

Takoma Park, Md. Jan'y 3, 1898

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The regular meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 pm in the basement of the Chapel, Mayor Shedd presiding

Roll Call

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

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

Communications

Letter from Mayor D. O'Driscoll read to the Council and on motion Mr Dyer was ordered filed without action

Letter from E. C. Blodgett relative to the enactment of an ordinance to prevent the pasturing of cattle on private property  
On motion the matter was referred to the Ordinance

Committee for action  
Treasurers Report

Balance on hand		435.75
Recd from taxes		63.73
Dundry receipts		<u>6.00</u>
		505.48

Disbursements

By interest on bonded indents	120.00	
By salaries fees & Sundry work	<u>273.17</u>	<u>393.17</u>
Balance on hand		112.31

Committees

Finance:	Written report approving the following fees	
	S. D. Walters & Son	20.08
	W. J. Giddings.	2.00
	D. D. Shedd & Bro	8.05
	Libby & Co	14.06
	Contingent	<u>5.58</u>
		\$ 49.77

The matter of the building regulations was brought to the attention of the Council, and an interpretation as to whether it was the intention to require a fee for the construction of a Barn, After some discussion it was the unanimous opinion that the regulations as expressed in the ordinance intended to cover not only dwellings but stables; and all other large buildings, - In the matter of Chicken houses and other small outhouses, the building inspector was not supposed to interfere.

On Motion of Mr Platt, the Clerk voted to notify Mr Am. Leland that it is proper for him to pay the Inspector his fee according to the ordinance. Carried

No further business being offered the Mayor declared the Council adjourned

Approved:

Sam'l Shedd  
Mayor

Geo. A. Warner  
Clerk

Takoma Park, Md. Feb 7, 1898

The regular monthly meeting of the Council occurred this date at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Presby. Chapel.  
Mayor Shedd presiding:

Roll Call:

Mayor	D. D. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	F. J. Long	"
"	F. A. Schneider	"
"	H. J. Long	"
"	G. A. Warren	"
"	W. G. Platt	Absent

Minutes of prior session read and approved.

#### Communications

Letter from J. B. Kinman relative to water in connection with bill authorizing its introduction into Md from the D.C. In view of the fact that said bill was introduced into the Legislature at suggestion of Mayor Shedd, who was conversant with the intents of said bill, the letter was ordered filed.

## Report of Treasurer.

Balance on hand last report	112.31
Recd from taxes	112.66
	<u>\$ 224.97</u>
Disbursements	124.03
Bal. on hand	<u>\$ 100.94</u>

Finance Committee submitted a report approving the following bills, which on motion were ordered paid

Orndorff & Tinsion shoes & c	10.80
Muth Leo Lamp globes	5.45
Waters & Leizcar Ore	18.80
Contingent-	4.73
	<u>\$ 39.78</u>

The Ordinance Committee through its Chairman Messrs Schneider reported back the communication of E. E. Blodgett on the subject of cattle together with a suggested ordinance. After discussion and a few corrections to the draft, the matter was put to vote and the ordinance passed unanimously. Roll thus called the Council voted as follows:

Mayor S. S. Shedd City  
 Councilmen Dyar, Lung Long Schneider Warren, City  
 The Ordinance as passed is appended in full to these  
 minutes and the rough draft thereof filed as  
 Miscellaneous No 1898

ORDINANCE No. 60 (Animals at Large.)

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

Section 1.-That whoever being the owner of, or having possession of any domestic animal of the species of horse, mule, goat, sheep, swine or cattle, or fowles such as chickens, turkeys, ducks or geese, shall permit or suffer the same to run at large within the corporate limits, shall be fined not less than one nor more than five dollars for each and every animal or fowl so allowed to run at large.

Section 2.-It shall be the duty of the Bailiff, or any deputy bailiff, to take up and impound in the corporation pound, or other secure place, every animal or fowl found running at large in violation of this ordinance. If the owner, or the person entitled to the possession of such animal or fowl so found running at large is known to the Bailiff, he shall at once give him a written notice of the impounding of his property, and the Bailiff shall not release such animal or fowl until the owner thereof shall pay the sum of one dollar for each animal and twenty-five cents for each fowl so impounded, and the cost of its maintenance while so impounded.

Section 3.-It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, by themselves or another, to herd, stake out, tie, picket or graze, or in any manner permit any animal or animals before mentioned to graze in the streets of the town, public park or reservation, or on any lot or lots other than those owned or controlled by the owners of such animals, without first obtaining the consent of the owner of such lots, or person having control of the same.

Repealed by No. 1065 (2-1-17)

Section 4.- It shall be unlawful for any person or persons by themselves or another, to herd, stake out, tie, picket, or graze any such animal aforesaid on any premises owned or controlled by themselves in such manner as to allow any animal fastened by a rope, chain or other device, to be able to get into the travelled portion of the street, or reach in front of any other lot not owned or controlled by the owner of such animal, nor to obstruct the free use of any sidewalk, or path used in place of a sidewalk, in front of any property improved or unimproved.

