

Takoma Park, Md. July 8, 1895.

The Council met in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and the following members answered to the roll call.

Mayor B. S. Shedd, and Councilmen J. N. Clark, W. W. Dyar, George A. Warren, Morris Bien and William E. Skinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished Business

A communication from John S. Swarnstedt president of the Takoma Park Springs Co., was then read. Mr. Swarnstedt returned with said communication a check for \$145 said check having been tendered to him by the Town Clerk on account of refundment of taxes collected on said Spring Park and in pursuance of a resolution of the Mayor & Council dated June 10, 1895.

Mr. Skinner then offered his resignation as a member of the Council, which is as follows.

Takoma Park, D.C. July 8, 1895:

To the Mayor & Council of Takoma Park, gentlemen:

Owing to ill health which in the past has prevented my giving the duties of Councilman the attention the position of public trust requires, and believing the same conditions will exist for some time to come, I am most reluctantly compelled to tender my resignation. At the same time I thank the citizens of Takoma Park for their confidence in electing me to the position and the uniformed courtesy evidenced me at all times by the present Mayor and Council

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. E. Skinner,

Mr. Bien moved that the resignation be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and unanimously carried.

The following communications were then read.

(1) One from the Howe Pump & Engine Co. acknowledging the receipt of our order for hose brake & c.

(2) One from D. Gray Purman complaining that the Street Co. Committee had used certain ^{Tomacatta} pipes belonging to him, had torn up his driveway, had cut away four or five feet of his lot, and had cut down a tree and removed the wood of the same. He also requested that the driveway be replaced and the pipe be put back or paid for in cash.

(3) One from A. S. Phillips requesting the Council to reduce the assessment on his lot and asking that a walk be placed on Laurel Avenue.

(4) One from O. D. Sumner, chief of the fire department enclosing, enclosing a report of the secretary of the fire company.

Report of Special Committee.

Major David O'Driscoll, chairman of the Special Committee appointed May 27, 1895, to audit the accounts of the Town Clerk, submitted the following report.

Takoma Park D.C., July 5, 1895.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md. Gentlemen:

The undersigned committee, appointed by you to examine the accounts of the Corporation clerk for the year ended April 30, 1895, met upon the date above given.

All members present except B. C. Hall and W. Brainard.

After a full examination of said

accounts, your committee respectfully report that they found the said accounts correct and in due form.

We especially commend the improved method of keeping tax-accounts, put into operation by your corporation by your corporation clerk, J. B. Simear, Esq., during the year ended April 30, 1895;

David O. Driscoll,

signed,

A. J. Cony.

J. J. Atwell,

B. C. Coon.

Mr O. Driscoll also called the attention of the Council to the dangerous condition of Sligo Avenue and submitted a proposition to the Council offering to do the necessary widening and repairing for \$350⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

On motion of Mr. Brien the report of the auditing committee was accepted and the clerk was directed to so advise the committee and extend to them the thanks of the Mayor and Council for their valued services.

Report of Standing Committees

Mr. Brien chairman of the Finance committee submitted a report showing that the committee had received bills aggregating \$46.09, audited the same, found them correct and recommended their payment.

Mr. Warren from the Committee on streets submitted his report showing the estimated cost of extending Tulip Avenue from its present terminus to Carroll Avenue to be \$364.50, and the bids for the extension of Oak Avenue to Maple Avenue to be \$90⁰⁰ and \$130⁰⁰ ^{Including Sidewalk} respectively; the committee asked for more time in order to invite further bids.

The report also gave an outline of the work that had

been done and paid for from the Special Improvement Fund.

Mr. Warren moved that the committee be authorized to invite further bids for the extension of Oak and Tulip Avenue. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Bieu moved that the Committee be instructed to estimate the cost of repairing the sidewalk on Elm Avenue and to ascertain if the persons owning the abutting property would pay for said repairs without the necessity of an ordinance for such repairs as might be needed. The motion carried.

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had received a communication from the Trustees of the Thornton estate which is as follows:

Washington, D.C. July 8, 1895.
To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.
Gentlemen;

So far as the undersigned Trustees are concerned we approve of the gift to the corporation authorities of the right of way through the Thornton property by way of Tulip Avenue, as this avenue conforms to the proposed subdivision of this property by the Thornton heirs.

