

Takoma Park, Md. Jan.16,1900

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Town Clerk, Pine & Montgomery avenues at 8.30 p.m. this date, Hon. S.S.Shedd presiding.

ROLL CALL.

Mayor S.S.Shedd.....	<u>Present</u>
Councilman, F.J.Lung	"
H.J.Long	"
W.G.Platt	"
F.W.Longley	"
L.M.Moores.....	"
W.W.Dyar,.....	<u>Absent</u>

Also Mr. Geo.H.Bailey of Council Advisory Committee , Mr. H.A.Pressy, Engineer and J.B.Kinnear of Citizens Association, and Corporation Attorney Ashley M. Gould.

Minutes of the regular session of December 4th were not read.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that he had called a special session to consider matters in connection with water-works and the amendments submitted to the town charter.

Mr. Pressy reported verbally as to the operations in the vicinity of the spring and the results obtained in boring for water. A prolonged discussion followed participated in by all present and it was the opinion that the amount of water in that locality was not in sufficient quantity to warrant the installation of the pumping station in the locality of the Spring, and it was further stated by Mr.Gould that it would be very doubtful if the town could get possession of the Spring except through a protracted law suit which even if successful would involve a delay of several years. Mr. Gould stated further that in obtaining permission of Mr.Wiswall to make borings in the vicinity of the spring it was with the hopes that a supply of water might be obtained that would in no manner interfere with the flow of the spring, and yet be sufficient for the town.

In view of the unfavorable report, and believing it inadvisable both on account of time and expense to make further experiments in boring, Mr. Platt offered the following resolution:

Water

Works

Water works

"That it is the sense of the Council that further borings in the vicinity of the Spring will be unprofitable and that Mr. Pressy the engineer in charge of the construction of water-works be and hereby is instructed to complete his plans and estimates with the least possible delay looking to Sligo creek as the basis of the water supply

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lung and the Mayor and all members of the Council voted aye.

Mr. Platt moved that until further notice the council meet every Monday night at the Chapel at 8 p.m. with the exception of the third Monday in the month.

Carried.

Mr. Barclay

Mr. Shedd reported that he had secured rights of way for the sewerage outlets from Mr. Hodges and Mrs. Petty and that he had instructed the Corporation Attorney to draw up such legal papers as might be required to secure the town's interest.

The matter of floating the bonds was discussed, but in the absence of final estimates from the engineer it was decided to take no action at present.

Mr. Gould reported that he had in writing from Mr. Wiswall, the proprietor of Glen Sligo permission to use the water of Sligo creek for waterworks for the town which would be made a matter of record.

Mr. Gould reported that he had received the amendments to the town charter from Mr. Warren and had carefully examined them and recommended that they be approved by the council with the exception of the one giving the town the right to exact a license for business and other purposes, which amendment in his judgement was not sufficiently explicit. The amendments providing for a Justice of the Peace, to construct sidewalks etc. and amending the tax sale sections of the charter were placed before the council and on motion adopted. The Corporation Attorney was then directed to draw up an additional section to the Charter embodying the substance of the amendment submitted by the Committee of the Citizen's Association but more explicitly placing the liquor traffic in the hands of the council.

*Weekly meetings
of
Council**Rights of Way**Bonds**Right to use
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Sligo**Amendments
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The Mayor was directed by resolution to transmit the amendments to the Legislature and take such action, and incur such expense as may be necessary towards securing their enactment into laws.

The Finance Committee reported favorably on the following bills and on motion they were ordered paid:

Bills

Muth & Co.....lamps.....	\$8.00
S.D.Waters & Son. oil.....	33.67
F.J.Lung, street work.....	28.50
G.E.Walker.....	58.87
W.E.DeWitt, drilling wells.....	240.00
A.M.Gould, legal services.....	359.00

\$
---\$728.04---

Registrar

At the suggestion of Mr. Mooers, the Clerk was directed to notify the State officials of the appointment of Mr.Mooers as local registrar and that the necessary blanks and instructions for conducting his office have not been received.