Section 5.-Any person violating the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of this ordinance shall, upon conviction be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars. Provided, that if any animal so herded or tied to any lot where the owner has obtained permission as provided in section 3 of this ordinance, shall break or damage any sidewalk, crossing curb, ditch, drain, tree or other property of the town, the fine imposed shall not be less than the damage shown to have been done by such animal.

Section 6.-It shall be the duty of the Bailiff, or any deputy Bailiff of the town to impound any of the aforesaid animals found on private property or public property in violation of this ordinance.

Section 7.- Any person who shall be found guilty of injuring the place designated as the corporation pound, or taking therefrom any animal or fowl impounded without authority, shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

Section 8.-One half of all fines, or pound moneys received in any case by virtue of this ordinance, shall go as fees to the Bailiff (or deputy bailiff making the arrest under it).

Section 9.-It shall be the duty of the Bailiff to make a report in writing to the Town Clerk at the close of each month giving a detailed statement of all animals or fowl impounded, and the amount of moneys received shall be transmitted to the Town Clerk with his report.

No further business appearing the Council was declared  
adjourned:

Approved:

David S. Sudd

Mayor.

Geo. A. Warren  
Clerk



Takoma Park, Md., March 7, 1898

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held at 8 pm this date in the basement of the Chapel, Mayor Shedd presiding:

Roll Call:

Mayor	S. S. Shedd,	Present
Councilman	F. J. Long	"
"	W. W. Dyer	"
"	W. C. Platt	"
"	F. J. Long	"
"	Geo. A. Scurren	"
"	F. A. Schneider	Absent.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Letter read from Mr Geo. L. Spencer requesting certain work done on Oak ave. adjoining his property. Referred to the Committee on P. Imp. for report

### Committee

The Finance Committee submitted a written report approving the following trees

7 Liberty & Co Lumber	57.02
Thos P. Mann, printing	3.75
Wells & Leuzear Ore	12.56
Contingent	<u>8.23</u>
	81.56

On motion the report was accepted and bills ordered paid

### Treasurer's Report:

7 Balance on hand	\$100.94
Recd taxes	<u>299.71</u>
	400.65
Disbursed	<u>119.78</u>
Balance	280.87

The matter of the appointment of Assessors was brought to the attention of the Council and on motion of Mr Dyar Mr J. B. Kinnear & Chas W. Scudder were appointed Assessors with instructions to revise the Assessment of 1897

On motion, Mrs. A. G. Thomas was granted permission to clear out a street in front of certain lots owned by her.

The matter of Street crossings on Oak An was discussed and the Com. on Pub. Imp. authorized to provide the same the next time any lumber was ordered.

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned

Geo. A. Warren  
Clerk

Approved:

David Shedd  
Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md., April 4, 1898

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 pm in the basement of the Chapel.  
 Mayor Shedd presiding:

### Roll Call

Mayor	D. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	W. W. Dyer	"
"	H. Long	"
"	W. Platt	"
"	H. Long	"
"	G. A. Warren	"
"	F. A. Schneider	Absent

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

### Communications

A letter was read from the Belt & Wash. Transit Co. in which they offered to furnish 500 loads of gravel for the purpose of resurfacing Cornell Ave.

Considerable discussion ensued over the matter and the Chairman of the Committee on Pub. Imp.

was requested to ask Mr T. W. Harris, the Post of the Company to meet his Committee and consult as to the accountability of the R. R. Company in the matter of the condition of Carroll Ave.

Treasurer Report:

Bal. on hand	280.87
Collected taxes	465.09
Road tax on 4c	<u>252.05</u>
	998.01
Disbursements	<u>145.31</u>
Balance	853.70

Of which amount \$250. had been placed in the sinking fund to provide for bond due Jan 1, 1898. Leaving available \$603.70

The Finance Committee approved the following bills which were ordered paid

T. P. Moore printing tax list-	10.00
" " " Ordinance Co	1.75
Waters & Co Oil	8.32
G. W. Jackson Sunning	37.00
Contingent	<u>6.92</u>
	63.09

A proposition was read from Ponnell & Winshall, Engineers  
to construct water works &c Referred to Committee on Pub Imp.  
for free with other data

An appropriation of \$3<sup>00</sup> was made in favor of Mrs M. Queller  
and a like amount for Wm Lealmo, as a rebate on taxes paid  
covering houses burned.

