

A special meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Chapel, Monday, April 6, 1896 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Owing to the absence of the Mayor, Councilman W. W. Dyer was elected to preside at the meeting

Roll Call

<u>Mayor.</u>	S. S. Shedd	<u>Absent</u>
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	<u>Present</u>
"	J. H. Clark	"
"	Wm. Brien	"
"	C. W. Scudder	<u>Absent</u>
"	T. T. Doran	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	<u>Present</u>

The presiding officer, Mr Dyer, stated that this special meeting of the Council had been called by the Mayor for the purpose of taking action in regard to the appointment of a Treasurer, and Assessors in order that the provisions of the recently enacted Charter of the town might be complied with.

Mr Brien offered the following:

" Resolved that Mr Geo. A. Warren be appointed Treasurer under the provisions of the new town Charter, and that the compensation for his duties as Treasurer and Town Clerk shall be at the rate of fifteen dollars per month.

Seconded by Mr Clark, and on being put to vote was Carried

Mr Brien also offered the following:

" Resolved, that Mr. C. W. Heaton, Geo. H. Bailey and J. B. Kinnear be appointed assessors to revise the assessment of the real and personal property subject to taxation within the town, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the town Charter, and that they report to the Council

Object of

Special Session

Appointment

of G. A. Warren

Treasurer

Assessors
Appointment
of

Heaton - Bailey
&
Kinnear

as soon as practicable

Seconded by Mr Clerk, and Carried

The Clerk was directed by the Chair, to notify
 the parties appointed assessors and transmit to
 each a copy of Section 3 of the Charter, defining
 the boundaries of the town and Sec 16 bearing on
 the subject of assessments

Clerk to notify
 assessors

No further business appearing a motion
 to adjourn was entertained and carried

Geo. A. Warren

Town Clerk

Approved:

Samuel Shedd
Meyer.

On motion, of Mr Brien, the several reports submitted were accepted and ordered filed for reference.

(Filed as Misc #20)

Carried

The following bills approved by the Finance Committee were ordered paid.

Bills

Nicolai Bros.	Oil	9.93
Muth & Co	Wicks	3.75
B. D. Shedd, refundment for expenses incurred in trip to Annapolis on town business		10.60
T. W. Gosom	Envelopes & printing	1.65
A. R. Colburn	Notarial fees	1.75
E. E. Blodgett, Services		2.50
		<u>\$30.18</u>

Filed as Misc #18

Report of Treasurer.

Balance on hand	\$495.62
Recd from J. B. Kinnear, taxes	86.37
" " Commissioners Montgomery Co.	<u>423.60</u>
	\$1005.59
By disbursements	<u>145.91</u>
	\$859.68

Of which amount \$766.73 is deposited in Wash L & T. Co

Filed as Misc #16

Report of Bailiff

Mr J. B. Kinnear, late Bailiff reported that he had turned over to the Treasurer \$440.47 of which amount \$423.60 was road tax from Montgomery Co., * * * that no action had been taken by the Court in reference to tax sale of Nov. 1895, and that he had turned over the records to his successor. Filed as Misc. 17.

Oath of
office to
Treasurer

The Mayor reported that he had administered the Oath of office to Mr Geo. A. Warren, as Treasurer on April 8th, 1896.

Spring
Park

The Judiciary Committee, through its Chairman Mr. Egan submitted a report in writing bearing on the subject of the resolution of the Council of Dec 9-95 in the matter of the Spring Park dedication, said report being accompanied by the sworn statements of E. E. Blodgett, B. C. Cook, W. E. Skinner, R. N. Barnitz, M. Brien & G. W. Jackson. The Committee requested that their papers be continued until the next regular meeting with a view of obtaining additional statements.

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

Filed as Miscel # 19 Co

Tom Lock Up

Mr. Warren, moved that the Committee on Streets be authorized to have constructed a Tom lock up, at an expense not exceeding \$50. to be portable, but strongly constructed.

Mr. Brien offered as a substitute that the matter be referred to the Committee on Streets for a report as to probable cost and if permission could be obtained from the owner of the property to locate same lock up on their lot in rear of Log Cabin.

Substitute was accepted by Mr. Warren & carried.

Handcuffs

The Committee on Streets were also authorized to procure two pair of handcuffs for use of the deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Brien offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that hereafter the regular meetings of this Council be on the fourth Monday of each month.

Carried

The Clerk was directed to purchase 25 copies of the Montgomery Advocate containing the new Charter of the Town.

Changing
date of
meeting of
Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel on Monday, April 13/1896 at 8 p.m.

Mayer B. D. Shedd, Presiding.

Roll Call		
Mayer	B. D. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	J. T. Clark	"
"	C. W. Scudder	"
"	mons Brien	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	T. T. Doran	Absent

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 9th and the special meeting of April 6, 1896, were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Mr. Warren of Special Committee on road tax from Montgomery Co, reported that - from data received from the Clerk of the County Commissioners, the records of the town were verified, and what was supposed to be an omission for 1893 found charged to the general taxes.

Mayer Shedd made a verbal report of his acts in reference to the enactment of the revised Charter of the town.

Committees on Streets and Health no reports.

Finance: The subject of water works referred to the Finance Committee was reported on by each member of the Committee separately. The purport of each report was to the effect that for want of time it was impracticable for this Council to enter into any general discussion of the question, or take any definite action in the matter.