Ordinance

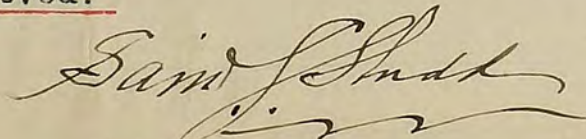
Mr. Longley brought up the matter of the dog ordinance and stated if the Council did not intend to enforce it, he was in favor of repealing the ordinance and returning the money already collected. This led to discussion and Mr. Platt moved the repeal of the ordinance which was not acted upon for want of a second. It being the sense of the Council that the ordinance be enforced, the Mayor instructed the Clerk to notify each person reported by the Bailiff as not having taken out a dog license that unless the tax was paid within ten days from the issuance of said notice, that a warrant would be issued for their arrest under the provisions of the ordinance.

Tele. Co

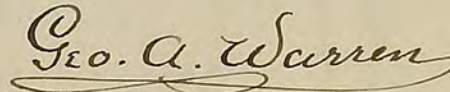
On motion of Mr. Platt, the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company were authorized to erect two poles on Albany and one on Takoma vae subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Streets.

The Mayor in declaring an adjournment stated that meetings would be called at 8 p.m. Mondays and notices would not be sent out.

Approved:



Mayor.



Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., January 22, 1900

A regular meeting of the Council was called for this date in compliance with resolution of the Council of Jan. 16th, meeting was called to order by Mayor Shedd at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Chapel

ROLL CALL

Mayor S. S. Shedd.....	Present
(F. J. Lung	"
(Horace J. Long	"
Councilmen (Wilmer G. Platt	"
(F. W. Longley	"
(L. M. Mooers	"
(W. W. Dyar.....	Absent

There was also present Mr. Geo. H. Bailey of the Advisory Committee and the engineer H. A. Pressy.

Minutes of the session of December 4, 1899 and January 16, 1900 were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that in order to afford the Advisory Committee and Mr. Pressy an opportunity to leave early that business in connection with water-works would be considered as "Unfinished Business" at all meetings hereafter.

Mr. Pressy stated that since the last meeting he had gone over the computations as to the cost of the contemplated work and while there is still some uncertainty in regard to the location of the reservoir he felt confident the work could be done for the amount of money available. Of course there would be a difference in cost dependent upon the location of the dam and also it is not expected to run sewers all over the town but the idea is to have a system that can be extended as necessity requires and so that there will be no inconvenience to any one. Mr. Pressy stated that he had considered the location for a reservoir above the bridge on Blair road, but was not satisfied that the land

could be obtained at a reasonable price and there was the disadvantage of a greatly increased length of pipe line, in his mind the lower site above Brashears creek was the ideal site both on account of economy and convenience of construction, it being a natural reservoir, it was nearer the town, the corporation owned the land on both sides approaching the spot and the pipe line could be in the same trench excavated for the sewerage pipes. In regard to the sewerage disposal farm on the SE side of the town Mr. Pressy stated that the ground was all of one character and one location would be equally as desirable as another, still he would prefer that point where the two creeks converge and would require about one to one and a half acres

The matter of the ownership of the site suggested for the reservoir on Sligo creek and that for the sewer farm were discussed and it was the sense of the Council that the Mayor place the matter in the hands of Mr. J.S. Swormstedt to negotiate for a transfer of the land.

REGULAR ORDER

There were no reports of standing Committees.

Under special committees the Mayor stated that he had not as yet received the amendment to the charter that Mr. Gould had been directed to prepare although Mr. Gould had promised to submit it to him several days ago. He would, however, see Mr. Gould in the morning and endeavor to obtain it and immediately forward the papers to Annapolis.

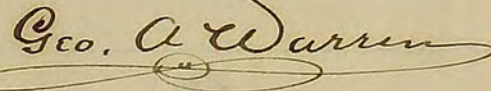
No further business appearing, the Mayor declared the council adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor.



Town Clerk.



