

January 4, 1897

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

Mayor S. S. Shedd, presiding

	<u>Roll-Call</u>	
Mayor	S. S. Shedd	present
Councilman	F. J. Long	"
"	W. W. Dyer	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	<u>F. C. Schneider</u>	<u>Absent</u>

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

Communications

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

Fire Dept.

The Mayor stated that he had administered the oath of office to Mr Summy as Chief of the Fire Dept. to date Jan'y 4th

Oath to

Mr Summy
as Fire Chief

Letter from Daniel O'Driscoll, deputy bullock, requesting to be furnished with a revolver &c.

Revolver for
O'Driscoll

Referred to Committee on Pub. Safety

Letters from Daniel O'Driscoll relative to work done on Sligo Ave also calling attention to further need of funds. A second letter from same source indicated where the road should be repaired.

Sligo Ave

Referred to Committee on Pub. Imp.

Water
works

Mr. Ashley W. Gove submitted a proposition from Mr J. W. Harris for the construction of Water Works and sewers, which was read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Pub. Imp.

need for
tax poles

Mr Gove reported in the matter of deeds for property purchased by J. W. Hodges and Tho Waters, at tax sale, that the papers were complete and would be delivered to the interested parties

Committees

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

Bills

Ornderoff & Truxton - Rates	2.50
Nicolson & Bros Oil	9.79
F. A. Schneider Axes & c	5.90
	<u>\$18.19</u>

On motion Mr Dyar the bills were ordered paid

Treasurers Report:

Balance on hand last report	50.86
Recd General Taxes	<u>225.87</u>
	276.73
By disbursements	<u>161.70</u>
Balance	\$115.03

Streets: The Committee on Pub. Improvements submitted a written report, from which the following are extracts:-
Requesting that the Council order the taking up of the board walk on Poplar Ave as dangerous to pedestrians and not worth repairs:

Poplar Ave

On motion Mr Dyar the recommendation was approved

Recommending that steps be taken looking to the widening of Carroll ave. and authority to employ a surveyor to lay out the street on new lines

widening
Carroll
ave

of 40, 50 or 60 feet as may be deemed best
Left over without action.

Sligo Can Report of work done on Sligo can under the supervision of Mayor O'Driscoll, stating that while the work had been well done too much had been attempted for amount appropriated, and further funds will be necessary to complete the work. That the street had been changed from its original location and a fence constructed contracting the street to less than 25 feet in width.

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

"That the Committee be authorized to expend not exceeding \$25. for the purpose of putting Sligo Can near Blair road in such condition as will preserve it"

Carried

No further business appearing the Mayor declared the Council adjourned

Geo. A. Warren
 Clerk

Approved:

Sam'l Shedd
 Mayor

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. Shedd, presiding

Roll Call

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyar	"
"	J. J. Long	"
"	J. J. Long	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	<u>J. A. Schneider</u>	<u>Absent</u>

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

Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand	\$ 115.03
Recd Council taxes	55.56
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	170.59
By disbursements	58.21
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Balance	\$ 112.40

Reports of Committees

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

Bills

Libby & Co - Lumber	\$12.50
Nicolai Bros Oil	24.52
Wm Jones, Drayage	1.75
J. T. Mann Printing	4.25
Contingent Expenses	10.10
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	52.92

On motion Mr Dyar the bills were ordered paid

Report on
O'Driscoll's
request for
Revolver

Public Safety: On matter of Saml O'Driscoll's request for revolver &c. Committee reported unfavorably which action was approved by the Council

Report on
Supplies &c
for fire
apparatus

Also in matter of communication of Chief of the Fire Dept: Committee recommended that when funds are available that 60 feet of rope be purchased ^{and} repairs made to barrel engine. In connection with report of the Committee, a letter was read from Mr. J. W. Kurtz, Asst. Chief W.C. Fire Dept - who had recently inspected the fire apparatus of the town, in which it was stated that reducers to adapt engine suction hose to the W.C. fire plugs would be furnished by Mr Somerville for \$2⁰⁰ each, ^{and} that he (Kurtz) would turn over to the town section of hose for use of the town if called for, which offer was accepted with thanks. After some further explanation from Mr. Summy who was present: Mr Mayor made the following motion

" That the Committee on Safety be authorized to expend not exceeding \$15⁰⁰ for the purchase of rope, water barrels & truck and connections for adapting hose to the W.C. fire plugs
Carried

Streets
Repairs to
Walks

Public Improvements: Submitted written report stating board walks on Carroll and Columbia Ave had been repaired; that a measurement of Sligo Ave showed street ranged from 19 1/2 to 24 1/2 feet wide, that Major O'Driscoll had been officially notified to remove the stakes placed along the street abutting his property and the Committee had deemed it inexpedient to make any further expenditure of funds in that locality:

No action was taken on the report.