Notes for
Advertising

The Clerk was also directed to obtain rates for publishing the delinquent tax list three times viz May 1st 8th & 15th from the proprietor of the "Herald" and report at the next meeting

Bill

Bill of Mr J B Kinnear for postage \$1.99 was presented and allowed

Building
Inspector

On motion of Mr Warren, Mr E. E. Blodgett was elected Building Inspector, and being present, the oath of office was administered to him

Mr J B Kinnear was also sworn in as an Assessor having been elected at a meeting held April 6/96

Qualifications
of
Voters

Mr Brien offered the following Resolutions that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to submit a report at the next meeting of the Council on the requisite qualifications for voters at the coming municipal election
Carried

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was carried.

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Samuel Shedd
Mayor.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council
held Monday, April 27, 1896 in the basement of the
Presbyterian Chapel

Mayer S. S. Shedd, presiding

Roll Call

Mayer /	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	J. H. Clark	"
"	Monis Brien	"
"	Chas. W. Scudder	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	Thos J. Doran	Absent

Minutes of Session of April 13, 1896 read and approved

Reports of Officers and Committees

Streets	No report
Health	" "
Ordinance	" "

Finance Committee submitted a report in writing
approving the following bills:

Bills

Nicolau Bros,	Oil	\$ 9.83
F. A. Schneider	Lock & c	4.00
Geo. A. Warren	Miscel	6.26
		<u>20.09</u> (Mo 22)

On motion the report was approved and bills ordered
paid.

The Judiciary Committee submitted a written report
relating to the matter of alleged sale of short cord wood
referred to said Committee Dec 9, 1895. The majority of the
Committee recommend that no action be taken by the Council

rd Wood

Report signed by W. W. Dyer
J. H. Clark

On motion the report was received and
recommendation concurred in Filed as Miscel # 23

Report on
Qualifications for
Voters

The Judiciary Committee also submitted a detailed and complete report on requisites for voting at municipal elections, after going into the subject very exhaustively the Committee report as follows: x x x x
"The foregoing considerations have led your Committee to the conclusion, that registration is not required for the purpose of voting at municipal elections in Tekoma Park, by either the Constitution, the registration laws of the State or the present Charter of the town x x x x
it is not required as a qualification for holding office under the foregoing provisions

(signed) W. W. Dyar, Chairman
Morris T. Breen
J. T. Clark

On motion, the report was accepted and ordered filed

(Filed as Miscel # 25)

Report of Town Treasurer

Balance on hand	859.68
Collected on the taxes	78.11
Cash taxes from Carroll Estate	257.16
	<u>\$ 1194.95</u>
By disbursements	<u>47.25</u>
<u>Bal. on hand</u>	<u>\$ 1150.70</u>

(signed) Geo. A. Warren
Treasurer

Filed as Misc # 24

Hinnear

Communication from Mr J B Hinnear complaining of the closeness of a lamp post on Tulip avenue to the sidewalk, and requesting its removal was referred to the Committee on Streets for action

LR #

Communication from Standard Oil Co. offering to furnish the town with oil @ 9¢ and 10¢ per gal, according to quality was ordered filed without action, it being the sense of the Council that the slight difference from price charged by present Contractors, Nicolas Bros, would not warrant a change L.R.#

The Treasurer reported that a Mrs Quilter who owned a house and lot in the town desired to pay her taxes but same was not on assessment rolls, nor the Beale property. Treasurer decided to acquaint the Assessors of the facts

Mr Dyar offered the following That the Treasurer be directed to post notices in 5 conspicuous places in the town not later than May 9th that the revised assessment is in his hands and open for the inspection of the public and that the Council will sit at its next regular meeting, May 25/96 to hear and determine appeals and complaints seconded by Mr Clark and Carried.

Mr Dyar moved that the Mayor be authorized and directed to renew the insurance on the fire apparatus upon the policy expires Carried

Mr J. H. Clark placed in nomination the following gentlemen as Judges of Election for the municipal election to be held for Mayor & Councilmen in Takoma Park Md, May 7, 1896

C. H. Remington - W. E. Gerry and E. E. Blodgett

Mr. Dyar placed in nomination Mr J. Vance Lewis
A vote being had resulted in 6 votes being cast for C. H. Remington, 6 for E. E. Blodgett and 3 each for W. E. Gerry and J. Vance Lewis.

The Chair declared Mr Remington and Mr Blodgett elected.

Ord

Assessment
of
Mrs QuilterPosting of
Notices of
AssessmentInsurance
on
Fire App'sJudges of
Election

Mr. Warren moved the election of J. Vance Lewis.
Mr. Clark moved to amend by substituting the name
of Mr. N. E. Berry, resulting in a tie vote
Mr. T. H. Gosom was thereupon nominated by Mr.
Dyar and elected - Mr Gosom and Mr Blodgett being
present - were sworn in by the Mayor

Rolling
Place

Mr Dyar moved that the polling place for the
election on May 4th be the basement of the Presby-
terian Chapel.