If you will cause a deed to be prepared dedicating this right of way, we will forward it to the Thornton heirs to be signed by them and ourselves as their Trustees.

Respectfully,

R. B. Louis

Andrew A. Lipscomb

} Trustees

The Judiciary, Ordinance, and Health committees had no reports to make.

Mr. M. J. Wine being present made an extended talk to the Council relative to the

claim to the Spring Park, made by the Council as set forth in the minutes of June 10, 1895.

Messrs. Bien, Dyar, and Gould, corporation attorney, answered the remarks of Mr. Wine after which the whole matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to confer with Mr. Wine relative to an amicable settlement of the question, and report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Bien moved that the Clerk be instructed to notify all taxpayers, whose property had been assessed at a different rate from that affixed by the Council last year, that the Council would sit in session at its next regular meeting to hear any complaints from persons dissatisfied with the assessment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried.

The report of the Fire Committee and the communication of Fire Chief were referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Approved August 12, 1895

J. H. Kinnear
Town Clerk

Pakona Park, Md. July 29, 1895.

In pursuance to a call of the Mayor the Council met in the Basement of the Presbyterian Chapel at 8.00 o'clock P.M. Present Mayor S. S. Shedd and Councilmen W. H. Dyer, J. H. Clark, Chas. W. Scudder and Morris Bier. Councilman Geo. A. Warren was absent by reason of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read. Mr. Scudder from the committee on streets submitted a report on the opening, grubbing + grading of Tulip Avenue. The report contained a plat and specifications and the bids were as follows,

W. A. Parker	-----	\$113.00.
J. L. Phillips	-----	285.00.
J. J. Parker	-----	130.00.
C. C. Blodgett	-----	228.00.
R. Seck	-----	390.00.

The Committee recommended that the bid submitted by Mr. Blodgett, be accepted, he, in their opinion, being the lowest responsible bidder,

The question shut with general discussion by all the members of the Council present.

Mr. Bier finally moved that the committee be instructed to obtain further bids for grubbing alone and make a full report at the next regular meeting. This motion was lost for the want of a second.

Mr. Bier moved that the bid of W. A. Parker for grubbing and grading Tulip Avenue for \$113⁰⁰ as per his bid and specifications, be accepted on condition that he agrees to begin the work within five days and complete it within forty days, and that upon the recommendation of the Street Committee \$40⁰⁰ will be paid when the grubbing has been completed; and the balance paid when the work is satisfactorily completed and payment recommended by the Street Committee, provided the wood and brush have been entirely removed from

the street and adjoining premises.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Clark and unanimously carried.

The petition of Daniel O' Driscoll and others dated December 1, 1874, referred to the Street Committee January 28, 1875, was returned with the recommendation that no action be taken on said petition at present. On motion of Mr. Bien the report of the committee was accepted and the clerk was instructed to advise Major O' Driscoll of the action of the Council.

The petition of Ida A. Finch & others dated January 4, 1875, referred to the Street Committee January 20, 1875, was returned with the recommendation that the wishes of the petitioners be carried into effect provided the persons owning the abutting property will assume the expense. The committee also recommended that the clerk communicate with the owners of the property on the north side of Elm Avenue and ascertain if they will assume or authorize the expense of laying a 4 foot sidewalk on said Street.

On motion of Mr. Bien the report of the committee was accepted.

Dog Tags

Mr. Clark moved that the clerk be authorized to purchase twenty dog tags for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, which motion was carried.

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn which motion was declared carried by the Mayor when Mr. Bien called for a division. Those voting aye were Messrs. Clark, Dyar and Scudder. Mr. Bien voted nay. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council adjourned.

Approved August 12, 1875.

J. Kinnear
Town Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md. August 12, 1895:
 The Council met in the basement of
 the Presbyterian Chapel at 8:00 o'clock.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and
 the following members of the Council answered
 to the roll call.

Mayor S. S. Shedd, and Councilmen, J. H. Clark,
 W. W. Dyar, Charles W. Scudder, and George A. Warren.

The minutes of July 8, + July 29 1895, were
 read and approved.

Mr A. E. Phillips being present in response
 to the notice that the Council would sit in
 session at this meeting to hear appeals from
 the valuation fixed on property for the
 fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, requested
 the Council to reduce the assessments on
 his lot to \$180⁰⁰ and on his house to \$800⁰⁰.