Takoma Park, Md. January 29, 1900

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

ROLL - CALL

Mayor	S. S. Shedd	Present
Councilman	F. W. Longley	"
"	W. G. Platt	"
"	F. J. Lung	"
"	L. M. Mooers	"
"	H. J. Long	Absent
"	W. W. Dyar	Absent

There was also present Mr. H. A. Pressy, Engineer, Messrs A. E. Phillips of the Advisory Committee and Mr. E. M. Douglas of the Citizens Association Water Committee.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pressy stated that since last meeting he had seen Mr. Shedd who informed him he had placed the matter of securing the land desired by the town in the hands of Mr. J. S. Swormstedt and he had called on Mr. Swormstedt and explained fully what particular land was desired and that gentleman had promised to see the owners and endeavor to secure an option but from what he had since learned Mr. Swormstedt had not seen the parties to date.

The question of the location of the stand-pipe was then fully discussed and the engineer stated that two locations had been considered from an engineering point, one in the vicinity of the Hotel in North Takoma and one on the high ground near the intersection of Carroll and Ethan Allen avenue, both sites had certain good features, the North Takoma site had in its favor an elevation of 320 feet in front of the hotel but it would be necessary to run an 8" main from there to Carroll and Ethan Allen ave and part of the main from the pumping station would be outside of the corporation hence not available for tapping. The site on Carroll avenue was some few feet lower but not so far from the

Main

works

reservoir and the intermediate pipe line being through the corporation could be utilized in case that section was built up. The matter of sufficient firepressure for all sections of the town was discussed between Mr. Phillips and the Engineer and after bringing out certain points it appeared to be policy to favor the Carroll avenue site and the engineer was instructed to call on Mr. Bloomer and see what arrangements could be made for obtaining a piece of ground near the old Carroll house.

REGULAR ORDER.

There were no reports of Standing Committees.

The Committee on streets attention was called to a globeless lamp on Holly avenue and the Chairman reported that globes had been ordered

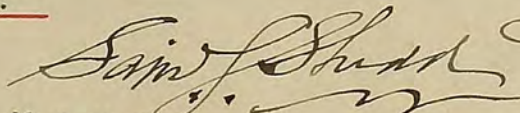
Communications from Mr. J. S. Swormstedt and N. Sprague were read in which those gentlemen disclaimed owning dogs. Ordered filed.

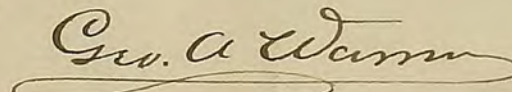
Mr. Warren of the Committee on Water of the Citizens Association was recognized and he stated that the Citizens Association had instructed his committee to correspond with the District Commissioners in regard to securing better fire protection near the station, that the Asst. Fire Chief of the D.C. Mr. Kurtz and the foreman of the Brightwood engine house had called on him in response to instructions of the Commissioners. They had made an examination of the ground and that it was very desirable that the Council authorize the placing of its hose-reel at the station which with the hose the Brightwood engine had, a large section of territory could be covered, this would be followed by a recommendation for a hydrant at Oak & Carroll ave. If this was done, the Brightwood company would make a series of tests of the towns hose and later supplement it with their own hose, both of which would be of service for either side of the line.

On motion of Mr. Platt, the Chief of the Fire Department was authorized to place the town's hose reel at some point in the vicinity of the station and have the test of the hose made, it being considered in the interest of the public. Carried.

Adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

Approved:


M a y o r.


Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md. February 5, 1900

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor	S. S. Shedd.....	Present
Councilman	F.W. Longley.....	"
"	F.C. Lung.....	"
"	W.G. Platt.....	"
"	H.L. Long.....	"
"	L.M. Mooers.....	"
"	W.W. Dyar.....	<u>Absent</u>

There were also present Mr. H.A. Pressy, engineer, Messrs G.H. Bailey and A.E. Phillips of the Advisory Committee and a large number of citizens of the town.

Minutes of the prior session were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that if any person present had any communication to the Council, it would now be received. Mr. F.L. Harries asked on behalf of a delegation of citizens if it was the intention of the Council to enforce the dog ordinance, as he had been informed that several notices had been sent out to one person and no further action taken. He stated further that while he objected to the ordinance as unjust and affording no protection to a persons dog after the tax was paid, and further that a dog ordinance in a town like Takoma was not necessary, still he would willingly pay the tax if it was the intention to enforce the same.