Carried

Mr Ashley M. Gould, Corporation Attorney made a
verbal statement concerning the taxes due by Mr
B. N. Warner on the flower track, which was to
the effect - that - Mr Warner offered to compromise
@ 50¢ cash and ~~25%~~^{50¢} in advertising

Warner's
Taxes

After considerable discussion Mr Warren offered
the following

" That the Corporation Attorney be requested
to adjust the matter of the taxes due from Mr.
Warner on the basis of omitting the taxes for
the first year, 1890,

Carried

Mr Gould also submitted the following report in
the matter of the tax sale of October, 1894

Report of
Tax Sale
of Oct/94

" List of property sold by James W. Wilson, Sheriff
Oct. 6, 1894 for delinquent taxes

Richardson

(1) - Lots 9 & 10 Blk. 3, City of Jas. W. Richardson, sold to Mrs.
A. G. Thomas and Mrs. H. Long for \$45.00 - These lots have
been redeemed by said Richardson

Butzer

(2) - Lot 32, B. 64th and L. 5 & 13. 65 property of Anna S Butzer
sold to John W. Hodges. These lots were redeemed
by A. D. Green, the purchaser from Miss Butzer

Green

The redemption of the Richardson property
occurred after the sale had been verified by the
Circuit Court. The Butzer lots were redeemed before
the sale was reported to the court -

- (3) L. 14 & 15 B. 65 sold as the property of Josephine K. Mix to John W. Hodges for \$25.
- (4) L. 22, 23 B. 37 - L. 23 B. 50 - L. 16 & 18 B. 58 sold as the property of Deena G. Burbidge to Thomas Waters of \$40.
- (5) L. 1, 2, 3, 4 B. 54 sold as the property of Tom Dixon to John W. Hodges for \$20.
- (6) L. 13 & 14 B. 54 sold as the property of A. J. Gilbert to Thos. Waters of \$20.
- (7) L. 15 & 16 B. 54 sold as the property of E. D. Gilbert to Thos. Waters of \$20.⁰⁰
- (8) L. 26 B. 54 sold as the property of Arthur S. Norrish to John W. Hodges for \$20.⁰⁰
- (9) L. 8, 7 & 64 sold as the property of Janet E. Richards to John W. Hodges for \$25.⁰⁰
- (10) L. 9 B. 64 sold as the property of Sadie R. Wilson to John W. Hodges for \$25.
- (11) L. 5, 6 B. 54 sold as the property of Melissa Wightman to John W. Hodges for \$25.
- (12) L. 7 & 8 B. 54 sold as the property of Elizabeth R. Worth to Thos. Waters of \$25.
- (13) L. 23 & 4 B. 55 sold as the property of Fannie W. Washington to Thos. Waters of \$25.

The sales mentioned in paragraphs 3 to 13 incl were duly reported to the Circuit-Court of Montgomery Co and were all finally ratified and have not been redeemed.

(sigd) James W. Tolson

by Ashley M. Bond

his Attorney

(Miscel)

On motion of Mr Clark the report was accepted and ordered filed

Mr Ryan moved that the Finance Committee acting in conjunction with the Treasurer be authorized to obtain rates for printing list of delinquent tax-payers and also consider the proposition of the Editor of the Tokoma Tribune and determine from a comparison of the comparative cost whether the list should be published in the

Feelings or not. After some discussion, the matter was left to the discretion of the Finance Committee and Treasurer without instructions.

There being no further business the Mayor declared a motion to adjourn carried.

Geo A Warren

Town Clerk

Approved:

Sam J Shedd

Mayor

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council
held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel
Monday, May 25, 1896

Mayor S. S. Shedd, presiding

Roll Call.

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	J. A. Clark	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	Morris Bien	"
"	Chas W. Seudder	"
"	Thos T. Doran	<u>Absent</u>

Minutes of meeting of April 27, 1896 were read and after correction by substituting 50¢ instead of 25¢ in report of Mr. A. M. Gould were approved.

The Mayor stated that inasmuch as this meeting was called for the purpose of considering the assessment reported by the Board of Assessors, the regular order of business would be temporarily dispensed with.

The Clerk thereupon read the report of the Assessors and laid the papers before the Council.

Minut 29/96

A communication from Mr. E. M. Douglass in the nature of a protest at the assessment on his lots was read, and ordered filed, the matter being then adjusted by the assessors.

R.R. 76/96

A communication from Mr. E. M. Douglass was also read protesting at the low assessment on the Thomson tract in comparison to contiguous property.

- No action -

After a long discussion during which numerous instances were cited by Mr. Bien wherein the Assessors had exceeded the instructions relative to preparing a revised assessment, Councilman Dyer offered the following:

Reference of
report of
Assessors
back for
Correction

Whereas: the revised assessment reported by the Assessors appointed by the resolution of April 6th; 1896, appears upon its face to have been made under a misconception of the extent of their powers under the law, in that they have undertaken to make a practically new assessment instead of a mere revision of the old one, as directed by said resolution

And whereas, it further appears that the said assessment is incomplete in that certain pieces of property listed thereon have no valuations set opposite the same

Therefore it is resolved:

That the report of the Board of Assessors, with accompanying papers be referred back, with instructions; so far as possible to bring transfers down to date; to add annexed property and improvements, and property not heretofore assessed; and that the valuation of property added are to be upon the same general rate as now in force; with power to correct manifest errors and inequalities in particular cases of property now assessed; and to place the result of their work in the hands of the town clerk not later than June 6, 1896.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Scudder and being put to vote was unanimously carried

Regular Order.

Monthly Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand last report	1150.70
Collected on a/c taxes	<u>461.43</u>
	1612.13
By disbursements	<u>57.21</u>
Balance on hand	\$1554.92

Treasurers
-Report-

Reports of Committees

Streets - Sewer - Ordinance - Judiciary no reports

Finance Committee submitted a written report approving the following bills:

Bills

J. A. Gosom, Printing Envelopes	2.90
Nicolai Bros. Ore	9.88
J. A. Gosom Printing tax certificates	2.75
" Publishing tax sale	35.00
G. A. Warren, Dundry expenses	3.72
F. A. Schneider handkerchiefs	10.00
	<u>\$ 64.25</u>

On motion the report was approved and bills ordered paid Filed as Miscel # 31/96

Mr. Bien: moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Judges and Clerk of Election at the same rate as paid at previous elections.

