

Takoma Park, Md., March 5, 1900.

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

ROLL=CALL

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

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

REGULAR ORDER.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand last report.....	\$111.58
Received taxes.....	137.05
Road tax, Montgomery County.....	511.48
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	\$760.11
Disbursements.....	205.75
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Balance on hand.....	\$554.36

COMMITTEES.

Mr. S.H.J. Long, Chairman of Ordinance Committee reported back the request granting right of way to the Takoma Park Telephone Company with the verbal report that it was not advisable to grant the permission and giving as reasons from information obtained from the Corporation Attorney that the right could not be granted the company, it not being incorporated.

Telephone



Mr. Gould being present further discussed on the matter stating that the Council could give the right to one or more citizens if so desired. After further discussion the Secretary of the Company withdrew the request.

The Mayor read a communication from Mr. W. R. Hutton, consulting engineer, which is as follows:

New York, March 5, 1900

S. S. Shedd, Mayor, &c

"After several days passed with Mr. Pressey in the examination and revision of his plans, specifications and estimates I have satisfied myself that his estimate of cost is sufficient to do the work proposed by him, though with only a small margin for contingencies. The work covered by the estimate will give your town a water supply of 50 gallons each per diem, for a population of 600, together with a fire protection of equal at the highest point to a delivery of from 175 to 240 gallons per minute, through 50 to 350 feet of hose (the quantity being less as the distance is greater) and larger quantities at lower elevations. If the tank were very low, or if the fire of long duration, these quantities could only be supplied by operating the pump during the continuance of the fire

The estimates also include a system of sewers, and a "disposal ground", the latter to be underdrained with ordinary unglazed drainage tiles, which I consider necessary. The estimates for this work are very close, but it seems to me wise to construct the system as shown on Mr. Pressey's corrected map.

It is understood that I have not visited the town, or the site of the proposed dam, but have been guided by Mr. Pressey's description of them, by his maps, and his opinion as to the sufficiency of the water supply.

Very truly yours,  
sigd. WM. R. Hutton

The Council proceeded to inspect the plans and specifications which were explained in detail by Mr. Pressy. He stated among other things that the estimated total cost of the water works including engine, pump, standpipe, and land required by the town to be \$30,800 That the sewer farms would cost about \$500 and the

*Consulting  
Engineer*



Approval  
of  
Plans

manholes about \$1125. That it was advisable, and he so recommended that the town construct the reservoir, and sewerage disposal farms and not put this work out to contract, giving his reasons therefor. After further discussion of the plans, Mr. Platt moved that the plans and specifications submitted by the engineer be accepted by the Council as satisfactory, and his recommendations concurred in. The mayor put the question, and it was unanimously carried.

Assessor

The matter of the assessment of all real and personal property in the corporation for the next fiscal year was brought to the attention of the Council by the Clerk, and on motion of Mr. Platt, Mr. Geo. A. Warren <sup>G.A.M. Warren</sup> was appointed Assessor in accordance with Sec. 16 of the Charter.

No further business appearing, the Mayor declared the Council adjourned until Monday, March 19, 1900.

Approved:

*Geo A Warren*

Clerk.

*Sam L. Smith*

Mayor.



Takoma Park, Md., March 19, 1900.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Shedd stated that the principal purpose of the concil meeting this evening was to consider any questions that might arise bearing on receiving and opening of bids on Wednesday evening, the present intention being that the bids will be received and recorded at the residence of the Clerk, who would then bring them to the Council Chamber as soon after 8 p.m. as possible where they would be opened by the Mayor in the presence of the Council and such other persons as might be present.

Mr. Platt moved that the plan outlined by the Mayor be approved, and that immediately after the bids were opened and an abstract made thereof, that the Council adjourn until Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the residence of the Mayor for the consideration of such business as might come before it.

Carried.

REGULAR ORDER.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on hand last report.....	\$554.36
Received from taxes.....	305.32
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	\$859.68
Disbursed.....	273.10
Balance.....	<u>\$586.58</u>



Wine  
A letter was read from Mr.M.J.Wine, requesting that the Council make certain improvements to the street adjoining his residence, etc.

On motion of Mr.Platt the Clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication and inform Mr.Wine that in view of the fact that the streets would all be torn up in putting in the water and sewerage system, that it was not advisable to take favorable action at the present time.

Carried.

