January 4th 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the Common was held at 5 pm in this date in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

Mayor S. S. Shedd, presiding

Roll Call

Mayor S. S. Shedd present
Councilman J. T. Long

" W. W. Moyer
" H. F. Long
" W. G. Platt
" Geo. A. Warren
" J. C. Schneider Absent

Minutes of meeting of Dec. 7, 1896 read and approved

Communications

Letter from Mr. O. D. Summy relating to matters connected with the fire department was read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

The Mayor stated that the Board considered the end of office to Mr. Summy as Chief of the fire department Jan. 1st.

Letter from David Oldrieve, deputy sheriff, requesting to be furnished with a revolver &c.

Referred to Committee on Pub. Safety.

Letter from David Oldrieve relating to work done on the Cen city & also calling attention to further need of funds. A second letter from same source indicated where the road should be repaired.

Referred to Committee on Pub. Off.
Mr. Ashley M. Currie submitted a petition from Mr. W. Harris for the construction of Water Works & Sources, which was read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Pet. Inv.

Mr. Currie reported on the matter of tickets for properly purchased by J.W. Hedges & Co. The tickets, at an excess, that the papers were complete and must be delivered to the interested parties.

Committee

Finance—Mr. W.G. Reid, Chairman, submitted a written report approving the following bills:

- Conderoff & Irwin—Rocks $2.50
- Nicolson Bros.—Cist $9.79
- H.A. Schneider—Axes &c $5.90

Total: $18.19

On motion Mr. Bevan the bills were ordered paid.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance on hand, last report $30.86
- Real Estate Taxes $25.87
- By disbursements $276.73

By disbursements: $161.70

Balance: $115.03

Streets: The Committee on Fire Improvements submitted a written report, from which the following are extracted:

Requesting that the Committee delay the taking up of the Board walk on Torch Inn as dangerous to pedestrians and not worth the repairs.

On motion Mr. Bevan the recommendation was approved.

Recommending that steps be taken seeking to the widening of Currie Inn, and authority to employ a contractor to lay out the plans on new lines.
of 40 50 or 60 feet as may be deemed best
and take efficient action.

Report of work done on Sligo Ave under the
supervision of Mayor O’Driscoll, stating that while the
work had been done close too much had been
attempted for amount appropriated, and further
funds will be necessary to complete the work.
That the street be changed from its
original location and a fence constructed
containing the street to less than 18 feet in width.

Quite a discussion was occasioned and resulted
in the following motion of Mr. Ryan

"That the Committee be authorized to expend not
exceeding $25. for the purpose of building Sligo Ave.
near Oldland road in pitch condition as were
present it."

Carried

No further business appearing the Mayor declared
the Meeting adjourned

Carried

Clerk

Mayor

Appendix
February 1, 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date in the basement of the Chapel at 8 p.m. Mayor S. S. Shield, presiding.

Roll Call

Mayor S. S. Shield Present
Councilman W. W. Wyer

W. A. Ling

F. J. Lenny

W. G. Pratt

Geo. A. Warren

F. O. Schenck Absent

Minutes of Session of Jan 4, 1897, read and approved.

Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand $115.00
Regular expense items 55.86
170.86

By disbursements 55.21
Balance $112.40

Reports of Committees

Finance: W. C. Platt, Chairman submitted a report approving the following bills:

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<td>J. P. Mann</td>
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On motion W. W. Wyer the bills were carried second
Public Safety: On a matter of second O'Driscoll’s request for reserve $1,000. Committee reported unfavorably which action was approved by the Council.

Also on matter of communication of Chief of the Fire Dept: Committee recommended that $500 of reserve be transferred to repairs made to barrel engine.