Mr Clark offered as a substitute that \$800 be appropriated to pay the Judges and Clerk of Elections
Carried.

Insurance
- 071 -
Fire Apparatus

Mr Bien moved an appropriation of \$1000 to pay premium on fire apparatus
Carried

Report of Judges of Election

Report
Judges of
Election

we, the undersigned Judges at the Election for Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md., held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, Monday, May 4, 1896, hereby certify that the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

For Mayor,	D. D. Shedd	69
" "	Jno. D. Swomstedt	14
For Councilmen	W. G. Platt	81
"	Chas. W. Scudder	19
"	Byron C. Carr	70
"	And J. Long	47
"	B. C. Hull	25
"	W. W. Dyar	79

<u>For Councilman</u>	Horace J Long	80
	Geo. A. Warren	48
	Morris Bron	21
	T. F. Willis	4
	F. A. Schneider	2
	B. A. Ford	1
	B. B. Shedd	1

It appearing that the following named candidates for Mayor & Councilmen of Takoma Park, Md. received the majority of all the votes cast at said election, they are hereby duly elected for the term of two years commencing on the first Monday in June A.D. 1896

Mayor. B. B. Shedd

Councilmen

- Wm W. Lygar
- Geo. A. Warren
- Frank J Long
- Horace J Long
- Byron C Coon
- Walter G. Platt

C. H. Remington }
 T. H. Gosson } Judges of
 E. E. Blodgett } the Election

Attest:

Theo. F. Willis

Clerk of the Election

Filed as Miscel # 28

Mr Bron moved that the report be adopted and the persons named certified to as having received the majority vote to be declared elected

Carried

In response to an inquiry of Mr Clark Corporation Attorney A. M. Gould reported that he had made a proposition to Mr. B. S. Warner concerning taxes due, to accept the amount without interest, but had not heard from him in reply

Mayor
&
Councilmen
elected

Warner's
taxes

*Road
Machine*
At the request of Mr Gould the Committee on Streets were authorized to loan the road machine to the Takoma Park Athletic Club under the usual conditions

*Extension
of
Certif Indb.*
Mr Bien moved that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to make the necessary certificate extending the remaining Certificate of Indebtedness of \$300. for purchase of fire apparatus, one year
Carried

*Annual
Report*
The Treasurer submitted a financial report for the year ending this date also a resume of the work performed by the Council during the past two years, of which the following are extracts:

What the Town Council Has Done.

At Monday night's session, which was the last regular meeting of the present Council whose term expires June 1st, Treasurer Geo. A. Warren read a report, from which we take the following:

In connection with the financial report of the town, I desire to submit the following resume of the operations of the present Council during its official existence, both as a matter of record and in justice to the members who have given the town's affairs their gratuitous and conscientious attention during the past two years.

On installation into office of the present Council, inquiry elicited the fact that the only property in the possession of the town to be turned over by their predecessors, was a small letter-press and a barrel pump; conversely, taxes were paid as suited the convenience of the people, the delinquent list being something prodigious. The town was, to all intents, insolvent for the reason that maturing bonds and interest were greatly in excess of the funds on hand, while, in addition, bills were incurred for labor or material, and approved and left as a legacy for the present Council, to the amount of some \$600. Street work, except by contract, was utterly impracticable for want of the simplest of street tools.

Such was the condition of affairs that confronted the new administration two years ago.

This Council, on assuming office, was also met with the most discouraging fact of a law-suit for \$10,000 damages against the town, which, if it had been successful, would have caused a forced levy against the prop-

erty five times the annual assessment, but which was happily averted through the legal ability of its Corporation Attorney, Mr. Ashley M. Gould.

The original members of this Council consisted of Mayor Shedd, Messrs. Dyar, Clark, Warren, Finch, Spencer, and Skinner. At different times the last three mentioned members resigned, and Mr. Scudder was chosen to succeed Mr. Spencer; Mr. Bien in place of Mr. Finch, and Mr. Doran in place of Mr. Skinner.

Absenteeism from sessions of the Council have been so infrequent as to occasion surprise when a member failed to answer to roll-call. The records show that out of some seventeen sessions held during the past year Mayor Shedd has been absent but 2 times, Councilman Clark 1, Warren 1, Bien 2, Dyar 3, Scudder 5, and Doran 6 times.

From nothing, the town now possesses a fair set of working tools, sufficient for almost any kind of street work. [We omit the inventory given, which shows 54 articles, part miscellaneous.]

Two years ago an almost indispensable article of the household outfit was a hand lantern, without which few ventured out after sundown. Now they are a forgotten necessity, owing to the system of lighting put into practical operation by this Council. Every street in the Park where houses have been erected is now well illuminated at night, bringing Takoma Park from an antiquated settlement to a village of the first rank. Over sixty lamps are maintained and operated at public expense.

Under the heading of Street Work it is impracticable to particularize every item of work consummated. The following are briefly mentioned:

Tulip avenue, from Maple to Holly, was nothing but a narrow cow-path, and in response to the request of many persons, the street was widened out to 30 feet, guttered, capped, graveled, and a board sidewalk ordered laid its full length at the expense of the abutting property. Later, after considerable difficulty, this street was continued through the Thornton tract with a width of 40 feet, to its intersection with Carroll avenue, thus affording direct communication between the old and the new Park. A substantial sidewalk, 800 feet in length, was constructed, thus completing a much-needed improvement.

