

Takoma Park, Md. October 2, 1894.
 The Council met in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel at 7:30, p. m. pursuant to a call of the Mayor. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the following named members answered to the roll call.

Mayor S. S. Shedd and Councilmen J. C. Clark, W. W. Dyar, Geo. A. Warren and W. E. Skinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Special Committees.

Mr. Skinner, special committeeman for the purchase of a road machine, reported progress.

There were no further reports from special committees.

Reports of General Committees.

Mr. Warren handed in a report relative to the swinging of gates and doors on sidewalks.

The report was read by the clerk and an motion of Mr. Dyar was referred to the town attorney for an opinion.

Mr. Warren handed in a report relative to the establishment of a Fire Department which was read by the clerk and an motion of Mr. Clark said report was received.

Messrs. Skinner and Warren, from the Committee on Streets, reported that they had investigated the charge made by J. D. Gibbs for work on Carroll Avenue and stated that in their opinion the bill should be paid, but in the future no bill for work of any kind should be paid unless authorized by the Mayor and Council or some Committee. They asked for further time to report on the bill of J. F. Cherry, which was granted. Mr. Dyar moved that the report be adopted and the bill paid. The motion was unanimously carried.

No further Committee Reports were received.

New Business.

The recommendations of the committee in regard to an ordinance for establishing a fire Department was referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to draw an ordinance and report at the next meeting. The recommendation for the Council to compensate the Chief of the Fire Department, was stricken out.

Mr. Warren offered a resolution instructing the committee on streets to immediately prepare estimates for lighting the streets: and that said committee submit their report in writing showing the number of lights needed, the cost of operation and illuminating power.

This was seconded by Mr. Dyar and after some discussion, was unanimously carried.

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

Bill of Barber & Ross for sidewalk material	\$22
" " J. B. Kinneer for miscellaneous expenses	11
" " Galbutt & Prettyman for attorney's fee	50.00
" " J. N. Gasom for printing charters & ordinance	23.00
Paid J. B. Kinneer for services, Feb. 1 to June 30, 1894	100.00
Total allowance	\$406.00

The clerk then read the following.

Wm. Vernon, N.Y. September 14 1894

The Honorable,

The Mayor & Council,

Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have permanently removed from Takoma Park, and hereby tender the resignation of my office as member of the Town Council.

I regret that it is necessary to sever my connection with town and its officers.

I trust that you will all continue in the work and speedily accomplish the improvements in the town as promised in the

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"platform" upon which we were elected.

I am respectfully,

(signed) G. L. Spencer

On motion of Mr. Dyar (the above resignation was accepted with regret and the clerk instructed to advise Mr. Spencer of the Council's action.

A communication from the clerk of the County Commissioners, relative to the assessments made on telegraph poles + c., was read and on Motion of Warren the same was laid on the table.

Mr. Warren offered a resolution citing what the Bailiff's duties should be and the compensation he was to receive. Said resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The clerk was instructed to communicate with Geo. W. Jackson and ask him to, in some way, ascertain why the deed to the land for the extension of Philip Avenue had not been given.

A petition signed by Byron C. Coon, J. N. Danforth, F. A. Norman, J. N. Gosson and James H. Deane asking for certain improvements on Sycamore Avenue, was then read and referred to the Committee on streets.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned to meet Monday evening October 8, 1894, at 7:30, P.M.

J. D. Kinnear
Town Clerk.

P. S. Mr. J. N. Clark was designated to act as Town Clerk during the absence of the Town Clerk.

Approved Oct 8/94.

J. D. Kinnear
Town Clerk.

Takoma Park Oct 8/94.

Council met at 7:30 PM.

Members present, Messrs Shedd, Warren, Skinner, and Clark.

Mr Dyer was reported, sick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved.

With reference to the Bill of J. F. Cherry, amounting to \$1,650, the Committee on Streets recommended that in case the Bill was not paid by the owner of the property where the work was done, the Council should pay it.

On motion of Mr Clark seconded by Mr Warren the recommendation was approved.

The Mayor rose to a question of personal privilege ^{stating} that, while he was in no wise responsible for the debt incurred, he should pay the Bill, rather than have the Council pay it.

On motion of Mr Warren the Council proceeded to fill the unexpired term of G. L. Spencer resigned. On motion of Mr Chas. W. Ludden of Chestnut Avenue was nominated by Mr Clark, seconded by Mr Warren.