Sligo Ave
fence
Statement of
O'Driscoll

Major O'Driscoll being present was recognized by the Mayor whereupon he made a statement to the following effect " That the stakes driven on the East side of Sligo Ave in front of 136 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 he had no intention of incorporating any of the public highway in his lots and at any time the Council saw fit to widen the street to its full width, the stakes could be removed by the person in charge of the work, Major O'Driscoll was therefore exonerated from all blame and the mandated order of the Mayor in letter dated Jan 11, 1897 ordering the removal of said stakes was by the sense of the Council vacated

Report on
Water
and
Electric
Light
Plant

The Chairman Committee on Public Improvements submitted a report on the proposition of J. W. Harris to construct water works for the town. The Committee reported that the matter was one of such vital importance, that the investigations of the Committee were not confined solely to the proposition of Mr. Harris, but a careful examination had been made of the whole subject. The Committee stated that they believed it possible to construct and maintain a system of water works and electric light plant, but it was impracticable to provide power at the present time. The Committee recommended that the proposition of Mr. Geo. C. Morgan, Engineer, made verbally to the Committee, that he prepare detailed working plans and specifications for water and light 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 people.

Report signed by
Not signed by

Geo. A. Warren & W. G. Platt,
N. J. Long } Council

Mr. Warren moved that report be accepted and recommendation approved, seconded by Mr. Long.

alter
Works &c
A prolonged discussion followed the statement of the question by the Chair, during which the Committee reported verbally that Mr. Morgan had also stated he would make a preliminary survey ^{& estimate} for water and light, but without detailed working plans for \$75. ^{and} traveling expenses. The Mayor, supported by other members was of the opinion that a system of sewerage was also essential which was not shared by the Committee as feasible. Mr. Dyer finally offered the following resolution:

relation to
employ
engineer
That the Mayor, acting in conjunction with the Committee on Pub. Improvements, contract with Mr. Geo. C. Morgan for the purpose of making a preliminary survey for water works Electric Lights and Sewer, contingent upon receipt of taxes from the Home trade, for the sum of not exceeding \$150. and traveling expenses

The motion was unannouncedly carried

Mr. Warren, submitted the following

Resolved:-

Tax
Publication
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.

Approved and reference ordered

Also the following:

Resolved:

assessors
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 prevailed

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Saml. J. Shad
Mayer.

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. Shedd, presiding

Roll Call

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	<u>present</u>
Councilman	F. J. Long	"
"	W. P. Platt	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	F. A. Schneider	"
"	Geo. A. Warren	"
"	W. W. Hoyer	<u>Absent</u>

Minutes of Session of Feb 1, 1897, read and approved

Communications:

Waters to
open street

Letter from Thos. Waters of S. requesting authority to cut wood from street leading to two lots owned by him in order to make a roadway

On motion Mr Warren, the request was approved under the same conditions that a similar privilege was granted Mr J W Hodges, viz that trees be cut even with the ground ^{and} if not already done, (stump be staked out at expense of Mr. Waters;

Standing Committees

Health, Ordinance - Judiciary and Safety no reports

Committee

Public Improvements: Mr Warren made a verbal report stating that 4 street crossings had been constructed ^{and} board walk on Poplar avenue taken up.

Report of Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Balance on hand	\$ 112.40 ✓
	Recd from taxes	<u>75.86 ✓</u>
	Total	188.26 ✓
	Disbursed	<u>64.52 ✓</u>
	Balance on hand	123.74 ✓

Finance: Mr. Platt, Chairman submitted a written report approving following bills:

Bills	T. P. Mann, printing	1.50
	Nicolaus Bros oil	14.91
	W. Jones drayage	2.20
	Contingent	8.91
	Libby & Co Lumber	31.68
	Pay roll	<u>22.81</u>
		\$ 82.01

On motion Mr Long report accepted and bills ordered paid

Mr Platt, Chairman Finance Committee also submitted a written report recommending the appointment of J. B. Kinnear, C. W. Scudder & E. E. Blodgett 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 Warren 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 sale

Mr Ashley M. Gould, Corporation Attorney reported that he had obtained a settlement of the taxes due on Block 51 (Flower tract) from Messrs Warner & Wine

waiving the interest, making net proceeds \$299.⁸⁴
which amount was turned over to the Treasurer

Map of town
for Co. Com.
Meeting Co

Mr. Warren moved that the Clerk be authorized
to have a blue print made of the map of the
town to be presented to the County Commissioners
in return for courtesies shown the town by their
Clerk Mr. W. W. Welsh.