Oak avenue was guttered, capped, and in places re-gravelled.

Maple avenue was rolled and portions re-gravelled.

Carroll avenue, from the District line to the log cabin, was widened out to correspond with the District portion of the street, guttered, and completely re-gravelled, while over 150 loads of gravel were placed on the road-bed of this street between Elm and Ethan Allen avenues.

Pine avenue was widened to 40 feet.

Hickory was graded and widened to a 40-foot avenue.

More or less work was also done on Elm and Sycamore avenues.

Culverts of large size pipe have been constructed across streets, etc., at 14 different localities in the town.

Board sidewalks in all sections have been repaired and are being kept in repair at town expense.

Several culverts along the Sligo were repaired or rebuilt.

Sligo bridge was entirely rebuilt at an expense of over \$400, a large undertaking in itself, and rendered necessary to prevent suits for damages against the town, an attempt having previously been made to have the Grand Jury indict the corporation for maintaining a dangerous structure. This work necessarily prevented other street work which had been scheduled.

Every item of work was performed under the personal supervision of the Street committee, at a sacrifice of pri-

vate time, but which time was cheerfully given for the good of the town.

An ordinance granting right of way through the town to an electric railway, has been passed, and this road will eventually lead to what should long ago have been done—the widening of Carroll avenue to 50 feet.

A most complete and effective fire apparatus has been provided for the protection of our homes.

A salary list, which varied from \$45 to \$60 per month, has been reduced to \$25 a month.

A revised charter, liberal in its provisions, equitable to the interests of resident and non-resident tax payers, broad enough to embrace any required municipal improvement, and suitable for the needs of the town for years to come, has been prepared and enacted into law.

Deputy bailiffs, with powers to preserve the peace and enforce an observance of the town's ordinances, have been appointed in various sections for the better security of the residents.

The delinquent taxes, which two years ago aggregated over \$2,000, have been reduced to less than \$500, exclusive of property in litigation; while in addition to the current taxes for 1892 of about \$1,600, over \$1,460 of delinquent taxes have also been collected through the instrumentality of this Council and its officials.

June 1st there will be due for interest on bonded indebtedness, \$150; for redemption of bonds, \$500; for redemption of certificate of indebtedness and interest, \$336; a total of \$986. Cash actually on hand at this date, \$1,554.92. Amount received from tax sale of May 21st (which will be settled for in a few days), \$276.29, making total of \$1,831.21. This Council, with actually nothing when it went into office, will turn over to their successors upwards of \$850 cash, free from any incumbrance.

Those of my associates who sever their official connection with the town's affairs this evening (as well as those who remain) can point with pardonable pride to this indisputable record or their fidelity to the highest trust imposed on them by the people.

No further business appearing the Chair declared the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk.

Approved:
Sam J. Shedd
Mayor.

Minutes of a ^{Special} regular meeting of the Council held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel, Monday June 1, 1896. @ 8 p.m.

Mayer S. B. Shedd presiding

Messrs Dyer, Clark & Warren, members of the old Council were called to order when the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of May 25, 1896 were read and approved, after which the Mayor took leave of his associates on the old council, with the following remarks and declared the meeting adjourned sine die

"Gentlemen of the retiring Council, in consideration of the great results attained, it is a pleasure, as well as but justice to you, that upon the severance of your official connection with the town, that you be congratulated on the success of your administration. Two years ago, when you entered upon your work, the outlook was decidedly discouraging; you found the affairs of the town in a condition bordering on bankruptcy, with large and numerous debts, and a practically empty treasury; the town was menaced by several law-suits, a delinquent tax-list that was appalling, with no credit, a weak charter, and no resources in sight—were you discouraged at what was before you? Yes; but like men, when you recognized the conditions, they only spurred you on, and I know that I represent the sentiment of the peo-

ple when I say to you, I am proud of the results attained in two short years. Outside of the public improvements, which have been so fully set forth in the report of the Treasurer, you have placed the town on a good business basis, and established for it a credit among commercial and business houses in Washington and elsewhere that is gratifying. I thank you all for uniform courtesy to me personally, and while all of us at times may have differed, it was always in the kindest spirit. I desire also to extend my thanks to our town attorney, Mr. Gould, for his consideration and advice at most opportune times. I now bid you an official good-bye, and sincerely trust that the record you have made will be maintained by those chosen by the people to succeed you."

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk.

Approved

Mayor:

Approval of
Minutes

Special Meeting of the Council held
 Monday, June 1, 1896 at 8⁴⁵ pm in the
 basement of the Presbyterian Chapel.

Mayer S. D. Shedd presiding

Oath of
 Office to new
 Council

The following members elect being present, the
 oath of office was administered to them by
 the Mayer:

- Mr. W. W. Dyar
- " Geo. A. Warren
- " Wilmer G. Platt
- " Fred J. Long
- " Byron C. Coon
- " Horace J. Long

after which they took their seats

The Mayer announced the following Standing
Committees

Standing
 Committees

On Public Improvements—Messrs. Warren, Long, and Platt.	Coon
On Finance—Messrs. Platt, and Long.	Warren
On Ordinance—Messrs. Coon, Dyar, and Long.	Dyar
On Health—Messrs. Long, Warren, and Long.	Warren
On Judiciary—Messrs. Dyar, Coon, and Platt.	
Public Safety—Messrs. Long, Warren, and Long.	

