

Takoma Park, Md. Oct 14, 1895

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel. Meeting called to order @ 8 o'clock p.m. Mayor S. S. Shedd, presiding

Present:

- Councilman W. W. Dyar,
- " J. W. Clark,
- " Morris Bin,
- " Chas. W. Scudder,
- " Geo. A. Warren,

Absent:-

Thos. T. Doran

Minutes of the regular session of Sept. 9, 1895, were read and approved.

Minutes of the special session of Sept. 30, 1895 were read, and after correction by the insertion of the appointment of a committee to audit the books of Mr. A. M. Gould, were approved.

Report of Special Committee

Councilman Scudder submitted the following report:

" The undersigned, appointed by the Acting Mayor on Sept. 30/95, a committee to examine and audit the books of Mr. Ashley M. Gould, who has been collecting taxes for the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park since April last, report that, as Mr. Gould continued collecting taxes until the qualification of the newly elected Bailiff, the committee did not deem it advisable to examine the books until Oct. 12, 1895, the day that Mr. J. B. Kinnear qualified as Bailiff

The amounts of money received during each month by Mr. Gould as shown by the books are as follows:

April	\$ 55.54	Aug.	\$ 68.24
May	28.51	Sept.	399.35
June	73.32	Oct 1-12	377.65
July	142.74	Total	1145.35

Roll Call

Approval of minutes

Committee on Audit of books of A.M. Gould

" We also find that Mr. Gould turned over to the Town Clerk at various times \$493.35 as follows:

May 8	.	.	.	\$ 55.54
May 25	.	.	.	28.51
July 5	.	.	.	73.32
Aug 1	"	"	"	142.74
Aug 30	"	"	"	68.24
Sept. 30	"	"	"	125.00

Thus, a balance of \$652.00 is now due the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park.

(Sgd) Chas. W. Scudder

(Sgd) Geo. A. Warren

} Committee

Monthly Report of Town Treasurer

Report of

Treasr

Oct 1, 1895	To amount on hand	0.0
" "	Cash from A. M. Gould (taxes)	\$ 125.00
" 3 "	" " J. W. Wilson (dog tax)	12.00
	Total	<u>\$ 137.00</u>
	Paid bills approved by Council	\$ 87.07
	" J. W. Wilson salary	25.00
	" For street-work	19.19
		<u>\$ 131.26</u>
	<u>Balance on hand</u>	\$ 5.74

The Finance Committee made no written report but submitted the following bills which the committee had audited and recommended their payment:

Finance

Nicolai Bros (oil)	.	.	.	\$ 8.80
B & O R.R. (freight)25
M. Brin (Refundment for expense incurred)	.	.	.	5.33
W. E. Stockett (tax book)	.	.	.	8.25
J. B. Kinneer Services to Sept 30/95 and sundry reimbursements for expense incurred	}			102.82
J. W. Wilson (Services & drayage)	.	.	.	<u>6.85</u>
	Total			132.30

A separate vote being had on each bill, there being no dissenting voice, the Chair declared them approved and ordered paid.

Health, and Judiciary Committees made no report
Ordinance Committee submitted a skeleton draft
of an ordinance for use in ordering the construction of
sidewalks — ordered filed —

Mr. Warren from the Committee on Streets submitted a
report in writing from which the following extracts are
recorded:

Streets

That-3 lamps and posts authorized for Tulip Ave had been
purchased and erected.

That- Elm ave, between Pine and Hickory had been repaired
at a cost of \$15.44

That- owing to change in grade it was necessary to relay
the 15" sewer main across Tulip Ave, about 100 ft- further South,

Recommending the construction of street-crossings on Tulip,
Carroll and Elm Aves. Disapproved

Recommending the construction of board walk on Tulip ave
and graveling street. Disapproved

Calling attention to dilapidated condition of Elm and Poplar
Ave sidewalks — Passed over without action —

Relation to widening Hickory, between Montgomery & Elm. ave
— No action —

Recommending that- the difference between what is now paid
for lighting lamps and amount previously paid \$25.00 per month
be apportioned each month to the Committee for such street-work
as was deemed necessary. Disapproved.

Recommending the purchase of a small hand cart- at a
cost of \$6.⁷⁵ for use of lamp lighter Approved.

Mr. Business

Mr Scudder moved that- the orders of the Council of Sept 9-95
appropriating \$25.00 for graveling Hickory Ave be revoked
and appropriation cancelled. Approved

Also, the order for a culvert across Carroll ave at
Columbia be cancelled Approved

Chairman Judiciary Committee

Mr Dyar, submitted the bond of Mr G. A. Warren as
town clerk and treasurer, and recommended its acceptance

Approved.