Mayor Shedd stated in reply to the gentleman that the ordinance as long as it remained on the records of the town would be strictly enforced and that as a matter of courtesy to owners of dogs he had directed the Clerk to send out a notice to all delinquents. The statement that a number of notices had been sent to one person and then allowed to drop was erroneous, and he explained how it was that two notices were sent and the party finally disclaimed ownership of the dog. The Mayor further stated that the ordinance was passed at the request of the citizens, and so long as it was a law, he should assuredly enforce it. The matter was further discussed by Messrs Judd and Wakefield, after which the regular order of business was declared.

Dog matters

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Finance Committee approved the following bills and on motion they were ordered paid:

Contingent expenses.....	\$5.45
C.Hodgkin, lamp globes.....	8.50

\$13.95

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of.....\$125.06

There were no written reports from any of the standing committees.

Lamps
Mr. Mooers called attention to the fact that he had found one of the town lamps at the pond on the Sligo where some unauthorized person had brought it. Mr. Lung reported that the matter had been brought to his attention but he was unable to find the guilty person.

Seaman
Mr. Longley recommended that the space allowed for a sidewalk in front of the premises of Mrs. Seaman be leveled off by Mr. Jones so that lady can get to her house . Referred to the Street Committee with authority to take such action as may be deemed essential

Lamps
Mr. Lung, chairman Committee on Streets asked authority to purchase one dozen lamp fonts, to replace those deteriorated through wear and tear. Approved and ordered.

Dog Ord
At this point Mr. F.L.Harries made request that the dog license be repealed or the amount of the tax reduced. This led to a prolonged discussion during which Mr. Platt stated that while he had been opposed to the ordinance as a whole from its inception, yet so long as it was the law of the town it should be enforced, and that the citizens of the town should cooperate in its enforcement, after which, if the law was distasteful, both the citizens and the council would be in a better position to make concessions, he was however, opposed to Section 3 of the ordinance and moved its repeal which was seconded by Mr. F.J.Lung.

After an aye and nay vote had been taken on the motion to repeal this section, it resulted in a tie vote and the Mayor declared the motion not carried.

The following is the vote in detail

Mayor Shedd.....	Aye
Councilman Longley.....	No
" Lung.....	Aye
" Long.....	No
" Platt.....	Aye
" Mooers.....	No.

Mr. Platte then moved that Section 1 of Ordinance 65 be amended by striking out the words two and three dollars, where they appear and in lieu thereof inserting the words "one" and "two" so that the section shall read

SECTION 1. That there shall be levied a tax of ^{one}~~two~~ dollars per annum on each male dog, and ^{two}~~three~~ dollars per annum on each female dog, kept within the corporate limits of Takoma Park. Said tax shall be due and payable to the Treasurer of the Town on the first day of July in each year for the fiscal year beginning on said day. Any person owning or harboring any dog, who fails or refuses to pay such tax within thirty days after it becomes due shall pay a fine of ten dollars for each dog, and in default of payment of such fine shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty days.

The motion was discussed and on being put to vote resulted in favor of the motion as follows:

Mayor Shedd, Councilmen, Longley, Lung, Platt and Mooers voting Aye, and Councilman H.J. Long No

The Council then proceeded to consider the water work report of the engineer and went over his plans for the location of a sewerage disposal . Mr. Cussac, the owner of a section of land desired was present and the matter was explained to him. A further conference with Mr. Cussiac was proposed and if considered necessary the Mayor was authorized to take him to some sewerage disposal plant in order to convince the gentleman that the presence of the plant would not prove a nuisance.