On motion, the Committees were approved:

Report of Town Treasurer —

Treasurer's
 Report

	June 1, 1896
Balance on hand May 25, 1896	\$ 1554.92
Amount collected since May 25, 96	<u>319.32</u>
Total	1874.24
Expenditures	
Regular disbursements	72.25
Interest on Certificates of Indebt.	36.00
Redemption " " "	<u>300.00</u> 408.25
Balance	\$ 1465.99

ordered filed

Communications

*Donation of
Coz by Mrs. Shedd*
A letter was read from Mr J. B. Connor, stating that Mrs D. S. Shedd offered the use of the lot known as the Old Quarry for municipal purposes under certain conditions; - also relation to the appointment of a scavenger and stoppage of sewer pipe on Tulip avenue.

The Clerk was directed to make extracts of the letter and submit them for the action of the appropriate Committees. *see L.R. #*

*Report of
Tax sale
May '96*
The Treasurer submitted a final report of the sale of property in the town for delinquent taxes on May 21 and 27, 1896 as follows:

Takoma Park, June 1, 1896.

To the Mayor & Council:

I have the honor to submit the following report covering the matter of the sale of property for delinquent taxes on May 21st and 27, 1896:

The list as originally prepared contained the names of 133 delinquent tax-payers for the year 1896 and prior years, aggregating over \$800. in amount The delinquent list was published in the Takoma Tidings, a newspaper of general circulation in the town as required by the charter. The first date of publication was May 1st and was repeated the next two succeeding weeks, viz. May 8th and 15th. About 100 copies of the paper containing the list were procured the first day of publication and copies thereof posted in five or more conspicuous places in the town as follows: 1-Pine & Montgomery avenue 2-Carroll and Tulip avenues; 3-Carroll & Elm avenues; 4-On door of Log Cabin, Carroll & Laurel avenues; 5 Maple & Tulip avenues; 6 Holly & Tulip avenues; 7-Takoma avenue in two places near the Takoma Springs Hotel; 9-Takoma & N.Y. avenues. 10 in the post-office.

Through the Washington City Directory, such addresses as I was able to obtain by personal inquiry and addresses in possession of the Treasurer, typewritten letters were sent to such persons delinquent as I was able to reach, enclosing therewith, tax bill and copy of advertisement---through this means it was possible to erase the names of 56 persons from the list of delinquents before the day of sale and \$392.23 collected thereby.

On May 21st at 10 o'clock a.m. the sale was commenced, each piece of property being offered separately and 54 parcels were knocked down to the person who would pay the taxes, penalties and costs for the least amount of the property, \$308.01 was realized from the first days sale, the entire list having been gone through with and no more bids being received, the sale was adjourned until Wednesday, May 27th at 10 o'clock a.m. and notices of the adjournment immediately posted in more than 5 conspicuous places in the town at the points mentioned above.

On the day adjourned to, each parcel undisposed of was again offered for sale and the sum of \$107.42 realized, making the total proceeds of the sale for both days \$415.36

A description of the property offered for sale, with amount of taxes, penalties and costs due thereon--the names of the purchasers with amounts paid therefor is given in full in an appendix attached to this report. The utmost care was exercised in all the proceedings in order that all the requirements of the law should be accurately complied with and every effort was made by the treasurer to obtain the amounts due prior to the day of the sale.

No one unless actually engaged in the work can appreciate the immense amount of clerical work entailed in the preparation of the list and the correspondence in connection therewith. I was materially assisted in the computation of interest by Councilman J.H. Clark and am under obligations to Councilman W.W. Dyar and Corporation Attorney Ashley M. Gould for suggestions and legal advice.

Of all property advertised, but 12 remain undisposed of, no bids having been received therefor at either day of sale. In accordance with the charter, the taxes, penalties and costs due thereon will be charged against the owners on next years account.

Copy of notices posted and affidavit of publisher of the Takoma Tidings are appended to this report.

Very respectfully,

Geo. A. Warren
Treasurer.

Report with Appendix filed as Miscel #

Fire Chief

A letter was read from Mr O.W. Summy, tendering his resignation as Fire Chief:

Mr Warren made its reference to the Committee on Public Safety with instructions to induce Mr Summy to continue to act, if possible, otherwise to recommend some person in his place.

The following ten resolutions were submitted by Mr. Warren and referred to the appropriate Committees:

1 That the Judiciary Committee examine the imprint of the corporate seal of the town and report whether it complies with the legal requirements of the new charter, and if not, that said committee submit a design for a new seal

2 That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to consider the law on the subject, and the advisability of the town enacting an ordinance, making it illegal to shoot, kill or trap any of the native song birds in the corporate limits, and report at next meeting

3 That the Committee on Public Safety be directed to consider the advisability of appointing ^{three and a} a number of deputy bailiffs, to serve without compensation, and to recommend to the Mayor for appointment ^{of} a number of suitable persons, especially in the ^{vicinity} territory of North Takoma

*Report of
Tax Sale
May 24/96*

4 That the Committee on Public Improvements be directed to immediately place a strong but economical fence around the washout on Takoma Avenue and that they be authorized to incur the necessary expense therefor.