Approved

Mr. Hest offered the following resolution:

Amended
Water Works
Survey

That the Mayor, acting in conjunction with
the Committee on Public Imp. be authorized to
contract with Mr. Geo. C. Morgan, to make a preliminary
survey for water and electric light for the sum of
\$75.⁰⁰ and traveling expenses, and that the Committee be
authorized to expend an additional sum of \$75.⁰⁰
for a preliminary survey for sewerage if such a
contract can be made, and that resolution on the
same subject passed Feb 1, 1897 be repealed

Seconded by Mr. King and Carried

Petition
E. M. Douglass

Petition of Mr. E. M. Douglass for condemnation
of a strip of land along Magnolia Av. for purpose
of a sidewalk, referred to Judiciary Committee for
report

No further business appearing a motion to
adjourn prevailed

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Sam. J. Shedd
Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. April 5, 1897

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

Roll Call

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Weyer	"
"	F. J. Long	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	G. A. Warren	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	F. A. Schneider	"

Minutes of regular meeting of March 1st read and approved.

Communications

Asa Phillips

Letter of Mr Asa Phillips relative to a survey of the town as a matter of engineering record was read and referred to the Committee on Pub. Imp.

Letter of Mr. Wm. H. Parker requesting appointment as scavenger, vice Nelson moved from the Corporation

Scavenger

After discussion as to the importance of a reliable person as Scavenger, on motion of Councilman Platt the communication was referred to the Committee on Health and Care Committee authorized to make a contract with Mr Parker and that provision be made also for removal of garbage.

employment

of
for outside
operation

Letter from Mr Jas. T. Wilson calling attention to the action of the Council of two years ago wherein the Committee on Streets was tacitly instructed to confine the employment of laborers on town work to residents of the

corporation, and that street work was now being performed by men not residing in the corporation.

Letter referred to the Committee on Pub. Imp.
Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Committee stated that in the absence of specific instructions he should 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.

Committees & Officers

Treasurers Report	
Amount on hand last report	123.74
Received from taxes	612.26
Total	<u>736.00</u>
Disbursed	144.91
Balance	<u>\$591.09</u>

Committee on Health, Ordinance and Safety
no reports

Douglas.

Judiciary. Mr Dyer, Chairman requested further time in the matter of the petition of Mr Douglas for condemnation of land for walk

Bills

Finance: Mr Platt Chairman submitted a report in writing approving the following bills

Nicolson Bros, Oil	14.54
T. P. Morn, Printing	11.00
A. M. Goned, Legal Services	60.00
Contingent	13.86
	<u>99.40</u>

On motion Mr Loring the report was accepted and bills ordered paid

Public Improvements. Mr Warren, Chairman submitted a report in writing containing report on work done and recommending the enactment of the following resolution: That the sum of \$500 to and hereby is authorized for sundry public improvements during the coming season, to be expended under the supervision of the Committee on Pub. Imp. for the repair, grading, guttering and graveling where necessary of the following streets: Carroll on, Carroll on Lane, Pine on, Maple, Montgomery Poplar, Columbia on Lane N.Y. & Bull. on. 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 property owners requesting the appropriation of funds for the repair of certain specified streets.

In view of the fact that an appropriation had already been made for general street work, covering the section named in the petition, the Clerk was directed to notify the signers of the fact, and paper ordered filed.

Petition of Moms Bren & A E Miller for a sidewalk on Elm Avenue

Mr Platt moved that the petition be referred to the Com. on Pub Imp. with directions to submit some general plan for the construction of permanent sidewalks, before and tracks may be necessary next fall.

Carried

No further business appearing Council adjourned

Geo A Warren

Clerk

Approved

Sam J. Shedd
Mayor

Street
work

Petition for
Street
work

Petition for
Sidewalk
Elm on

May 3, 1897

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

Roll Call

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	W. S. Platt	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	G. A. Warren	"
"	<u>F. A. Schneider</u>	<u>Absent</u>

Minutes of the regular meeting of April, read
and approved

Reports of Officers and CommitteesTreasurers Report

Treasurers Report	Bal on hand		591.09
	Recd taxes prior to sale		540.07
	" proceeds tax sale		375.68
	" Sundries		12.00
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		1518.84	
	Disturbed, bills and sundries	72.15	72
	Street work	288.01	360.16
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	Balance		1158.68

Committee

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

Report received and ordered filed

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

Bills

W. Watkins, carriage	1.50
Nicolai Bros. Ore	14.82
Orndorff & Impton Iron shares	2.10
W. J. Giddings Tools	5.05
T. P. Mann printing	1.50
Contingent	3.35
F. J. Long, postage	1.00
G. C. Morgan Survey for water &c	134.15
Board of Assessors	46.01
G. A. Warren services	7.67
	15.00
W. Jones, drayage	1.65
	<u>223.80</u>

On motion of Mr Platt the bills were ordered paid

Ordinance, Judiciary and Safety, No reports.