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

Wm.R.Hutton, consulting engineer.....	\$210.05
Judd & Deitwiller, printing specifications....	61.50
S.S.Shedd & Bro. Sanitary inspection.....	5.50
E . Maris, P.M., Stamped envelopes.....	27.35
Hungerford & Darrel, advertising.....	76.86
A.Lamond, sewer pipe.....	13.65
Contingent expenses.....	4.09

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\$399.00

Pine Ave  
Mr.Mooers called attention to the condition of Pine avenue hill and the necessity of immediate repairs to the gutter, which matter was referred to the Street Committee for report

Messrs Platt and Long were relieved from duty on the Street Committee, and Mr. Mooers appointed thereon in place of Mr.Dyar, absent

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor.

*Sam'l J. Shedd*

*Geo. A. Warren*

Clerk.



WM. RICH HUTTON,  
CIVIL ENGINEER,  
35 BROADWAY.

New York City, 12 March 1890

S. S. Shedd Esq  
Mayor of Takoma.

My dear Sir,

I beg to add to my letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> March, that I distinctly approve the plans of W. A. Pressey, your Engineer for the water supply and sewer system of Takoma.

The works for the former consist first, of a low dam on Sligo brook; of a gasoline engine and pump, together sufficient to raise 250 gallons per minute to the tank through an 8 inch main. The tank is of wood; it is large enough to contain 50000 gallons of water, and is supported by a steel tower 140 feet high, which stands on ground 300 feet above tide, and 158 feet above the dam. The water is distributed chiefly <sup>through an 8 inch main</sup> which extends to the most remote portion of the town terminating at a point 320 feet above tide. The number of hydrants is believed to be sufficient, and the necessary air valves and blow offs are provided.

I have also examined the sewer plans and find them sufficient, though some extensions are desirable if funds will permit. - His project for disposal is on correct principles, the ground being underdrained to carry off the waste water.

The plans were carefully examined with Mr. Pressey and fully discussed, and such modifications as seemed desirable, were made by him.

Respectfully  
Wm. R. Hutton  
Civ. Eng.



Takoma Park, Md. March 21, 1900.

A regular meeting of the Council was held this date for the purpose of opening bids in the basement of the Chapel, Mayor Shedd presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Minutes of last session dispensed with.

Council was called to order at 8.30 p.m. the Town treasurer having arrived with sealed bids for constructing water-works and a sewerage system, said bids being received at his residence up to 8 p.m. and immediately thereafter brought to the council room. A large concourse of the citizens of the town were present also the principals or representatives of the various bidders. The Mayor stated preliminary to proceeding to opening the bids, that they would be opened, read and recorded, after which the council would take a recess until the following night at 7 p.m at his residence where they would be considered.

The Mayor thereupon opened the bids, which were inspected by the Engineer Mr.H.A.Pressey and recorded by the Town Clerk. The following is a detailed statement of the various bids received

*Bids for  
Water Works  
opened*



NAMES OF BIDDERS.	<i>Water Works</i>				<i>Foundation Tower</i>		<i>Cost exclusive of Foundation.</i>		<i>SEWERS</i>	
	@ PRICE.		TOTAL.		@ PRICE.		TOTAL.		@ PRICE.	
	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
Rosser & Castoe	24,214	86	Comp.		700	00	23,514	86	6,855	00
Artesian Well Drillg. Co.	24,128	00	"		360	00	23,768	00	9,130	00
Rumsey Pump & Engine Co	2,013	00	P. & Eng.		150	00	2,013	00		
R. A. Malone	30,364	00	Comp.		150	00	30,214	00	7,765	00
C. F. Taylor	28,385	00	Comp.		150	00	28,235	00	8,200	00
National Meter Co.	2,267	00	P. & Eng.				2,267	00		
E. F. Ketsen	24,033	00	Comp.		375	00	23,658	00	8,355	00
Joseph Walker	26,682	00	Comp.		1,507	00	25,175	00	7,216	25
McNamara Constg. Co.	28,906	20	Comp		150	00	28,756	20	8,700	00
B. F. Sweeten & Son.	29,722	42	Comp		210	00	29,512	00	7,886	75
National Electric Supply Co.	1,958	00								
R. B. Coles Mfg. Co.	5,695	00	Tank & T.		350	00				
D. R. Burns	27,543	00	Comp		250	00	27,293	00	11,618	00
Geo. Pfeiffer, Jr.	17,885	00	(Pipe line P & Eng						9,020	00
Otto Gas Engine Co.	2,315	00	P. & Eng						8,585	25
J. Coyle & M. F. Gurney									7,850	00
E. G. Gummel									11,275	00
W. F. Benizer									8,232	50
TIME OF DELIVERY.....										