5 That the Committee on Public Improvements be instructed to submit a written report at the next regular meeting of the council embracing a general plan for street work considered essential during this season with estimated cost of each item; that they be directed in their investigations to consider the following: The extension of Oak to intersect with Maple avenue.-----Takoma avenue Sligo avenue----Sycamore avenue and Elm avenue

6 That the Finance Committee obtain estimates for printing the revised charter of the town

Resolved:

7 That the Committee on Public Improvements be directed to consider the matter of extending the system of street lighting now in operation, throughout the annexed portion of North Takoma; also, to extend the lamps on Carroll avenue to Sligo bridge, and to make a detailed report covering the number of lamps and posts required, locations recommended and the estimated cost thereof.

8 Further, that said committee report on the most feasible and economical plan for maintaining lamps when erected.

9 That the Committee on Health be directed to submit a plan for general scavenger work of the town in accordance with the provisions of the revised charter ~~of the town~~ and that they recommend to the council some person for public scavenger and a plan for ^{his} compensation

10 That the Committee on Public Safety be instructed to consider the advisability of constructing a town lock up and report at next meeting in writing with a detailed estimate of the cost, location &c.

11 That the Treasurer be instructed through correspondence with manufacturers, or dealers, to obtain prices at which the town can be furnished with a first-class iron street roller, and to submit the quotations received at the next meeting of the Council

Major Daniel O'Donoghue was accorded a hearing and made a request that the Council make some needed improvements on Sligo avenue.

The Committee on Public Improvements were instructed to consider the same and make a report at the next meeting

Mr Warren brought to the attention of the Council a proposition of Mr C.M. Hutton Jr. part-owner of the land whereon the Log Cabin is situated, in which he requested the Council to pay him rent for its use by the town during the past year, and that the Taxes on the Fifield track be remitted. This led

to considerable discussion. Councilman Long finally offered the following
 "Resolved that - Mr. Scatons request for back rent - on the Log Cabin be rejected and that the matter of rental of a building for municipal purposes be referred to the Committee on Public Safety."

Rent or construction of municipal building

Carried

In order that the new council might feel free to appoint their own officers, Mr. Warren tendered his resignation as Clerk and Treasurer. After some discussion it was the sense of the Council that the term of office of all appointed officers terminated with the old Council, and no formal resignation was necessary.

Election of Clerk & Treasurer

Councilman Platt thereupon moved that Mr. Geo. A. Warren be reelected Clerk and Treasurer which was seconded by Councilman Long and Carried

Mr. Warren moved the reappointment of Mr. A. M. Gould as town attorney; seconded by Councilman Conn
Carried

On motion of Mr. Long the Clerk was authorized to procure such stationery as may be needed for the use the Council

No further business appearing the Council was declared adjourned

Geo. A. Warren
 Clerk

Approved:

David J. Shedd
 Mayor

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council
held Monday, June 22, 1896 at 8 p.m. in the basement
of the Presbyterian Chapel

Mayor S. D. Shedd, Presiding.

Roll Call.

Councilman	W. W. Dyer	Present
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	B. C. Coon	"
"	F. J. Long	"
"	H. J. Long	"

Minutes of the special session of June 1, 1896 read
and after correction of errors in membership of Standing
Committee, were approved

The regular order of business was temporarily
suspended in order that the Council might sit to
hear appeals and complaints in regard to the
revised assessment of real and personal property
for the purpose of taxation for the fiscal year
beginning July 1-1896.

The report of Chas. M. Scator, Geo. H. Bailey and
John B. Cannon, Assessors was read, and the Assessment
roll laid upon the Council. (Miscel No 45)

The Mayor stated that the Council would now
hear any appeals or complaints, but none being
made or prosecuted the regular order of business
was taken up

Reports of Committees

Finance - Submitted approved bills as follows

J. H. Gosum, Printing	5.00
Nicolai Bros. Oil	9.83

On motion, the bills were ordered paid.

Council sits
as a Board
of Appeals
in Assessment
in 1896

Bills

Printing
Charter

Finance Committee also submitted letter of T. H. Gosom offering to print the Charter of the town for \$1.00 per page or a reduction of 10¢ per page if he be allowed to use cover for advertising. Mr Gosom being present verbally reduced his bid to \$1.00 and 90¢

Mr Dyer moved that the proposition of Mr Gosom to print 200 copies of the Charter at 90¢ per page giving him the privilege of advertisements, be accepted

Carried

Public Improvements: Mr Warren submitted a detailed report of the operations of the Committee Among the various recommendations of the Committee the following were approved:

Street Lamps

To extend the street-lamps through the annexed portions of North Takoma, requiring 20 lamps - To extend lamps on Carroll avenue 5 lamps - ^{and} posts - and on Bligo ave 4 lamps, without-posts.

Lamp Lighter
for N. Takoma

Mr Dyer moved that the Committee be authorized to employ some person to light and take care of the lamps in North Takoma to include ^{chestnut} ~~Sycamore~~ ave. at a cost not exceeding \$5.00 per month

Carried

\$100 for
Sycamore Ave

By Mr Platt: That the recommendation of the Committee for improvement of Sycamore Ave be approved and \$100 be appropriated

Carried

1500 for
Elm Ave

By Mr Dyer: That \$15.00 be appropriated for the Committee's recommendation for improvements on Elm avenue

\$150 for
Takoma Ave

By Mr Dyer: That the committee be authorized to expend for grading, capping, guttering and graveling Takoma Avenue, and filling in the approach to Buffalo avenue, and the construction of the necessary culverts \$150. on condition that the Takoma Loan and Trust Co. furnish an additional

\$100. to be used upon the same work as per the offer of said Company
Carried
By Mr Platt.