He was informed that the Council would
 consider his request and that he would
 be advised of the Council's action.

Mr Phillips' request was referred to the finance
 committee with a request to report at the
 next meeting.

Mr Warren from the committee on streets
 reported back the petitions of E. M. Douglas and
 Asa E. Phillips asking for a board walk on Laurel
 Avenue and a crossing, with the recommendation
 that the crossing be laid at the log cabin at a
 cost of \$7⁰⁰ and that the walk be laid providing
 the parties owning the abutting property will assume
 the expense of said walk or authorize the cost of
 the same. On motion of Mr. Clark the report
 of the committee was adopted.

The Judge Mr. Dyar from the Judiciary committee
 reported back the complaint of D. Gray
 Burman relative to the construction of
 a driveway on Tulip Ave, with the information
 that Mr. Burman had withdrawn his objections

and was willing to accept the board crossing that had been built. On motion of Mr Sudder the report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Dyar from the Judiciary committee reported back the proposed changes and amendments of the constitution of the Volunteer fire company with the recommendation that the amendments be adopted. On motion of Mr Warren the report of the committee was adopted.

Communications and Bills.

There were no communications.
The bill of the Washington News Publishing Co. ^{for advertising} was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid
Bill Wallace Jones for special police duties \$4.00
" E. C. Blodgett for carpenter work &c. \$10.00.
Mr. Warren from the Committee on Streets submitted his report giving a detailed statement of the work done during the recess of the Council, and recommending that \$3.75⁰⁰ be appropriated for labor and setting pipe on Tulip Avenue extended, and also that \$3.75⁰⁰ be appropriated for the construction of a bridge over the gutter in front of the engine house.

On motion of Messrs. Dyar and Clark the above amounts were appropriated for the purposes specified in the report.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Street Committee was authorized to repair Elm Ave.

Mr. Warren advised the Council that there was a vacancy in said body caused by the resignation of Mr. Skinner and he put in nomination, to fill said vacancy, Mr. Thomas J. Doran. Mr. Sudder received the nomination and Mr. Doran was unanimously elected.

The Mayor then notified Mr Warren that he

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of Doran

Mr. Warren, had been made chairman of the Street Committee and also a member of the Health Committee.

The question relative to delinquent taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30-1892 was then discussed and the clerk instructed to ask the Corporation attorney for an opinion as to whether said taxes were barred by limitation of statute.

Mr. Clark then moved that the clerk be instructed to have duplicate stub tax books printed said books to be for the year ending June 30-1896. Said motion was carried.

The Council then adjourned.

J. K. Inman
Town Clerk.

Approved Sept 9/95.

Takoma Park, Md, August 21, 1895.

The Council met in the residence of Mr. S. S. Shedd, at 8:00 o'clock in pursuance of a call of the Mayor.

Present, Mayor S. S. Shedd and councilmen J. H. Clark, Geo. A. Warren, Charles W. Scudder and Thomas J. Doran.

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Councilman Doran, after which he stated that he would be absent from the town for a few weeks and he thought it would be well for the Council to select a Mayor ad interim.

Mr. Clark put in nomination for Mayor ad interim, Mr. W. W. Dyar. There being no further nominations, the motion was put and Mr. Dyar was unanimously elected.

Mr. Clark from the finance committee, presented the following bills duly approved by the Committee.

Bill of Frank Libbey & Co. for lumber	\$75.27
" " D. F. Mason for cement	3.00
Bill of Geo. F. Muth & Co. for one street lamp,	2.74
" " James W. Wilson for tools, matches & c.	6.05
Total	\$87.06

Mr. Warren moved that an appropriation of \$87.06 be made for the payment of the above bills and that the clerk be directed to pay the same out of the first money available, not otherwise appropriated. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Warren then offered the following resolution.

Resolve that it is the sense of the Council that no part of the fire apparatus be loaned to any person. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Mayor then announced that Mr. Doran was

was placed on the Street committee and that Mr Warren was placed on the Health committee.

On motion of Mr. Warren the Council then adjourned.