The Board of Assessors, Messrs Connor, Scudder and Blodgett submitted a report showing according to the revised assessment, the valuations of property in the town to be

Assessors
Report

On real property	304,450
" Improvements	132,910
" Personalty	* 14,000
Total	<u>\$451,660</u>

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.

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Works

The Clerk read the report of Mr Geo. 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 said report estimated that the cost would not exceed \$32,962 and the annual expenses \$1,800. to include services of engineer, foreman &c. The Committee recommends the following " That the

Committee on P. Imp. be authorized to prepare a printed communication setting forth the probable expense to consumers and property owners, to be sent to all persons interested and thereafter to call a public meeting of the citizens for the purpose of discussing the matter and obtaining their views.

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

On motion Mr. Warren, the recommendation 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 relating to the issuing of bonds for specific improvements Carried

No further business appearing, the Mayor declared the Council adjourned

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Wm. J. Shedd
Mayor

Legality
of
Charter
for
Water
Works

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. S. Shedd, presiding

Roll Call

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present-
Councilman	Geo. A. Warren	"
	W. W. Dyer	"
	H. J. Long	"
	F. J. Schneider	"
	F. C. Lemay	"
	W. G. Platt	"

Minutes of last session read ^{and} 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 to hear and determine complaints ^{and} appeals.

The following communication from the Town Treasurer was read and on motion of Mr Dyer ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Council

Takoma Park, Md., June 7, 1897

To the Mayor ^{and} 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 effect was posted on May 4, 1897 in ten conspicuous places in the town as per copy of notice herewith appended. A large number of property owners visited my

office and examined the assessment
 very rusty.

Geo. A. Warren, Treas.

— Copy of Notice —

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 AVENUES, 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.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. Theo. Hill requesting that the Assessment on the Takoma Lots and lots be reduced to the same amount as the County Assessment, viz Lots and Dup. 20,000. Furniture \$1,600. Lotter \$2,600. The new assessment being Lots 3,335 Dup. 20,000 personally 1000, a total of \$24,335 as against \$26,130 for 1896 being.

Mr. Warren moved that the assessment be made to conform to the County assessment. Seconded by Mr. Platt.

— Passed by a vote of 4 to 2.

Mayor Daniel O'Donoghue was recognized and made a protest to the amount assessed against property assessed in the name of Adelaide O'Donoghue

ing lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 Bk 57, and requesting that they be reduced to the amount assessed by the County.

After considering the same, the Council by vote refused to consider the same, and it was not allowed.

Mr. B. C. Hall appeared as the representative of Mrs. S. T. Tennant and asked that personal property assessed in her name be stricken from the list - as she did not own the same, the ~~same~~ ^{wholly} belongs to him.

On motion the complaint was considered and the amount of personal property assessed against Mrs. S. T. Tennant amounting to \$150. be stricken from the roll.

No further protests being 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 ordained by the Mayor and Council of Tekoma Park Ind.

That the revised assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation, made under and pursuance of the resolution of the Council of March 1, 1897, by J. B. Kinnear, C. W. Scudder and C. E. Blodgett, and reported by them May 3, 1897, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1897, the Council having sat at its regular meeting this 7th day of June, 1897 to hear appeals and complaints in regard to such 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

No. 57

On aye and nay vote 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 Balt. & Wash. Transit Co., being present, the Mayor stated that an informal meeting of the officers of the Co. had been held at his office in Washington at which Councilman Warren & Platt were present and the matter was considered. The Company were then requested to present a written statement of what they desired and their representative was present to explain matters.

After hearing Mr. B the Clerk read a suggested ordinance which, with certain amendments looking to the purchase of right of way through private property on Carrall an, was on motion, referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to endeavor to effect some agreement with Mr. H. P. R. Stoll, for a ten foot strip of land along his tract, and to report on Ordinance at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand	1158.68
Received cash	<u>531.81</u>
	1690.49

Disbursements

Street-work	243.93	
Salaries and fees approved at last meeting including amount paid B. W. Morgan	307.55	
Insurance	10.00	
Interest	144.00	
Redemption Coy. J.	300.00	
Redemption of Bonds	500.00	<u>1505.48</u>

Balance on hand	185.01
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Finance Committee submitted a report in writing approving the following bills

Archer Bros. Oil	28.86
B. F. Schreiber, repairs to tools	5.55
Contingent	2.43
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	\$ 36.84

No reports were received from the Committees on Pub. Imp., Judiciary Health or Pub. Safety

New Business

The Committee on Pub. Imp. were authorized to purchase 1000 feet of lumber for repair of board walks, also to erect two camps, one on Takoma Ave near Chestnut and one on Baltimore ave.

On motion of Mr Lemay \$50. was appropriated for improving Baltimore avenue.

Petitions:

A petition signed by Geo. H. Bailey and ten other persons against granting right of way through Carroll ave. to an Electric railway unless said street was widened was 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

Approved:

Mayor.