Bond of

Treasr

Mr Dyar reported that he had sworn Mr J. B. Kinnear as
 Bailiff & submitted the following paper:

Oct. 12, 1895

I hereby certify that on the evening of Oct. 11-1895
 at the residence of J. B. Kinnear on Sully Ave., and
 in the presence of J. W. Clark and Mrs. J. B. Kinnear, I, as
 acting Mayor, of Takoma Park, Md., in the absence of the
 Mayor from the town, did administer to the said
 J. B. Kinnear the oath of office as Bailiff of the
 town, to which office he was appointed by vote
 of the Council at the meeting held on the 30th day
 of September, 1895

(Sgd) W. W. Dyar.

The act above recited was done in our presence
 at the time and place stated

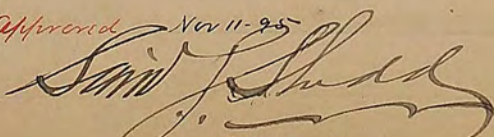
(Sgd) J. W. Clark.

(Sgd) Mrs. J. B. Kinnear

(Paper filed as LR #)

Some discussion was had relative to the resolution of
 May 27-95 regarding the equity of the town in the Takoma
 Spring Park, it being the sense of the Council that the
 Judiciary Committee should continue negotiations with
 the Spring Co.

Mr Warren called the attention of the Council
 to the fact that the County officials, had and were
 causing the arrest of hustlers who had no County
 license, selling goods in the corporation limits of
 Takoma Park, which arrests were a detriment to the
 interests of residents and on motion of Mr. Brien
 the Judiciary Committee were instructed to consider
 the legal phases of the question, and take such
 action as may in their judgement become necessary
No further business appearing the Council was declared
 adjourned at 10²⁵ p.m.

Approved Nov 11-95

 Mayor.

Geo. A. Warren
 Town Clerk

Oath to
 Bailiff

Spring
 Park

Licenses

Takoma Park, Nov. 11, 1895.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, at 8 o'clock p.m. this date
Mayer, S. S. Shedd presiding

Present.

Councilman J. H. Clark
 " W. W. Dyer
 " Morris Brien
 " C. W. Scudder
 " J. J. Doran
 " Geo. A. Warren

Roll Call

Minutes of the regular session of Oct 14, 1895 were read & approved.

Communications & Bills

A letter under date of Nov 9-95 signed by Ashley M. Gould was read by the Clerk. Said letter containing a statement of the amount of taxes collected by him as Bailiff from April 1, 1895 to Oct 1, 1895. The amount collected was stated to be \$1152.27

Am't turned over to Tom Treasurer 493.35

Leaving a balance due 658.92

For which a check on the Wash Loan & Trust Co. was enclosed.

A statement of ac for services as Bailiff amounting to \$150. with \$6⁵⁰ for postage, and for services as attorney in suit of Cokerill vs. the Mayor & Council \$100. and in the matter of tax sale of Oct. 1894 for \$50. were also enclosed. See L.R. #

Referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Bailiff

Nov 11, 1895

To the Mayor & Council.

I have the honor to report that I have collected taxes to the amount of \$578.00 and transferred the same to Geo. A. Warren, Tom Clerk

Report of
 A. M. Gould
 of
 Tax Collec-
 tions

Report of
 Bailiff

and Treasr. This sum was collected from Oct. 14th to Nov. 11-95 and includes \$8.20 collected from persons for advertising, whose property had been advertised for non-payment of taxes. (Filed as Mis #2.)
(Signed) J. B. Linnear, Bailiff

Tax Sale

A preliminary report relating to the tax sale of Nov. 8, 1895 was also submitted by the Bailiff and ordered filed (see Mis #3)

Monthly Report Town Treasurer. (Mis #4)

Nov 11, 1895

Balance on hand last-report	\$ 5.74
Cash from Bailiff on tax	578.00
Total	<u>\$ 583.74</u>
By approved disbursements	<u>160.21</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 423.53

Reports Standing Committees

Committees on Streets, Health, Ordinance and Judiciary No reports

The Finance Committee through its Chairman submitted the following

Nov 11, 1895

To the Mayor and Council

Your committee on Finance desires to report its action under instructions to sell certain property for delinquent taxes as passed at the Sept. session.