J. B. Kinnean
Town Clerk,

Approved Sept 9/95

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Council met at 8 o'clock in the basement of the Presbyterian Church with the following members present: Messrs Dyar, Doran, Wapner, Bien and Clark. The Mayor being absent the Chair was occupied by Mr. W. W. Dyar, Acting-Mayor. Councilman Scudder and Clerk Kinneaw were absent on account of sickness.

The minutes of the meetings held Aug. 12, and Aug. 21, 1895, were read and approved.

No petitions. Communication of Mr. Warren referred

to Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of the following Bills:

Mr Watkins for oil	\$19.16
News Publishing Co.	14.70
J. H. Gosorn Printing tax books	4.50
J Baumgartner Dog tags	1.50
Thos. C Thomson Rent of Chapel	23.00
Mr E Skinner, Cement	1.50
Total	64.36

The Finance Committee submitted a report recommending that the assessment on Mr A. E Phillips Lot be reduced to \$180.⁰⁰, and on his house, to \$800.⁰⁰.

also that no action be at present taken setting aside a sinking fund as recommended by the Committee on Streets. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Streets in their report recommended an appropriation of \$25.⁰⁰ to gravel Hickory Avenue. The motion was carried.

The Committee recommended an appropriation of \$15.⁰⁰ to repair Carroll Avenue. Agreed to.

The Committee recommended that \$30.⁰⁰ be appropriated for labor in laying a sidewalk on Dulip Avenue. and that the lumber be bought on long time to be paid for in installments.

The Chairman of the Street Committee estimated the cost of lumber to be \$90.⁰⁰

Mr Clark moved that \$120.⁰⁰ be appropriated

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for the purpose of laying the sidewalk. Motion was lost.

Mr. Bien moved that an appropriation of \$30.⁰⁰ be made for labor cost of laying the sidewalk and that the lumber be obtained on credit. The motion was lost.

The ^{Committee} recommended the purchase of three lamps for Tulip Ave. and on motion of Mr. Doran \$13.⁴⁷ were appropriated for that purpose.

On recommendation of the Committee \$6.¹⁰ were appropriated to construct a culvert across Carroll Avenue at Columbia Avenue.

The recommendation that Council should compel the laying of a sidewalk on the north side of Lot 15 Block 19, owned by Mr. Lansburgh and extending from Mr. Bailey's to Columbia Avenue, was referred to the Ordinance Committee, to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

The recommendation of the majority of the Finance Committee relative to ordering a sale of property for the purpose of realizing delinquent taxes, was adopted.

Mr. Doran moved the repeal of the Dog Ordinance No. 32. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bien, and lost.

Mr. Bien moved that Section No. 1 of Ordinance No. 32, be changed so as to read \$1.⁰⁰ instead of \$2.⁰⁰, and that said amendment shall apply to the taxes due for the current year and that the excess already collected be refunded.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Gould informally submitted his resignation as Corporation Attorney to take effect Sep. 30, 1895.

On motion of Mr. Doran, seconded by Mr. Bien the resignation was accepted.

Mr. O. D. Summy Chief of Fire Dept. made a verbal report relative to the protection of the town from fire.