*Bids in  
detail*



Bonds  
bid for

Messrs E.H.Rollins & Son of Boston, Mass, submitted a sealed bid, offering to take the bonds of the town in denominations of \$1,000 each for ~~no~~ 104

There being o further bids, the mayor declared a recess until the following evening, March 22 at 7 p.m.

*Geo A Warren*

Clerk.

Approved

*Sam J Shedd*

Mayor:



Takoma Park, Md. March 22, 1900

Mayor Shedd called the council to order at his residence at 7 p.m. this date pursuant to recess taken the previous evening the Mayor and all members of the Council being present except Mr.W.W.Dyar. There were also present Mr.H.A.Pressy and A.E.Phil-lips.

Mayor Shedd precluded the business of the evening with a few remarks a resume of which are given in these minutes as a matter of history for those who come after

Gentlemen of the Council

I feel it my duty to congratulate the Council and our Engineer for the very pleasant manner in which the work preliminary to the actual construction of the plant has been prosecuted and brought to such a happy termination. We have pressed this work as rapidly as possible consistent with good judgment where so much investigation was necessary in order to avoid mistakes and future criticism, and while some people were inclined to feel that we were delaying matters unnecessarily, it has been the judgment of the Council to go slow but sure. It would have been unwise to have asked for bids last fall when contractors were all busy and material was at the highest possible figure. After the plans were prepared, as you will all remember, it was deemed public policy to defer asking for bids until Spring and in requesting bids at this time we did so at the very best time as contractors are idle and willing to work at a low figure if only to keep their hands employed and together, it is also a big advertisement to a contractor to be able to say he has done a good piece of work so near the National Capitol. We could not have got any such prices prior to the 1st of January as the state of the iron market is such that it is lower to day than any time since the Spanish-American war. I congratulate the members of the Council that we have got the work done for \$5,000 less than we anticipated and we are justified in feeling elated. In fact all the bids submitted are within our means and we will be able to do the work in a much more satisfactory manner than we anticipated. As to the bonds, they speak for themselves. The gentlemen who submitted the bid for Rollins & Son made a very thorough investigation of the

*Remarks of the  
Mayor congratulat-  
ing Council*



matter not only in Takoma Park but also in Washington and he heard such favorable reports from every one as to our standing and credit that he informed me he was going to ~~have the bonds at any price.~~ *make a bid that would exceed the bonds for Pullins & Sons.*

Personally I feel much elated over the bids for both bonds and work and at the very pleasant and agreeable manner in which everything passed last night when the bids were opened, every one was satisfied, and I now take this opportunity of personally thanking the individual members of the Council and the engineer Mr. Pressey for their great cooperation without which it would not have been possible to have carried this work to its successful conclusion

The regular order of business was then taken up, when the following ordinance was presented and after being read was passed by the following vote

- Mayor S.S. Shedd voting ..... Aye
- Councilman W. G. Platt..... Aye
- Councilman L.M. Mooers ..... Aye
- Councilman H.J. Long..... Aye
- Councilman F. J. Lung..... Aye
- Councilman F.W. Longley..... Aye

Councilman W.W. Dyar being absent

The ordinance in full is here given ~~in full~~

*Ordinance  
relating  
Contract for  
Bonds*





ORDINANCE 72AWARDING CONTRACT FOR BOND ISSUE OF \$40,000.

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

Section 1. That pursuant to and in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the Legislature of Maryland, approved March 29, 1898 (Chapter 125) authorizing 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 light plant for said town, and to issue bonds for the payment of the same and to levy taxes to redeem said bonds and pay the interest thereon, and issue of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) of registered gold bonds of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, payable thirty years from date, without option, with interest at four per centum <sup>per annum</sup> payable semiannually for the purpose of constructing water-works and a sewerage system in said town of Takoma Park, Md. is hereby made and ordered.

Section 2. That the aforesaid bonds to the amount of forty thousand dollars in denomination of one thousand dollars each, be and the same are hereby allotted and sold to E.W. Rollins & Sons of Boston, Mass. at one hundred and four (104), in accordance with the terms of their bid of March 21, 1900.

Passed and approved March 22, 1900.

*Ordinance*



Bonds

Order

The Mayor stated that Mr. Bullard, representing Rollins & Son had called on him and desired certain records of the town bearing upon the subject of the bonds be furnished under the seal of the town, also that a certified copy of the bill passed by the legislature be furnished. The Clerk was directed to make extracts of everything in the records of the town, with copies of advertisements, etc. and obtain a certified copy of the bill from the Clerk of the Court of Appeals at Annapolis

The consideration of the various bids received was then taken up and the Clerk directed to write to each party referred to by the following bidders: Rosser & Castro---Artesian Well Drilling Co. Joseph Walker--G. Pfeiffer, Jr. and B. F. Kitson

After going over the figures of the different bidders which were explained by the engineer, the council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

*Geo. A. Warren*

Clerk.