The tax books were carefully examined and a list of property as designated by the Council's resolution was made. The land records of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties were examined to verify the list as thoroughly as the time would permit. A number of corrections were

Finance

Committee

on

Tax Sale

made. Notices under date of Sep. 28-95, copy attached, were sent out to those concerned. Between that date and Oct. 1-95. A large number of those so notified ~~paid~~ in their taxes before the list of publication was made up, amounting to \$436. During the week beginning Oct. 13/95, a list showing property in arrears was published in the "Montgomery Press" for Montgomery Co. and in the " Laurel Journal" for Prince Georges Co., and repeated in the two subsequent weekly editions of those papers. Copies are attached. A supplemental report will be made of further proceedings under the orders of the Council. It is necessary to add, however, that after publication, and prior to the sale, a large amount was paid in on account of the property so published. On Nov 8-95, the sale took place as advertised as to those properties on the list still delinquent.

The Committee would recommend the employment of a lawyer to assist the Bailiff in the preparation of his report so that the proceedings of the sale may be properly presented in Court and defended in case there is opposition to the ratification of the sale.

(Sgd) Morris Brien }
 " W. W. Dyer } Finance Committee
 " J. H. Clark }

Report filed as Mrs #10

On motion of Councilman Clark, seconded by Councilman Dyer the report was accepted and recommendation of Committee relation to the employment agreed to

The Finance Committee also submitted a report approving the following bills and recommending their payment.

Have Pump & Engine Co. (Hose & Chemicals)	86.00
Nicolai Bros, oil	8.67
G. A. Warren, refundment for freight	.25
Wm Jones, Drayage & Matches	1.25
G. F. Muth & Co., Lamps, Globes &c	15.73

Employment
of
Lawyer

Approved
Bills

A. Lamond,	Server fee	25.56
M. A. Dogges,	Repairs to Can	.25
G. A. Warren,	Postage & freight	1.25
Mrs. Wilson,	Drayage	.75
		<u>38.81</u>
		\$ 139.71

Bills
On motion Mr Dyar, the report was accepted and bills ordered paid (Filed as Mrs # 14)

The following bills approved by Finance Committee were also allowed and ordered paid

Bien
Morris Bien, refundment for postage and R.R fare to Rockville, Md. and return \$ 3.01

Jackson
Geo. W. Jackson, Services as Surveyor & Balance due for services on Pine, Montgomery, Hickory and Elm. Aves. ^{and} Tulip from Staley to Mapee \$ 8.75

Mr. Bien moved that the Clerk be directed to find out if a previous bill for \$5.00 had been paid, if not then to pay the full amount of this bill (\$8.75) otherwise to pay only the difference \$3.75

Carried

Ridge Ave
Mr. Warren, reported verbally that the Committee on Streets had made an examination of the ground through which Ridge Ave will run when cut through, and submitted a proposition of Mr. Hodges to cut the timber from the street in return for the wood. After some discussion in which the matter was more fully gone into by Mr. Jackson who was present, - Councilman Dyar offered the following motion, seconded by Mr. Warren.

"That the Committee on Streets be empowered to enter into an agreement with Mr. Hodges authorizing him to cut the timber on Ridge Ave. from its present terminus to Carrall Ave., stipulating that the trees shall be cut level with the ground; the street line to be accurately followed, and a survey of the same to be made, if necessary to determine its boundary, at his expense.

Carried

Mr Warren moved that the Ordinance Committee
 be directed to consider the advisability of appointing
 a Building Inspector as mentioned in Sec. 2 Art XVII
 of Ordinance on Building Regulations, and amending said
 ordinance by increasing the fee, a certain portion thereof
 to revert to the inspector

Carried.

Mr Dyar moved that the Committee on Streets
 be directed to purchase a sufficient quantity of
 half-pipe for completing the gutter on the north
 side of Tulip Ave between Sully^{2nd} and Oak.

Carried.

Mr Clark moved that the Clerk request Mr.
 A. M. Gould to submit a report of the tax sale
 in Oct. 1894 in order to complete the records of
 the Council.

Carried

Mr. Birn submitted the following motion, which
 after some discussion was agreed to without amend-
 ment:

"That the Committee on Streets be and are
 hereby authorized to expend the sum of not
 exceeding \$15. each month for such street or other
 public work as in their judgement is necessary"

The following motion made by Mr Birn and
 seconded by Mr. Warren was carried without a
 dissenting voice

"That the Committee on Streets be instructed
 to lay a four foot board walk along the south side
 of Tulip Ave, on what is known as the Thornton tract
 Before operations are commenced, however, that the Mayor
 communicate with the Thornton trustees to ascertain
 if arrangements can be perfected for laying a
 sidewalk of more permanent material, the Mayor^{and}

Building
 Inspector

Sanitary Pipe

Tax Sale

15.00 monthly
 or Committee
 on
 Streets

side walk

Tulip
 Ave

Committee to pay such proportion of the cost thereof, as the cost of a board walk would amount to, the balance to be paid for by the Thornton Estate, before work is commenced. In case favorable response is not received, the Committee to proceed in accordance with the first clause of this motion.