The matter of the election of successors of the present Mayor  
and council was brought to the attention of the Council  
and on motion the basement of the Chapel was designated  
as the polling place on May 2, 1898 when a Mayor and  
6 Councilmen were to voted for. The following gentlemen  
were appointed Judges of Election

C. H. Remington

J. Vance Lewis

Wm E. Stimmer, who were authorized to  
appoint a Clerk of Elections

Mr. Warren of the Committee on Public Improvements  
stated that he had learned that the bill authorizing  
the town to construct water works had been  
signed by the Governor, and that some action should

to taken by this Council to lay the matter before the citizens  
 he offered a resolution covering the subject, which was dis-  
 cussed at length. An amendment perfecting the resolution  
 was offered by Mr Platt, which was accepted, and the  
 resolution was passed as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee, in the name of the Mayor and Council, be directed to immediately prepare a printed statement for submission to the residents of the town, setting forth in detail the proposition to install a water-work system, sewers and electric light plant in Takoma Park, Md., with a statement showing the territory to be covered, and other pertinent facts, with the probable cost to each lot owner and each water taker, together with a blank form requesting property owners to state whether they will or will not connect their premises with sewer and water pipes and use the electric light, that they fill up the enclosed blank and return it not later than April 20, 1898, on which date the Council shall hold a special meeting for the purpose of further considering the matter.

Mr Long requested that the Council authorize the Bailiff to construct a building on his premises to be used as a penitentiary and that the dog ordinance be strictly enforced. After discussion Mr Platt moved that Ordinance 32 and Ordinance 60 be referred to the Ordinance Committee for revision, which was ordered.

Adjourned

Approved

Geo. A. Warren  
 Clerk

Sand J. Shedd  
 Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. April 20, 1898

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this date in the Presby. Chapel at 8 pm Mayor Shedd presiding

Present

Mayor	S. S. Shedd
Councilman	W. W. Dyar
"	H. J. Long
"	W. G. Platt
"	F. J. Long
"	G. U. Warren

Absent

"	F. A. Schneider
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Reading of minutes of last regular meeting dispensed with as this was a special meeting for the purpose of considering report of Finance Committee on sewer works

Mr W. G. Platt, Chairman submitted the following report



April 20, 1898

Your Finance Committee beg to submit the following report relative to the expediency of constructing a system of water works and sewerage. In compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council, this Committee prepared a circular and form of agreement copies of which are appended to this report. This circular with the form of agreement was mailed to 112 property owners representing about 130 houses. To this date 42 persons representing 46 houses have signed the agreement for water and sewer and others have expressed a desire to see the system established but say that they can not at this time pledge themselves to take water at once.

With the assurance that 46 houses will be connected with the water mains at once, we are of the opinion that the Council is not only justified, but that it is its duty to take the necessary legal steps to secure a vote of the people on the question of bonding the town at an election to be held May 2, 1898.

(Signed) W. J. Platt  
" F. J. Long

The report was discussed at length and in motion of Mr Long was unanimously adopted.

The following ordinance was submitted and passed  
by Aye & Nay vote as follows

Mayor S. A. Shudd Aye  
Councillors Wyan, Long, Platt, Leming & Warren Aye

ORDINANCE No. 61

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

Sec. 1- That a special municipal election by the qualified voters of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, be, and the same is hereby called, to be held on Thursday, the fifth day of May, 1898 at the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel in said town, the polls for which shall be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., for the purpose of submitting to said voters the question of creating a debt of thirty-five thousand dollars for constructing and maintaining water works and a sewerage system in and for said town, and the issuance of the bonds of the town therefor in accordance with the terms and provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the session of 1898, entitled: "An act to authorize the Town of Takoma Park to borrow money on the credit of said town for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water works, a sewerage system and an electric lighting plant for said town, to issue bonds for the payment of the same, and to levy taxes to redeem said bonds and to pay the interest thereon".

Sec. II.-And be it further ordained that the Clerk of said Town be and he is hereby instructed to prepare, post and publish the notice of said election required by said act

Sec. III.-And be it further ordained that Chauncey H. Remington, William E. Skinner and Norman Brainard, be and they are hereby appointed Judges of said election.

Passed and approved, April 20, 1898.

Mr J. M. Wildman was appointed town scavenger vice Parker resigned;

\$100. (see below)

The Clerk notified the Council that the Board of Assessors had turned the revised assessment over to them and that they had posted the notices required by law stating that the Council would sit as a Board to hear appeals at the regular meeting May 2/98

No further business the Council was declared adjourned

Approved:

Geo. A. Warren  
Clerk

Saml J. Shady  
Mayor

The sum of \$100. or so much thereof as may be necessary was appropriated for the purpose of making a test of the capacity of the well at the Hotel in N. Tarkenton, also the practicability of obtaining a supply of water from the Spring, under the supervision of the Mayor

Takoma Park, Md. April 30, 1898

A special meeting of the Council was called this date, <sup>at the residence of the Mayor</sup> for the purpose of appointing a Judge of Election to be held Monday May 2, 1898, vice F. J. Langley, a nominee for Councilman, hence ineligible.

Mayor S. S. Shedd presiding

Present Councilman W. G. Platt, 147 Long G. A. Warren

On motion Mr N. Bramard was nominated and unanimously elected

Adjourned

Geo. A. Warren  
Clerk

Approved:

S. S. Shedd  
Mayor