Mr. Bien moved that the Committee on

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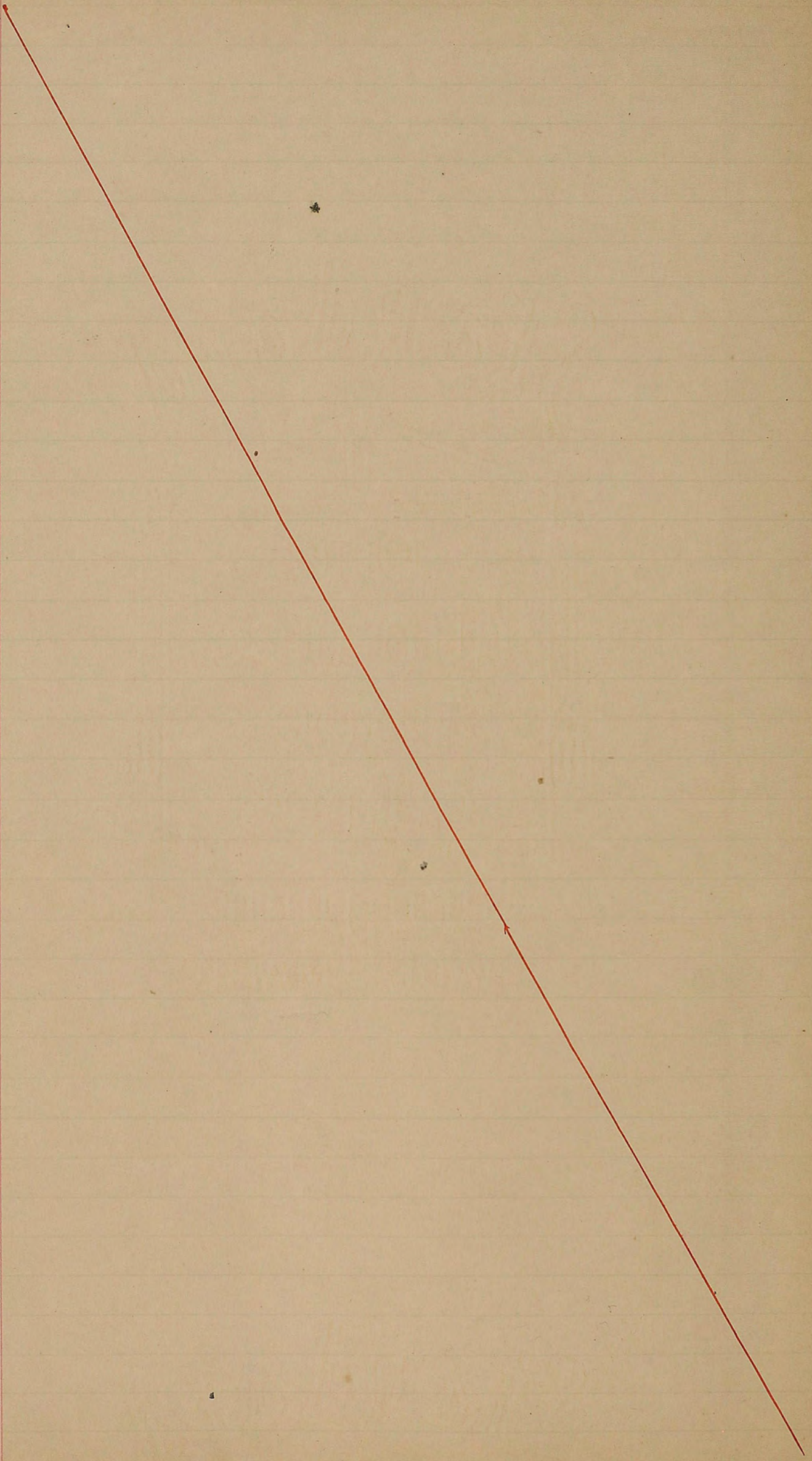
Streets be instructed to ~~have~~ provide a reservoir on the stream in the rear of Mr Dyai's lot the work to be done by the Bailiff. Motion agreed to.