Special
Deposit

Mr. 7 Bin moved that the Town Treasurer be instructed to deposit all money for which there may be no immediate use in the Washington Loan & Trust Co.

Carried

Mr Dyer moved that the Committee on Streets be authorized to purchase 1,000 feet of lumber for use in making small repairs to sidewalks, and that said Committee be authorized to make such inexpensive repairs as ⁱⁿ their judgment ~~is~~ is deemed advisable

Lumber
Authority to
Purchase

Carried

No further business appearing, a motion to adjourn was carried.

Geo. A. Warren
Town Clerk.

Approved: Dec 9-95

Sam'l Shedd
Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md, Dec. 9, 1895

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel this date. Meeting called to order at 8 pm.

Mayer S. D. Shedd, presiding

Present:

Councilman	W. W. Dyer
"	C. W. Scudder
"	J. J. Doran
"	J. W. Clark
"	Monis Brien
"	Geo. A. Warren

Minutes of the meeting of Nov 11, 1895 were read ^{and} approved

Communications

A letter from Mr Thornton was read in which he declined to authorize a brick walk being laid on Tulip avenue

Filed as L.R #

Monthly Report of Bailiff

To the Mayor & c x x x

During the month of Nov. 1895 there was \$103.24 taxes collected which amount has been turned over to the Town Clerk. I have now in my possession \$111.78 which has been collected this month, this will be turned over to the Clerk at the end of the month x x x x x

(sigd) J. B. Kinneary,

Bailiff

Filed as Mins #18

*Report of
Bailiff*

Monthly Report of Town Treasurer

Report

Town Treasr

Balance on hand last report	\$ 423.53
" in Wash L & T. Co of late Treasr.	5.39
Cash from A. M. Gould, Taxes	658.92
" " J. B. Kinnear, Bailiff	103.24
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	1191.08
By approved disbursements	359.40
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Balance on hand	\$ 831.68

In Banking fund W. L. & T. Co \$ 455.39
 " Columbia Nat Bank 376.04 \$ 831.43

Filed as Mis No 19

Reports of Standing Committees

Committees

Committee on Health and Ordinances had no report.

Judiciary Committee reported verbally through its Chairman, that no final agreement had been perfected with the Spring Park Co. and the town,

Committee on Streets submitted a report in writing of which the following is a summary
 42 Cart loads of gravel had been placed on Carrall Ave at a cost of \$14.49

Four fire dams had been constructed

Sidewalks on Columbia and Elm ams. repaired by the labor of the deputy Bailiff

Calling attention to condition of Poplar on sidewalk. - Said on without action -

Recommending walk on Laurel ave. No action

Recommending the cutting down of underbrush and generally clearing up Sycamore Ave and to erect an additional lamp on the street.

Mr Doran moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved, viz \$250.00 for labor and a sufficient amount for purchase of lamp and fuel.

Mr Clark moved an amendment that the Committee have the services of the under Bailiff Jones

Gravel on Carrall Ave

Columbia and Elm Ave walks

Poplar Ave

Laurel Ave

Sycamore Ave

also applied to cutting out the undergrowth, and money to be paid for ^{from} the allowance to the Committee

Agreed to

Snow Plow

Recommending the construction of a snow plow.

Mr Doran moved that the Committee be authorized to have a suitable snow plow constructed, at a cost not to exceed \$10.

Carried

Fire Chief and Asst.

Recommending the reappointment for the ensuing year Mr O D Dunny as Fire Chief and Mr. O M. Judd as Assistant Fire Chief.

On motion of Mr. Clark, Mr Dunny was reappointed Fire Chief and Mr Judd Assistant Fire Chief

Filed as Mis #21

In the matter of the sidewalk for this annum, the Committee on Streets reported but two bids had been received, viz from Mr Queen and Mr Blodgett, and that owing to the fact that the former bid was far below the cost of material that it be thrown out.

Sidewalk

Julip Ave

Mr Brun moved that the Committee be instructed to purchase its material and employ Mr Blodgett to construct the walk, and that he be assisted by Mr. Jones.

Carried

Hodges

Agreement

The agreement between the Committee on Streets in the name of the Mayor and Council relation to the cutting of timber on Ridge an was read, approved and ordered filed

See Mis. No 17.