On a yeu and nay vote, he was unanimously elected, and so declared by the Chair.

Adjourned to meet Monday evening Oct 15/94 at 7:30 PM

Approved Oct 15/94.

J H Clark
Acting Town Clerk

Takoma Park Oct 15/94

Council met at 7.45 PM.

Members present Messrs Shedd, Dyer, Warren, Skinn and Clark. After roll-call the oath of office was administered to Mr Scudder by the Mayor.

Committee on Streets submitted a report on the subject of street-lighting.

Mr Dyer offered the following:

"Resolved, That in view of the present financial condition of the Park and the necessity of immediately lighting the same, it is the sense of this Council that there shall be immediately adopted a plan of lighting the streets by either oil or gasoline lamps as may be deemed best by the Committee on Streets, after further experiments during the coming week." And that the Committee be directed ~~to~~, in the meantime, to purchase 40 turned cedar posts that there may be no delay when the final decision between the gasoline and oil lamps shall be made."

Mr Warren moved to temporarily table the Report of the Committee, and the Resolution. Agreed to.

Mr Warren submitted a resolution on the subject of an election to decide upon the ~~refund~~ the question of the proposed \$5000. loan.

The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee having stated that at the next meeting, an Ordinance covering the matter under discussion, would be submitted, the Resolution was withdrawn.

The Ordinance Committee submitted the Fire Department Ordinance (see Ordinance Book, No. 44) which was passed unanimously.

The following "rules of order" previously prepared by Mr Warren, were unanimously adopted.

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R U L E S O F O R D E R

For the guidance of the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Rule 1. Order of Business:

- 1.-Roll-call
- 2.-Reading of Minutes of prior session
- 3.-Unfinished Business
- 4.-Communications & Bills
- 5.-Reports of Special Committees
- 6.-Reports of Standing Committees
 1. Committee on Streets
 2. Committee on Health
 3. Committee on Finance
 4. Committee on Ordinances
 5. Committee on Judiciary
 - 6.
- 7.-Petitions
- 8.-New Business.

Rule 2

All communications requiring investigation, complaints, &c., addressed to the Mayor & Council, shall, at the proper time, be read by the clerk and immediately referred by the Mayor to the committee charged with the specific duties covered by the communication without motion to that effect, except when objection is made, in which case its disposition shall be directed by motion and vote. Said committee shall, without further instructions, consider ~~and act on~~ the matter and submit a report thereon

Stricken out.

Rule 3.

Reports of special and standing committees will be called for by the Mayor at each regular session in the order named in Rule 1. They will be received without motion, read by the clerk and laid on the table to be acted upon in their regular order under "New Business". Reports of committees under "New Business" shall be the regular order of business in preference to any other, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the council.

Rule 4.

Except by unanimous consent, all bills and accounts involving the expenditure of money shall be referred to the Finance Committee for full investigation and report before final action is taken thereon by the council; said reference shall be made by the Mayor without motion

Rule 5.

The Clerk shall keep a roster independent of his Minutes which shall contain under appropriate headings:

1st-The title or subject of all matters unacted upon at a previous session of the council which will be presented for action under "Unfinished Business".

2d-A list of all special committees appointed with chairman thereof and notation of subject referred for action.

3d.-A list of all subjects or matters referred to any standing committee.

Under the proper "Order of Business" it shall be his duty to

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notify the Mayor of any business unacted upon, or any committee that has not made final report of matters referred to it; the Mayor shall thereupon call upon such committee for report.

It shall be the further duty of the clerk to transmit without delay, all papers bearing upon any subject referred to a committee for action to the chairman thereof *together with a brief notification of the main points of the same*

6 Rule 6

If the Chairman of any committee to which a matter has been referred, be absent from the city, fails or declines to call a meeting of his committee, it shall then be the duty of the second member named on said committee to issue a call for a meeting of the committee.

Rule 7

When the reading of a paper is called for and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the council.

Rule 8

No standing rule of the Council shall be rescinded or changed without prior notice being given in writing, nor shall the operation of any rule be ^{temporarily} suspended except by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

Cushings Manual shall be the guide for all parliamentary proceedings

(Approved by Council Oct 15 1894.)