In connection with report of the Committee, a letter was read from Mr. J. D. Kurtz, Asst. Chief D.O. Fire Dept. who had recently inspected the fire apparatus of the town, in which it was stated that repairs to barrel engine prevent the D.O. fire plugs from being furnished by the Common for $1.25 each, and that the (Kurtz) would turn over to the town section of those for use of the town if accepted, for which offer was accepted with thanks. After some further explanation from Mr. Tommy who was present, Mr. Hogan made the following motion:

That the Committee on Safety be authorized to expend not exceeding $100 for the purchase of rope, water barrels & hand connections for adapting hose to the D.O. fire plugs.

Carried

Public Improvements: Submitted written report stating Board works on Currell and Columbia Ave; had been repaired; that a measurement of Hugo Ave showed street ranged from 192 to 204 feet wide. Mayor O’Driscoll had been officially notified to remove the stakes placed along the street abutting his property and the Committee had deemed it imprudent to make any further expenditure of funds in that location.

No action was taken on the report.
Majr O'Driscoll being present was recognized by the Mayor whereupon the resolution was changed to the following effect, "That the plates driven over the east side of Heg's cow on front of Blk 57 were put there solely for the purpose of preventing teams attempting to seek the old road and not for the purpose of a permanent fence; that the Board had no intention of incorporating any of the public highway in the lots and at any time the Council saw fit to widen the street to its free width, the plates could be removed by persons in charge of the road. Majr O'Driscoll was therefore exonerated from all blame and the mandate of the Mayor no later entered June 1877 ordering the removal of said plates was by the sense of the Council incident.

The Chairman Committee on Public Improvements submitted a report on the proposition of J.W. Morris to construct water works for the town. The Committee reported that the matter was one of such vital importance that the investigation of the Committee were not confined solely to the proposition of Mr. Morris, but a careful examination had been made of the whole subject. The Committee stated that they believed it feasible to construct and maintain a system of water works and electric light plant, but it was impracticable to provide sewer at the present time. The Committee recommended that the proposition of Mr. C.G. Morgan, Engineer, made verbally to the Committee, that he prepare detailed working plans and specifications for water and lights together with an estimate of the cost for $250, and traveling expenses, be accepted, in order that reliable and definite data be available for submitting to the proper.

Not signed by W.J. Liny
Mr. Warren moved that report be accepted and recommendation approved, seconded by Mr. King.

A prolonged discussion followed the reading of the question by the Chair, during which the Committee reported verbally that Mr. Morgan had also asked the Board to make a preliminary survey for water and light, but without definite working plans for $75.00 laboring expenses. The Mayor, supported by other members, was of the opinion that a system of sewage was also essential which was not shared by the Committee as feasible. Mr. Mayor finally offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Mayor acting in conjunction with the Committee on Public Improvements, contract with Mr. G. C. Morgan for the purpose of making a preliminary survey for works for electric lights and sewer, contingent upon receipt of not exceeding $75.00, and laboring expenses.

Mr. Warren submitted the following:

Resolved: In view of the fact that there is now no regularly published newspaper in Takoma Park, and that the list of delinquent taxes will first be published March 29th, that the Judiciary Committee be directed to recommend to the Council at its meeting in March, a plan best likely to meet the legal requirements of publication.

Also the following:

Resolved: That the Finance Committee be directed to recommend to the Council at the regular meeting in March, not exceeding three persons for appointment as assessors, as required by Sec. 16 of the Charter, and that said Finance Committee submit with their report as to whether a new assessment shall be made or the present assessment revised.
Adopted and referred to Finance Committee

No other business appearing, a motion to adjourn present

Geo A Warren
Clerk

Attack

Sam H Luch
Mayor
March 1, 1897

The regular meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 pm in the basement of the Chapel.
Mayor S. S. Stedel, President.

Wrote Cases:

Mayor S. S. Stedel, Present.
Commissioner A. J. Young.

A. C. Budde.

A. C. Schneider.

W. W. Mayes. Absent.

Minutes of Session of Feb 1, 1897. Read and approved.