The Finance Committee, submitted a written report approving the following bills

Bills

F. A. Schneider,	Push Cart, and Sundries	\$ 18.90
A. M. Gould,	Legal services	150.00
Nicolai Bros.	Oil	8.89
Freight	Oil	.25
Libby & Co	Lumber	4.42
" " "	"	12.50
Freight	"	.90
T. H. Gosom	Printing	1.75
W. Jones,	Hauling	1.95
W. Jones	refundment for repairs to plow	1.60

Bills

Freight on Oil	.25
Montgomery Press Advertising	8.75
Laurel Journal	9.70
Washington Post	3.00
Postage Bailiff	1.10
Total	223.96

filed as Mus # 16

On motion Mr. Scudder the report was approved and bills ordered paid

The following bills received after the meeting of the Committee were also approved by the Committee and ordered paid by motion of Mr. Doran

Bills

Nicolai Bros. for oil	\$ 9.88
H. E. Warren " Latin press book	1.50

The bond of Mr. J. B. Kinnear as Bailiff was read: as follows:

Bond of
Bailiffs

Know all men by these Presents:

" That we, J. B. Kinnear, W. G. Platt and Norman Bramard are held and firmly bound to the Mayor & Council of Takoma Park, Md. in the sum of \$1,000. to the payment whereof we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our joint and several heirs, executors and administrators.

Witness our hand and seals this 9th day of Dec. 1895
The condition of the above bond is such, that if the above bounden J. B. Kinnear, appointed Bailiff of Takoma Park, Md shall truly and faithfully discharge the duties of his office according to law, and shall account for, pay over and deliver up all moneys, books, and records which shall come into his hands as such Bailiff, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force

(Sgd) J. B. Kinnear

" Wm. G. Platt

" Norman Bramard

Referred to the Judiciary Committee for report as to legality

A communication was read from Mr. O.M. Judd making a claim for refundment of taxes erroneously (\$2.00) collected on lots 17 & 20 Block 33, Mr Judd acting as agent for Mr. S.D. Yoder.

O.M. Judd

Referred to Judiciary Committee for report
Miscel # 15

Mr. Warren offered the following motion:

Amend
Charter

RESOLVED, that a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor at this session of the Council to act in conjunction with a like committee of the Public Welfare Association, to consider the defects in the present Charter of Takoma Park, Md., and to suggest amendments thereto. Said Committee to submit a final report in writing at the next regular meeting of the Council, or, if deemed advisable, to a special session to be called for that purpose.

Reduce
Boundary

Be it further resolved that said committee take into consideration the advisability of contracting ^{or extending} the boundaries of Takoma Park, Md. in accordance with the following:
Beginning for the same at the intersection of the third line of the District of Columbia with the third line of a tract of land called the "Girl's Portion" and running thence with a part of said ~~line~~ third line of The Girl's Portion, northeasterly to a stone on said line, the southwest corner of Mrs. Brashear's land, thence with said Brashear's south line, easterly to a stone on the west line of H.P.R. Holt's land, thence, by and with a straight line across said Holt's land to his southeast corner on the north side of Carroll Avenue and thence with the north side of Carroll Avenue to Ethan Allen Avenue, thence with the north side of Ethan Allen Avenue to its intersection with the 31st line of a tract of land called Chillum Castle Manor, thence westerly with said line reversed, and as now laid down to the aforesaid 3rd line of the District of Columbia, thence with said line reversed, northwesterly to the place of beginning. (Mrs. 22)

Committee
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Charter

Mr. Bin moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Md." in third line of second paragraph, being that portion definitely defining the suggested new boundary

The amendment being agreed to, and the motion being put and carried in the affirmative the Mayor appointed the following Committee
Geo. A. Warren - Mrs. Bin - W.W. Dyer.

Spring
Park

Mr. Bin offered the following
Resolved that the Town Clerk cause to be transmitted to such persons as may now be interested in the Public Park, known as Spring Park, the Resolution of the Council passed

June 10, 1895

Seconded by Mr. Warren

After discussion the motion was withdrawn and Mr. Doran offered the following.

That the Judiciary Committee be authorized and instructed by the Council to procure and take such testimony as it may be possible to obtain bearing on the question of the ownership of that portion of Tullahoma Park plotted and recorded as Spring Park and that the Committee be authorized to consult the Corporation Attorney on such matters pertaining thereto as may be deemed advisable

Carried

Mr. O. D. Summy brought to the attention of the Council that certain parties were selling cord wood in the town which was less than 4 feet long, and requested that the Council enact a regulation on the subject

Referred to Judiciary Committee

No further business appearing the Mayor declared the Council adjourned

Chas. A. Warren

Town Clerk

Approved:

Sam. J. Shedd
Mayor.

Spring Park
Testimony

Cord wood

Short measure