The Mayor appointed Mr. Scudder Chairman of the Health Committee, also the second member of the Judiciary Committee, and the third member of the Ordinance Committee

Mr. Warren announced his determination to refuse to serve longer on the Health Committee. Mr. Warren ^{was the first appointed second member of the Finance Com.}
The motion to take the Report of the Committee on Streets from the table was lost by the following vote; Aye, Messrs. Warren & Clark. Noes, Messrs. Dyar Scudder and Skinner.

Adjourned to meet Monday evening Oct 22/94 at 7.30 P.M.

Approved Oct 22/94 J. H. Clark.
Acting Town Clerk.

Takoma Park Oct 22/94

Council met at 7.40 PM.

Present, Messrs Shedd, Dyar, Scudder, Warren, Skinner & Clark.

The report of the Committee on Streets relative to the petition of residents of Sycamore Avenue was disposed of as follows:

Mr Dyar moved, "That the Committee on Streets be directed to lay the culvert, as recommended in their report, on Sycamore Avenue between the residences of Mr Danforth and Dr Norman."

Motion agreed to, and remainder of report laid on the table.

As recommended by the Committee on Streets Mr O. D. Summy was elected Chief of the Fire Department, and Mr. O. M. Judd, Assistant Chief.

The Ordinance Committee submitted an Ordinance (See Ordinance Book No 45) relative to the proposed loan of \$5000.

Ordinance passed unanimously.

Mr Dyar resigned as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr Warren was appointed to that position.

Bill of Exor. C. Thomson for rent of church amounting to \$27.50 referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr Clark the report of the Committee on Streets, relative to lighting the town, was taken from the table.

After discussion the following resolution offered by Mr Clark was unanimously adopted.

"That the Committee on Streets be directed to at once purchase 40 tubular oil lamps with turned cedar posts, and cause the same to be erected at such places on the streets as they may deem best."

Adjourned to meet at call of the Mayor.

J. H. Clark
Acting Town Clerk.

Ordinance No. XLV

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland;

That the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, incur an indebtedness of Five thousand Dollars (\$5000. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀) for the purpose of funding the existing indebtedness of said town, providing a system of street-lighting and extending and improving its streets and sidewalks

Sec 2. That when such debt is created, payment thereof be provided for by the issuing of certificates of indebtedness in sums of one hundred Dollars (\$100 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀) each bearing date the first day of December 1894, payable to Bearer, or to the register holder thereof, if duly registered according to the terms, and bearing interest at the rate of Six per centum per annum from date until paid, payable semiannually, principal and interest being payable at the Columbia National Bank, Washington, D. C.; said certificates to be numbered consecutively from one (1) to fifty (50) inclusive and to fall due as follows:

Certificates numbered from one (1) to five (5) inclusive on the first day of June 1896, and the five certificates bearing the lowest numbers in consecutive order on the first day of June in each year thereafter until all are paid. Said certificates shall state on their face the purposes for which, and the law under which they are issued and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States

Sec 3.

That the question of the creation of such debt be submitted to the resident tax payers of the town having the legal qualifications to vote thereat at a special municipal election to be held for that purpose on Monday, the 19th day of November 1894; and that notice of said election be given by pasting the notice thereof required by law in five conspicuous places in the town, and publishing the same in the

the Washington, D. C. Evening News, that being a news paper of general circulation in said town, for three weeks next preceding such election, two insertions each week.

Sec 4 That the clerk be and is hereby directed to have proper ballots printed for use at said election, printed respectively "For the Debt," and "Against the Debt."

Sec 5 That said election be held between the hours of 7: A. M. and 6: P. M. on said 19th day of November 1844. and that Rev. G. H. Remington, J. Maurice Lewis and E. E. Blodgett be, and they are hereby, appointed judges of said election, who shall certify the result thereof to the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, at the next meeting of said Council whereupon such action shall be taken as the returns for said election shall warrant

Signed
 Saml J. Shedd Mayor.
 J. H. Clark Acting Town Clerk

Datouca Park, Maryland, November 26, 1894.
 The Council met in the basement of the Presby-
 terian Chapel at 7:30, P. M. Present, Mayor Shed &
 and Councilmen Clark, Dyer, Scudder, Warren and
 Skinner, Councilman Finch being absent from
 the City, was not present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
 and approved.

Unfinished Business.

The Finance Committee reported that the bill of
 Thomas C. Thompson for \$27.50 on account of rent
 was an overcharge of \$2.50, and they recommended
 that said bill be paid for \$25.00. They also recom-
 mended the payment of the bill of James H. Wilson
 for oil, wick &c, amounting to \$1.44.