That the following tools &c recommended by the Committee be authorized

Purchases authorized

1 Contractors plan		\$14.00
1 Sledge hammer	about	1.50
2 Grubbing hoes	"	3.50
1 Pocket level	"	7.40
Repairs to wheel scoop		5.00

Carried

By Mr Dyar:

\$2500
General improvement of Streets

That as soon as practicable the Committee cause the Road Machine to be used upon the graded streets of the town, at an expense not to exceed \$2500
Carried

The following recommendations of the Committee were disapproved or passed over without action

To grant Columbia an tree	\$50.00
To repair Carroll " "	50.00
To purchase a Street roller	49.00
To repair or improve Blige an.	---
To Connect Oak & Maple Aves	125.00
Construction of a sidewalk on Tekoma Ave	---

Report filed as Miscel #36

Public Safety. Mr Long, Chairman submitted a written report,

Offer of Mrs S.D. Shedd & donate quarry lot

Reporting unfavorably on proposition to accept Mrs. Shedd's offer of the Quarry lot for municipal purposes as not being suitable for an engine house and that the Log Cabin be rented from Mr. C.M. Steaton at \$4800 per annum.

Approved from July 1, 1896

To construct a lock-up in rear of Log Cabin at an estimated cost of \$50.00

lock-up

On motion of Mr Platt the matter was referred back to the Committee with instructions to ascertain the cost of a portable cell, and report at next meeting

Appointment
of
Baileff &
deputies

The Committee also recommended for appointment as
Baileff Mr. E. E. Blodgett and for deputy Baileffs
Wm Jones, Danl Oldmole, Geo. W. Jackson, S. S. Queen
Theo. F. Willis.

On motion the recommendation was approved
and on motion of Mr Warren the name of O M Judok
was also added to the list of deputy Baileffs

Filed as Miscel No. 39

Seal

Judiciary Committee reported that in their
opinion the present corporate seal complies
with all the requirements of the new charter

Song Birds

II Relation to the matter of the protection
of song birds, the Committee recommended the
passage of an ordinance making it unlawful
to kill, trap, maim or otherwise capture or
injure any song bird within the corporate
limits

The recommendation was approved and the
Ordinance Committee instructed to report
such ordinance.

See Miscel No. 38

Rules for
Government
of Council

The Clerk submitted a draft of proposed
rules for the Government of the Mayor & Council
which were read and approved, said rules are
filed as Miscellaneous # No 40.

Report of Town Treasurer.

Ball. on hand last report	\$1465.99
Cash proceeds sale of bonds	2000.00
" General taxes	65.24
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Redemption of Bonds	2500.00
Interest due June 1/96	150.00
Street work & Salaries	4675.2696.75
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<u>Balance on hand</u>	\$834.48

Filed as Miscel No. 37

Appointments
Mr. Summy
Fire Chief

Mr. Long, Chairman Committee on Pub. Safety reported that after conversation with Mr. O. D. Summy, he had consented to continue as Fire Chief

Mr. Judd

On motion Mr Platt O D Summy was appointed Fire Chief and O M Judd Asst. Chief see L.R. #88

Whistles

Mr Long moved that the Council be supplied with whistles, recommending the purchase of 7 @ 25¢ each which number was reduced to 2 by amendment of Mr Hyar and the recommendation approved as amended

Ordinance: Mr Com, Chairman of the ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance

ORDINANCE No. LI.

TO ADOPT AN ASSESSMENT OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR
PURPOSES OF TAXATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA
PAK, MARYLAND:

That the REVISED ASSESSMENT of real and personal property for
purposes of taxation, made, under and pursuance of the resolution of
April 6, 1896, and the supplementary resolution of May 25, 1896,
by Charles M. Heaton, George H. Bailey and John B. Kinnear, and
reported by them June 6, 1896, be, and the same is hereby adopted as
the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1896; the
Council having sat at its regular meeting held this 22d day of June,
1896, to hear appeals and complaints in regard to such assessment,
after two weeks notice of such hearing had been given by posting
notices thereof in five conspicuous places in the town, but no
appeals or complaints having been made or prosecuted.

After being read by the Clerk, on motion of Mr Platt, the ordinance was adopted by Aye and Nay vote as follows

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Shedd</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilman</u>	Wyer	"
"	Long	"
"	Long	"
"	Warren	"
"	Platt	"
"	Corn	"

The following ordinance was also reported by the Ordinance Committee

ORDINANCE No. LII.

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TO LEVY A GENERAL TAX FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

That a general tax of sixty-five (65) cents on each one hundred (100) dollars of the assessed value of the real and personal property lying within the limits of the town, as shown by the assessment this day adopted by Ordinance No. LI, be, and the same hereby is levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Long the ordinance was passed by the following vote

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Shedd</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilman</u>	Corn	"
"	Platt	"
"	Wyer	"
"	Long	"
"	Long	"
"	Warren	"

Side walk
Council Am

A petition for a sidewalk on Laurel corner
signed by E. M. Douglas, T. W. Woodruff, A. E. Phelps
and N. T. Chiles was read and referred to the
Committee on Public Improvements *Misc 42*

No further business appearing, the Mayor
declared the Council adjourned until the first
Monday in July, the date set for the regular
meetings of the Council by virtue of the rules
adopted

Geo. A. Duran
Clerk

Approved:

Saml. J. Shedd
Mayor