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Geo A Warren
Town Clerk

Approved:

Sam'l Shedd
Mayor.

referred by No. 136 (4/3/89)

No. 70A

H. H. H.

Takoma Park, Md. Feb. 12, 1900

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor S. S. Shedd.....Present

Councilmen F.W.Longley---F.J.Lung--W.G.Platt--H.J.Long, and L.M.Mooers were present and W.W.Dyar, absent. Also present Messrs, H.A.Pressy, G.H. Bailey and E.M.Douglas

Minutes of last session were read and approved

Mr. Pressy stated that matter were progressing very satisfactorily in reference to securing the property desired by the town. The land desired for the standpipe on Eathen Allen avenue could be purchased from two or more persons, all of which were more or less suitable for the purpose. The Mayor reported that staisfactory arrangements had been made with the Company represented by Mr. J. Ross Colhoun for the purchase of lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, Block 13 for \$900. and on motion the Mayor was authorized to accept this offer and close with the company

Mr. Platt moved that the Clerk communicate with Mr. Robt. McMurdy and offer him \$400 cash for lot 2 in Block 22, which motion was carried

It being necessary that the town should have ready cash for purchasing the land required, Mr. Platt offered the following ordinance authorizing the town to issue four certificates of indebtedness of \$500 each. Which ordinance was read and passed by the following vote.

<u>Mayor S.S.Shedd.....</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman F.W.Longley.....	Aye
" F.J.Lung.....	Aye
" W. G. Platt.....	Aye
" H.J.Long.....	Aye
" L. M. Mooers.....	Aye.

The following is the ordinance passed in full:

McMurdy

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Certificates
Indebt-*

ORDINANCE NO. 70

TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS:

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

That the Town of Takoma Park issue four (4) Certificates of Indebtedness for the sum of Five hundred dollars each, payable to Bearer, and bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until paid, and payable one year after date, the proceeds thereof to be used for the purchase of real-estate required in the construction of water-works, sewerage disposal farms and for other purposes in connection with the installation of a water-work and sewerage system.

Passed and approved February 12, 1900.

Mr. Platt called attention to the fact that the time necessary to advertise for bonds, and material was drawing very short and urged that the engineer complete his plans and have them ready to submit at the next meeting of the Council, in this connection he moved that the town attorney be instructed to prepare and submit at the next meeting of the Council completed advertisement and proposals for the proposed bond issue of the town. Carried.

Mr. Pressy mentioned the advisability of having a consulting engineer revise his plans and estimates, and on motion the Mayor was authorized to engage the services of an engineer for this purpose.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Bo'd Health
A letter was read from the Secretary State Board of Health, complimenting the Council for its action in providing a local registraer and requesting that the Council communicate with the Senator and delegate in the legislature in favor of a State bill looking to a more perfect system of vital statistics. The Clerk was directed to take the action requested.

Pitts
Communication f Mrs. Fannie B. Pitts relative to her lot sold for taxes was referred to the treasurer with instructions to turn the same over to the purchaser.

Amendments
Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Citizens Association Committee on amendments to the Charter, submitted a written report returning the liquor amendment, which report was received, and the Mayor directed to transmit the amendment to Sena or Bouic.

Mr. Platt moved that the Bailiff be instructed to destroy any unlicensed dog at the request of the owner or harborer of such dog

Adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk.

Approved:

Samuel Shedd
Mayor.

Takoma Park Md.

Feb 26, 1900

A regular meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 pm in the Chapel.

Roll Call

Mayer	B. D. Shedd	Present
Councilman	F. W. Longley	"
	F. J. Long	"
	W. G. Platt	"
	J. J. Long	"
	B. M. Morris	"
	W. W. Dyer	<u>Absent</u>

Also Messrs S. A. Priddy, G. H. Bailey & E. M. Douglas

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Mayor reported that pursuant to the instructions of the Council, he had engaged the services of Mr. Hutton as consulting engineer to go over the plans of Mr. Priddy

Mr Trossy presented maps showing the plan of the water and sewerage system and explained the details, answering such questions as were propounded.

The Mayor stated that he had received the ^{from the Corporation Attorney} advertisement for bids on water & sewerage and had made arrangements for its publication in the Coast Star, Engineering News and Government Advertiser, and would also place it in other papers. Bids to be ^{received until} opened at 8 pm March 21, 1900. The advertisement for bonds he was unable to place as he had only received it that evening, the advertisements were read and the Mayor was authorized to cause the advertisement for ^{the} bonds to be inserted in such papers as he deemed necessary.

Regular Order

Treasurer's Report:

Bal. on hand	134.55
Received	<u>56.55</u>
	191.10
Disbursed	<u>79.52</u>
Balance	\$ 111.58