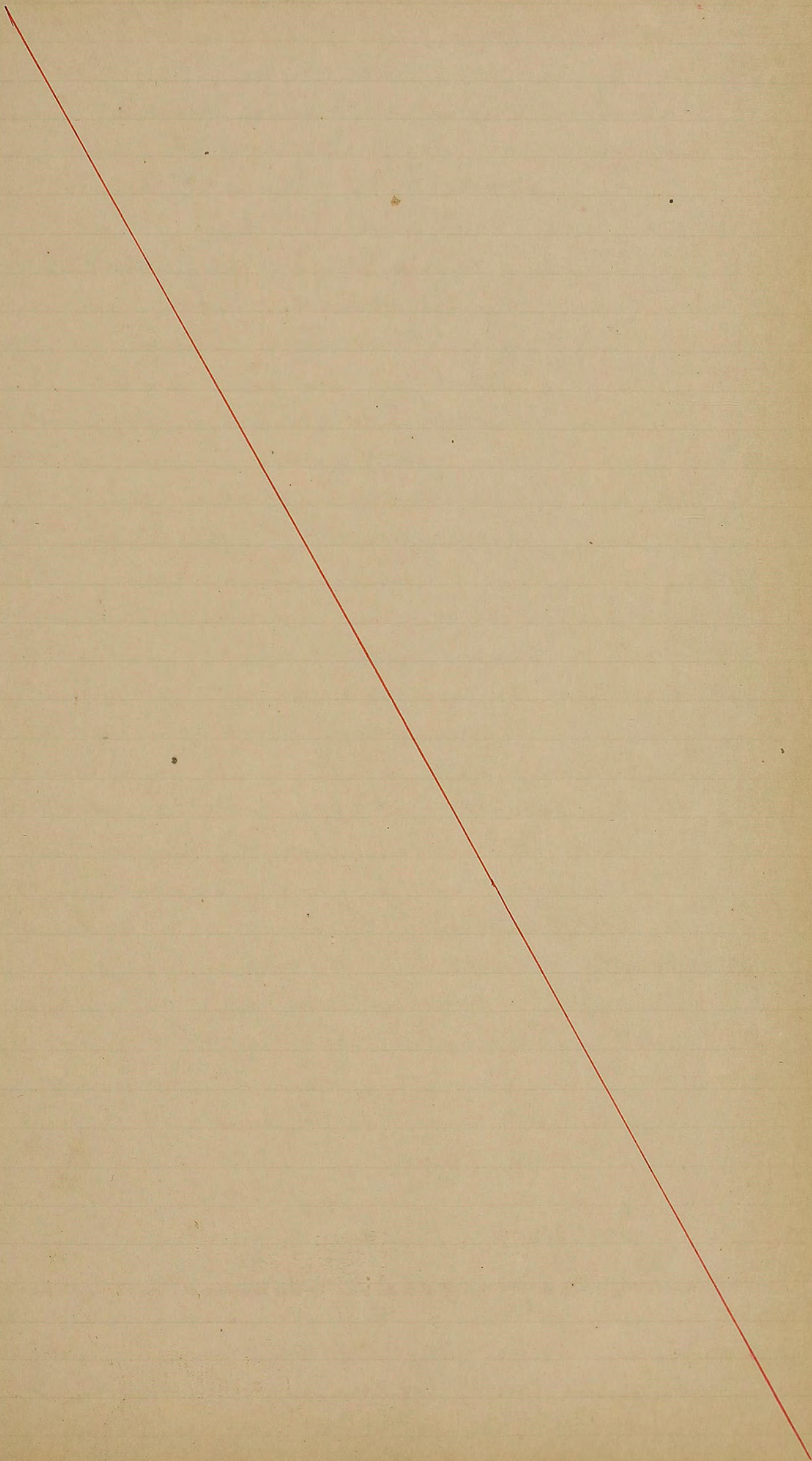
Mr Bien moved that commencing with Oct 1/95 the salary of the Bailiff be \$10.00 per month.

Motion seconded by Mr Doran and agreed to.

Adjourned.

J H Clark
Clerk pro tem.





Takoma Park Md Sep 30/95.

Council met at Mr Clark's, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to a call of the acting Mayor, with members present as follows; Messrs Dyar, Bien, Scudder Warren Doran and Clark.

The resignation of Jas. W. Wilson as Bailiff was received and read.

Mr Bien moved its acceptance. Motion seconded by Mr Scudder and carried.

Mr Warren moved that the resignation of Mr J.B. Kinneer, as Town Clerk, be accepted. Motion seconded by Mr Scudder, and carried.

Mr Warren moved that Mr J.B. Kinneer be elected Bailiff at a compensation of \$10.00 per month. Motion seconded by Mr Doran, and carried.

Motion by Mr Bien, seconded by Mr Scudder "that Geo A Warren be appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer, without compensation", was carried.

Mr Warren moved that the duty of lighting and caring for the lamps be assigned to Under-Bailiff W^m Jones, at a compensation of \$10.00 per month. Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr Scudder seconded by Mr. Bien, an appropriation of \$9.21 was made to pay the following bills:

J. H. Gosorn (printing)	2.25
G. A. Warren (Clow-share advanced)	.31
J. F. Green (oil)	.75
J. H. Clark (Freight advanced)	1.52
Nicolai Bros. (oil)	4.38
Total	\$9.21

On motion of Mr Bien, seconded by Mr Warren, Mr Ashley M. Gould was appointed town attorney. and a certificate consisting of C. W. Scudder and G. A. Warren appointed to audit his accounts

The Acting Mayor administered the oath of office to Mr Geo. A. Warren, as Town Clerk and Treasurer. Council adjourned.

Approved Oct 14/95

J. H. Clark
Clerk pro tem.