There were no reports from special committees.
 Mr Skinner, Inspector of Buildings, reported that
 C. F. Little, Mrs. H. J. Long, L. F. Dudley, J. R. King N. M.
 Camp and H. P. R. Holt, (two) had made application
 for building permits, the same having been
 granted, the money received therefrom, viz:
 \$3.50, was paid over to the clerk and he was instructed
 to cover the same into the Treasury.

The Committee on Streets reported that they
 had purchased twenty six oil lamps with cedar posts
 at a cost of \$118.79, and they had expended \$7.91 for
 oil. Inasmuch as the lamps had been bought at
 a very low figure, they requested that an appropriation
 be made for the payment of the bill. The whole
 matter was referred to the finance committee.

The Street Committee also reported that they
 had made the necessary improvements on
 Sycamore Avenue at a cost of \$10.20, on Elm
 Avenue at a cost of \$2.68, had erected a shed for
 the road machine at a cost of \$3.50 and had
 erected the lamp posts at a cost of \$7.98, a total
 cost of \$31.36. The report is signed by Ch. C. Skinner
 and George A. Warren and a minority report.

Signed

signed by George A. Warren in which he does not concur in that part of the report relative to the expense incurred in erecting lamp posts; claiming that this was the duty of the bailiff and the work should have been performed by him.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Scudder this report was approved and adopted as reported by the committee.

The Finance and Judiciary Committee had no reports to make.

New Business

Mr. E. C. Blodgett, one of the Judges of election held November 19, 1894, in presence of the Mayor and Council and a goodly number of citizens, unlocked the ballot box and presented to the Mayor and Council the following certificate.

The undersigned, duly appointed judges of an Election duly held at the Town of Falconia Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, on the 19th day of November A. D. 1894, to decide the question of authorizing the Mayor and Council to negotiate a loan, do hereby certify that we assembled at the usual polling place in said town prior to 7: A. M. on said 19th day of November and duly qualified by taking the oath prescribed by law and organized by electing C. H. Remington presiding judge; and after appointing and qualifying Daniel O'Driscoll, Clerk of said election, we, at 7: A. M. of said 19th day of November A. D. 1894, declared the polls open for the reception of ballots. We further certify that the said polls were kept open continuously until the hour of 6: P. M. on said 19th day of November and that the total number of ballots cast was fifty-six (56). of which "For the Debt," received fifty-five (55) votes and "Against the Debt," received one (1) vote.

Wholly "for the Debt," having received two thirds of all the votes cast at said election and we hereby certify that the Mayor and Council of
said

said town are hereby duly authorized to negotiate said loan.

Witness our hands and seals at said town, this 19th day of November A.D. 1894.

attested by Daniel O'Driscoll, Clerk { C. H. Remington, E. C. Blodgett, J. Vance Lewis,

The report was received, ^{adopted} and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The Mayor then presented the following affidavit

Personally appeared before me Alberk S. Talley a notary public in and for the District of Columbia, John G. Slater, Business Manager of the Washington News Publishing Company, who being duly sworn certifies that the attached advertisement was inserted six times in the Washington News, a daily paper published in the city of Washington, as per order, on the following dates. Oct. 29th, Oct. 31st, Nov. 7th, Nov. 10th, Nov. 14th and Nov. 17th; twice a week for three consecutive weeks from Oct. 29th to Nov. 17th.

John G. Slater
Business Manager.

Washington, D. C.,
Nov. 24th, 1894.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day November 1894

Alberk S. Talley
Notary Public.



SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, TAKOMA Park, Md. - Whereas "The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park," a municipal corporation created under the laws of the State of Maryland, at a regularly called meeting of its council held on the 22d day of October, 1894, passed an ordinance by which it provides that said corporation incur an indebtedness of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of funding the present indebtedness of said town, providing a system of street lighting and extending and improving its streets and sidewalks, said indebtedness to be evidenced by fifty "certificates of indebtedness," numbered from one to fifty, inclusive, in sums of one hundred dollars (\$100) each, bearing date December 1, 1894, the first five certificates falling due June 1, 1896, and the five bearing the lowest numbers on the 1st day of June in each year thereafter, all bearing interest at the rate of six per centum (6 per cent) per annum from date until paid, payable semi-annually.