Communications:

Letter from T. W. Waters of S. requesting authority to cut across front street leading to his lot owned. He won in order to make a sewer.

On motion Mr. Warren, the request was offered under the same conditions that a similar privilege was granted to Mr. C. W. Hodge, viz that cross the curv over where the ground 2nd of turf already done. Cross to slope out at expense of Mr. Waters.

Standing Committee

Reports:

Public Improvements: Mr. Warren made a verbal report stating that 4 street crossings had been constructed and 2 board cross on Mulberry avenue.

Received:

The report of the Committee on Ordinance,Judiciary & Safety No reports.
Report of Treasurer

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Finance: Mr. Platt, Chairman, submitted a detailed report covering the following bills:

- T. S. More, painting 15.00
- Nickel Bros oil 14.91
- W. Jone, carriage 2.20
- Cordingley 8.91
- Keating & Co. lumber 31.68
- Pay roll 22.81

Total $83.61

On motion of Mr. Long, report accepted and bills ordered paid.

Mr. Platt, Chairman, Finance Committee, also submitted a detailed report recommending the appointment of J. B. Harrison, C. W. Scudder, and E. M. Blake as assessors as required by the Charter and further recommending that the assessors be instructed to increase the basis of the present assessment with a view to reducing the rate of taxation.

Mr. Harrison moved that the report be accepted and recommendations approved. Seconded by Mr. Long. Carried

On motion of Mr. Platt, the Treasurer was authorized to insert a notice in The Washington Star at the proper time relative to the coming Corporation tax.

Mr. Ashley M. Grant, Corporation Attorney, reported that the Trust obtained a settlement of the taxes due on Block 51 (Home Tract) from Geo. Harrar & Wine.
PAYING THE INTEREST, MAKING AND PAYING ALL PROCEEDS $277.50. WHICH AMOUNT WAS DUE TO THE TREASURER.

Mr. Warren moved that the Clerk be authorized to have a Blue print made of the map of the town & to frame it for the County Commissioners in return for Contingent from the town to New Clerk Mr. A. Warren.

Approved

Mr. A. Warren offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Mayor, acting in conjunction with the Committee on Public Improvements, be authorized to contract with Mr. Geo. O. Morgan, to make a preliminary survey for water & electric light for the sum of $75.00, and that the Committee be authorized to expend an additional sum of $75.00 for a preliminary survey for purchase of such a property, if such a contract can be made, and that resolution on the same subject passed 1st, 1877, be referred.

Seconded by Mr. Smith and Carried.
Tahema Park MD. April 5, 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 A.M. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Mayor A. H. Hurd, Presiding.

Roll Call

Mayor A. H. Hurd

Councilman W. F. Weyer

F. J. Long

W. J. Root

A. A. Warren

A. F. Long

F. A. Schneider

Minutes of regular meeting of March 12 read and approved.

Communications

Letter of Mr. A. C. Philips relative to a survey of the town as a matter of engineering record was read and referred to the Committee on Public Work.

Letter of Mr. W. W. Parker requesting appointment as Scavanger, the Action moved from the Corporation.

After discussion as to the importance of a reliable person as Scavanger, the motion of Councilman Platt that the Communication was referred to the Committee on Health and Sewer Committee continued to make a Contract with Mr. Parker and that Provision be made also for removal of garbage.

Letter from Mr. J. C. W. Allen calling attention to the action of the Council of two years ago where the Committee on Streets was instructed to confine the employment of labor in town made 15 residents of the
Corporation, and that all work was now being performed by men not residing in the Corporation.

Witten referred to the Committee on Water. Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Committee, stated that in the absence of specific instructions he planned to follow the same rule as has been observed for past two years and only employ residents where the interests of the town would not be injured.

Committee on Finance

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Committee on Health, Ordinance and Safety

No reports.

Judiciary. Mr. Rosen, Chairman, requested further time in the matter of the floods of Mr. Douglas for condemnation of lands for flood control.

