + assessments { W. W. Dyar,
J. A. Finch,
J. C. Clark,
- Committee on Ordinance { J. C. Clark,
George A. Warren,
G. L. Spencer,
W. W. Dyar,
- Committee on Judiciary { G. L. Spencer,
William E. Skinner,

On motion of Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Finch, the clerk was authorized to procure the Code of Maryland together with the statutes at large and pay for the same out of the first money available. The motion was unannouncedly carried.

Mr. Finch called the attention of the Council to the necessity of appointing a City engineer whose duty it should be to establish and fix all grades, lines, sewers water pipes + c. and to have charge over all public improvements and offered the following motion, after having been informed that Mr. George W. Jackson was on August 30, 1892, appointed City Surveyor without salary, "That said Surveyor be requested to furnish the Council with a record of all official work done for the town with a plat of the same and that he be required to keep a record of all work done in the future".

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above motion was seconded by Mr. Dyar and after a lively discussion Mr. Dyar offered the following as a substitute for the original motion, which was accepted by Mr. Finch, "That the committee on streets be instructed to communicate with the City surveyor, with a view of ascertaining the cost of preparing a plat of all official surveys made for the town"; The substitute motion was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, the clerk was instructed to write a polite note to Mrs A. G. Thomas and ask her to have her hedge on Oak and Tulip Avenues trimmed.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Skinner the Committee on Finance, Taxes and assessments, was requested to consider the subject of a new assessment and tax levy for the ensuing year and report, if deemed favorable, a new assessment list." The motion was unanimously carried.

The official bond of J. B. Kinnear, Town clerk, was presented and the Mayor referred the same to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Clerk was authorized to procure such stationery as was necessary.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Dyar, the Council then adjourned until Monday evening May 28, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock.

J. B. Kinnear
Town clerk.

Takoma Park, Maryland, May 28, 1894.

The Council met in the Union Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and clerk called the roll which showed the following members were present: Mayor Shedd, and councilmen Dyar, Finch, Warren, Skinner, and Spencer, Mr. Clark having sent word that he was detained on account of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor then notified the members of the Council that he had been advised by legal authority that it was required by the state of Maryland that the Mayor should qualify before the clerk of the Circuit court and that the members of the Council must qualify before the Mayor. He also stated that ~~had qualified before~~ he had qualified before the clerk of the Circuit court of Montgomery County.

He then administered the following oath to St. St. Dyar, J. L. Spencer, George A. Warren, William E. Skinner and J. A. Finch,

Oath of Office.

I do swear that we will support the Constitution of the United States and that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof, and that I will, to the best of our skill and judgement, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice execute the office of Councilmen according to the Constitution and laws of the state, so help me God.

and we declare that we believe in the existence of God.

The Council took up the order of Unfinished Business and the Clerk read two communications from E. H. Rollins and Sons of Boston, Mass. in which they stated that they could give no definite answer now as to the extension of outstanding bonds on Takoma Park. They also asked how much premium the town would be willing to pay in order to have said bonds extended.

After some general discussion the clerk was instructed to advise them that the town would pay no premium.

There being no reports from special committees, Mr. Dyar from the committee on Finance, Taxes and Assessments reported that said committee had investigated the tax books for the previous year and that it was the opinion of the committee that inequalities existed which should be adjusted. The committee suggested that inasmuch as they found the land in Takoma Park assessed at a very low figure and the improvements, in many cases, at about what they were actually worth when new, it would be nothing but justice to raise the rate of taxation and reduce the assessed value of improvements.

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Spencer, this matter was brought before the Council and after some general discussion was referred back to the Committee.

New Business,

Mr. Finch called the attention of the Council to the necessity of removing the sign "To the Spring" at the log cabin, the present condition of Elm Avenue being such

such that vehicles could not reach the Spring conveniently over said Avenue. The matter was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Warren offered the following resolution
 That it is the sense of this Council that all property on which taxes are nearly four years in arrears and for which no express recognition has been received such as will revive them under the statute of limitations, should be collected as soon as possible ^{which is hereby instructed to that effect.} under the direction of the Finance Committee. Said resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Mayor then notified the members of the Council
 A petition signed by a number of the citizens of the Park asking for the extension of Tulip Avenue from its present terminus to Carroll Avenue was read and on motion of Mr. Warren, referred to the committee on Streets.

Motion of Mr. Finch seconded by Mr. Spencer, ^{that} the committee on Streets be instructed to take some steps to procure a suitable place for a Lock Up ^{and} order by the Mayor was declared.

The Mayor then notified the members of the Council that notice had been served on him by the Sheriff of Montgomery County that Dr. Lockerill had sued the Mayor and Council for \$10,000.00 damages said amount of damages having been sustained by him, as he alleges, from an indictment by the State, charging him with ^{having} maliciously torn down the public pound of Takoma Park, Md.

On motion of Mr. Deper, the Mayor was authorized to employ Messrs. Talbutt and Prettyman of Rockville, Md.
 to

to defend the suit.

There being no further business, the Council
adjourned.

J. S. Kinnear
Town Clerk

Amendment