And whereas said ordinance further provides that the question of the creation of said debt be submitted to the resident taxpayers of said town at a special municipal election to be held on Monday, the 19th day of November, 1894, in pursuance of Section 24 of the amended charter of said town, notice is hereby given that a special municipal election will be held in the town of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Md., on Monday, the 19th day of November, 1894, to submit to the resident taxpayers of said town the question as to whether or not they will authorize the said town to incur the said indebtedness as above cited.

Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. Those favoring the creation of said debt will vote "For the debt," and those opposed, "Against the debt."

(Signed) SAML S. SHEDD, Mayor.
J. B. KINNEAR, Town Clerk.

This affidavit was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Mr. J. N. Clark of the Ordinance Committee introduced the following Ordinance

Whereas the report of the Judges of Election held November 19, 1894, in pursuance of the Ordinance adopted October 22, 1894, authorizing the submission of the question of the creation of a debt of Five thousand Dollars particularly specified in said Ordinance has been duly filed: and whereas it appears from said report that more than two thirds of the resident taxpayers of the town so voting at said election voted in favor of incurring said debt: and whereas it appears that said indebtedness will not exceed three per cent of the assessed value of all property within the corporate limits in excess of the annual revenues of the town: and whereas it further appears that all formalities required by the charter of the town as necessary to authorize said loan have been duly complied with,

Now be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park that the said Mayor and Council of Takoma Park incur the indebtedness of Five thousand Dollars fully set forth and described in the aforesaid ordinance adopted October 22, 1894, and issue the certificates of indebtedness representing the same and that the form of the certificates of said indebtedness be as provided in the aforesaid ordinance of October 22, 1894.

Ordinance No. 46,
 Signed } J. N. Clark.
 S. S. Shedd, signed } George A. Warren,
 Mayor. } Chas. W. Scudder.

Mr. Skinner moved that the above ordinance be adopted whereas the Mayor put the question and the vote was as follows,

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs. S. S. Shedd, J. N. Clark, St. W. Dyer, Chas. W. Scudder, George A. Warren and William E. Skinner. There were

no votes cast in the negative. The Mayor announced that inasmuch as six votes had been cast in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion was carried and the above ordinance adopted.

Mr Dyar moved that the finance committee be directed to prepare a form of certificates of indebtedness to be issued pursuant to the authority given by the ordinance of this date and submit the same at the next meeting of the Council.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Warren and unanimously carried.

Bills were returned by the Finance Committee with the recommendation that they be paid as follows:

Bill of Geo. F. Muth & Co., for lamps & posts	\$118.79 ✓
" " Nicolai & Brothers " oil	7.91 ✓
" " James W. Wilson " " & c.	1.44 ✓
" " Thomas E. Thompson for rent	<u>25.00</u>
Total appropriation	\$153.14

The Clerk was instructed to pay the above bills.

The following bills were presented and referred to the finance Committee for report.

Bill of Bitzer & Long fellow for typewriting	\$.50
" " Geo. W. Jackson " Surveying	15.00
" " C. H. Remington, J. Vance Durrill and E. E. Blodgett, Judges of Election held November 19, 1894, and of Daniel O' Driscoll clerk of said election	8.00

A communication from O. D. Summy, Chief of the Fire Department asking permission to engage the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel for the purposes of ^{holding} meetings of the Fire Department, was read and such permission was granted.

On motion of Mr. Dejar the Chief of the Fire Department was authorized to incur the indebtedness necessary for repairing the engine.

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Mr. Warren moved that authority be granted to incur the necessary expense to procure paint for painting the road machine. The motion was carried.
 He also moved that the lamp posts be painted which motion was carried.

Mr. Warren offered a resolution asking that the street committee be given authority to supervise the construction of all culverts &c. This matter was referred to the Street Committee for report.

Mr. Warren offered a resolution requesting the clerk to submit all petitions, drawings, papers &c. to the Committee on streets relative to the extension of Oak Avenue to connect with Maple Avenue. The resolution was carried and the whole matter referred to the Committee on streets for a report.

Mr. Warren offered a resolution relative to the cost of an iron bridge across Shigo creek and that action be taken to amend the town charter so as to cede a large portion of the town in the vicinity of the Shigo Bridge, back to the County. This resolution was lost for want of a second.
 The Council then adjourned.

Approved January 28, 1895

J. K. Kinnear
 Town Clerk