Finance: Mr. Hunt, Chairman, submitted a report on writing approving the following bills:
- Fredon Tenor, Oil: 14.00
- J. E. Moore, Trimming: 16.00
- A. M. Evans, Legal Services: 60.00
- Contingent: 15.86

On motion, the report was accepted and bills ordered paid.
Public Improvements: Mr. Warren, Chairman, submitted a report in writing containing a report on work done and recommending the treatment of the following: that the sum of $250 be used partly for the purchase of materials for various public improvements during the coming season, to be disposed of under the supervision of the Committee on Public Work for the repair grading, filling, and grading where necessary of the following streets: Carroon, Carroll, and Hull, Pine, Maple, Montgomery, Polk, Columbus, and Hull. N.Y. & Ball One and the construction of such street crossings as may be necessary.

After discussion the report was accepted and recommendation concurred in.

Petitions:

A petition signed by 10 residents and 100 property owners requesting the appropriation of funds for the repair of certain Streetcar tracks.

In view of the fact that an appropriation has already been made for general street work, among the items named in the petition, the Clerk was directed to notify the officials of the fact and action ordered.

Petition of Mrs. Breda A. M. McCall for a drain on Edin Avenue.

Mr. Mott moved that the petition be referred to the Com. on Public Work with directions to submit a general plan for the construction of the sewers mentioned, before any work may be necessary and free.

Carried

No further business appearing, Chairman adjourned.

Geo. A. Warren, Clerk.

Approved

Samuel Smith, Clerk.
May 3, 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date in the basement of the City Hall. Mayor Shedd, presiding.

Roll Call

Mayor A. D. Shedd

Councilman W. W. Ryan

F. J. Long

W. C. Reed

F. H. Long

A. W. Warren

F. A. Schneider

Absent

Minutes of the regular meeting of April read and approved.

Reports of Officers & Committees

Treasurer's Report

Bal on hand

Total dues prior to sale

Dues due sale

Summaries

Cash on hand

Paid expenses

Net increase

Balance

591.09

540.07

375.68

12.00

1514.84

72.15

258.01

1488.68

Health: F. J. Long, Chairman, submitted a written report stating a formal notice relative to the appointment of a scavenger, and defining his duties and compensation had been sent to every household in town.

Report read and ordered filed.
Finance: W. G. Music, Chairman, submitted a report approving the following fees:

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<td>Nicked Bros. Oil</td>
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<td>Armstrong &amp; Potter, Harness</td>
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<td>M. G. Johnson, boats</td>
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<td>Conley</td>
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<td>F. Long, T. P. Longe</td>
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<td>J. C. Morgan, survey for valuation</td>
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<td>J. A. Warren, survey</td>
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<td>W. Jones, survey</td>
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On motion of Mr. Ball, the fees were ordered paid.

Ordinance, Judiciary & Safety, No report.

The Board of Assessors Messrs. Turner, Stedler and Treadwell submitted a report showing according to the revised assessment, the valuation of property on the line 1st,

On Real Property: $324.760

Improvements: $132.910

Personalty: $14.000

Total: $451,680

The revised assessment in detail accompanied the report which was turned over to the Treasurer with instructions to give the usual legal notice to property owners.

The Clerk read the report of Mr. C. Morgan which accompanied the report of the Committee on Public Improvements relative to the establishment of water, electric light & sewerage plant for the town. The same report estimated that the cost would not exceed $32,960 and the annual expense $1,800 to include annual interest at 5%. The Committee recommending the following: That the
Committee on P. & I. to authorize to prepare a formal communication setting forth the trouble offense at consumers and property owners, with a view to call persons interested thereupon to hold a public meeting of the citizens for the purpose of discussing the matter and obtaining their views.

Commence discussion following the reading of the report, particularly as to whether our Charter was sufficiently comprehensive and broad enough to cover the requirements.