Approved:

*David J. Shady*  
Mayor

References of  
Contractors



Takoma Park, Md. March 24, 1900

A special meeting of the Council was called this date at 8 p.m. at the residence of the Mayor.

Roll call showed Mayor S.S. Shedd and the following councilmen present:

W.G. Platt--H.J. Long--F.J. Lung--F.W. Longley

Absent, Councilmen L.M. Mooers and W.W. Dyar.

*Report on  
Rosser &  
Castro*

Mayor Shedd stated that he had called the council together for the purpose of reporting upon the investigations made concerning the firm of Rosser & Castro. He stated that in company with councilman Platt he had called upon Mr. Hege of Rockville where this firm had constructed a plant, also on Jas. F. Allen of the Indian Bureau also a resident of Rockville and the reports received of the ability and financial standing of Rosser & Castro were exceedingly favorable. That Rosser was rated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in Bradstreet. At the request of Mr. Castro the committee also telegraphed to Mr. T. F. Whitmer, an engineer of Buffalo N. Y. under whom Rosser & Castro had done work and received the following in reply.

"Buffalo, N. Y. March 24, 1900

Hon. S. S. Shedd

Rosser and Castro are thoroughly reliable and are experienced contractors.

signed J. F. Whitmer.

Letters from the following parties where Rosser & Castro had done work were also submitted and read

C. W. Dickens, Bellaire, Ohio  
Mayor of Livona, N. Y.  
Mayor of Conneautville, Penn  
Mayor of Laurens, S. C.  
Mayor of Moundsville, W. Va.  
P. Voorhees of Buffalo, N. Y.



The Clerk reported that he had sent communications to the refer-  
ences of other contractors but time sufficient for replies had not  
elapsed. Rosser & Castro being the lowest bidders, it was the sense  
of the council that further investigation was really unnecessary and  
that the public interests would be best subserved by accepting their  
bid, Mr. Long moved that further investigation be dispensed with and  
the contract closed with Messrs Rosser & Castro. This motion was  
put in the form of an ordinance as follows, *and unanimously passed*

*All Mayor and all members of the Council present  
voting Aye.*

ORDINANCE No. 7<sup>3</sup>.

Awarding contract for water-works and sewerage system

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

Section 1-Pursuant to the authority conferred on the Mayor  
and Council through the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of  
Maryland, approved March 28, 1898, authorizing the town of Takoma Park  
to borrow money and construct water-works and a sewerage system, etc.  
and in accordance with specifications covering the construction of said  
water-works and sewers, dated February 25, 1900, the contract for such  
work is hereby awarded to the firm of Rosser & Castro of Bellaire, Ohio,  
as a whole for the sum of \$24,214.86 for water-works and \$6,855.00 for  
sewerage system, subject to such additional amounts as may be deemed  
necessary and essential and mutually agreed upon for any change or  
alteration in the specifications.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said  
contract for and in the name of the Town of Takoma Park with said  
Rosser & Castro for the construction of said water-works and sewerage  
system for such amounts and under such conditions and restrictions as  
will best subserve the interests of the town of Takoma Park.

Passed and approved March 24, 1900.

*Awarding*

*Contract*



*Wood works*

Mr. Pressy brought up the subject of the style of hydrants, valves, etc. and desired instructions. The subject was discussed at length and resulted in a motion leaving the matter to the judgement of the engineer and the Mayor

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*Steel tank*

\* ~~The Chicago Bridge Company having submitted bids for a steel tank and tower, whereas the bids of the town called for a wooden tank~~, Mr. Platt moved that the proposition of the <sup>Rosser & Castro</sup> Chicago Bridge Company to furnish a steel tank and tower according to their bid No. 2 for \$6230. be incorporated in the contract ~~with Rosser & Castro~~, the difference between the amount of Rosser and Castro's bid for a wooden tank and steel <sup>tank</sup> tower to be allowed said contractors.

Carried.

*Bills*

The Mayor presented two bills of the Engineering Record for advertising amounting to \$22.80, which were approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

After some further discussion relative to the subject of water-works, the council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

\* *Conclusions above indicated made prior to approval of minutes by Council G.A.W.*

*Geo. A. Warren*

Clerk.

Approved:

Mayor.