On motion Mr. Warren the recommendations of the Committee was approved whereupon Mr. Long made the following motion

That the Corporation Attorney be directed to make a thorough examination into the legality of that portion of the Charter relative to the issuing of bonds for specific improvements.

No further business appearing the Mayor declared the Council adjourned.

G. A. Warren
Clerk

Appr(ov)ed:

[Signature]
Mayor
Takoma Park, Md, June 7, 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 o'clock pm in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel. Mayor S. B. Stude, presiding.

Roll Call:

Mayor S. B. Stude Present

Councilman G. A. Warren
W. W. Byran
H. O. Bogg
F. A. Schweb
F. C. Land
W. C. Pfelt

Minutes of last session read & approved.

The Mayor stated that this being the time to act on the revised assessment, the regular order of business would be suspended, and that the Council would now sit as a Board of Hear and determine complaints & appeals.

The following communication from the Town Treasurer was read and on motion of Mr. Bynoe ordered placed on file on the minutes of the Council:

Takoma Park, Md, June 7, 1897

To the Mayor & Council
of Takoma Park, Md

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that the revised assessment for the purpose of taxation of real and personal property in the Town of Takoma Park was received by me May 3, 1897 and notice of that fact was filed on May 4, 1897 in the County's offices in the form as per copy of notice herewith appended. A large number of property owners visited my
PUBLIC NOTICE.

Takoma Park, Md., May 4, 1897.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16, CHAPTER 310 OF THE ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND (Being the charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Md.), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE REVISED ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1897, IS IN THE HANDS OF THE TOWN TREASURER, AT HIS OFFICE, CORNER OF PINE & MONTGOMERY AVE., AND IS OPEN FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE PUBLIC.

THE COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY JUNE 7, 1897, BEGINNING AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M. WILL SIT TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ALL COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS IN REGARD THERETO.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL.

Geo. A. Warren,
Treasurer.
No further protest having received, the Assessment was adopted by the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No.

To adopt an assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation.

BE IT ORDERED by the Mayor and Council of Tetonia, that the real and personal property for the purpose of taxation, made under the resolution of the Council of March 1897, by J. Z. Hager, C. C. Blodgett, and C. A. Hager, be assessed and reported this May 3, 1897, 2d, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1897. The Council having sat at its regular meeting this 7th day of June, 1897, to hear appeals and complaints in regard to each assessment after two weeks notice of such assessment having been given by posting notices thereof in five or more conspicuous places in the town, and all appeals having been heard and determined by the Council.

An act to may rule being called, the Mayor and all members of the Council voted in the affirmative for the passage of the ordinance.
The regular order of business was then resumed.

A representative of the Fuel & Wash. Train Co., being present, the Mayor stated that an informal meeting of the officers of the Co. had taken place at his office in Washington at which Capt. Alanson Warren of the Co. was present and the matter was considered. The Company was then requested to present a written statement of what they desired and their representative was present to explain matters.

After hearing Mr. A, the Clerk read a suggested ordinance which, with certain amendments, looking to the purchase of right of way through private property on Carrollan, was on motion, referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to entitle to effect some agreement with Mr. O. Oil the for the first half of land along his track, and to report on Ordinance at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

Report of Treasurer

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To report more record from the Committee in Pub. Imp., Judiciary, Health or Pub. Safety

New Business

The Committee on Pub. Imp. were authorized to purchase 1,000 feet of lumber for repair of board walks, also to erect two lamps one on Tremont near Chestnut and one on Ballston ave.

On motion of Dr. Long $50 was appropriated for improving Ballston avenue.

Petitions:

A petition signed by Geo. A. Bailey and six other citizens against granting right of way through Carroll Ave. to an electric railway company and street was submitted and read and referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration in connection with the matter of the railroad already referred to said committee.

No further business appearing, the Mayor declared the Council adjourned subject to his call.

Geo. A. Warren, Clerk

Affixed:

Mayor.