

Takoma Park, Md., May 7, 1900.

A regular meeting of the Council was held this date in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, Mayor S.S.Shedd, presiding.

ROLL=CALL.

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

Councilman	W. G. Platt.....	"
"	H. J. Long.....	"
"	F.J.Lung.....	"
"	L.M.Mooers.....	"
"	F.W.Longley.....	"

The Mayor stated that this being the meeting to receive the official report of the Judges of Election, the regular order would be suspended temporarily. There being no objection such action was orderd.

Messrs Norman Brainard and E.E.Blodgett, two of the Judges of Election being present, they submitted to the Council their report in writing which was read in full, after which Councilman H.J.Long moved that the report be received, accepted and spread in full upon the minutes. This motion upon being put to vote was unanimously carried.

REPORT OF JUDGES OF ELECTION.

We, the undersigned Judges at an Election for Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md., held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Monday, May 7, 1900, hereby certify that the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:-

For Mayor---	S. S. Shedd.....	117
"	John S. Swornstedt.....	1
"	William Parker.....	2

For Council

W. G. Platt.....	114
Horace J. Long.....	104
J. B. Kinnear.....	50
J. B. Derrick.....	49

For Council

J. K. Depue.....	113
L. M. Mooers.....	117
Fred J. Lung.....	78
Fred W. Longley.....	73
G. H. Bailey.....	1
Lisle Morrison.....	1
John S. Swormstedt.....	1
F.H.Harries.....	2

It appearing that the following named candidates for Mayor and Councilmen of Takoma Park, Md., received the majority of all the votes cast at said election, they are hereby duly elected for the term of two years, commencing on the first Monday in June, A.D. 1900:

Mayor---S. S. Shedd

Councilmen L. M. Mooers
W. G. Platt
J.K. Depue
Horace J. Long
Fred J. Lung
Fred W. Longley

(signed) C. H. Remington)	Judges of the Election.
(signed) N. Brainard)	
(signed) E. E. Blodgett)	

Attest:

(signed) Lisle Morrish
Clerk of the Election.

The regular order of business was then taken up. Minutes of prior meeting being read in full and approved.

Mayor Shedd reported that he had telegraphed Rollins & Sons relative to when bonds would be delivered and had received a reply as

folows:

Boston,Mass, May 3,1900

We get bond proof Saturday,do not think bonds will be ready before ten days.

E.H.Rollins & Sons

The following letter was also received from the bankers

Boston,May 3,1900

Mr.S.Shedd &c.

We have your telegram which reads as follows: "When may we expect bonds for signature,Contractors anxious to begin work.Answer to Washington" To which we have replied as follows,which we now confirm: We get bond proof Saturday.Do not think bonds will be ready before ten days.

It takes some time to do this kind of work and they have promised us the proof Saturday. If the proof is satisfactory,we ought to get the bonds out so as to ship them to you sometime next week.We are hurrying the matter as much as possible.

Signed E H Rollins & Sons.

Te Mayor reported that he had received a communication from Rosser & Castor under date of May 1st in which they stated they would be willing to go to work before the money was actually turned over on assurance that it would be forthcoming, to which the Mayor replied on May 4th in which he quoted to them the language used by Rollins & Son in their letter and saying "I do not think there is any question about receiving the money from them very shortly,but as yet we have not received it",thus giving the contractors all the information the council possessed without committing the town.

Mr. Lung who had been delegated to go to Marlborough and endeavor to obtain an adjustment of the road tax due from Prince Georges county reported verbally the result of his trip and stating that he had collected \$34.82 all that appeared to be due the town at the present time, but that from his investigations, it would be advisable for a committee to go to Marlborough and make a thorough investigation of the records as no doubt there was a considerable sum due for amounts paid for previous years.

On motion of Mr. Plattm the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Judges and Clerk of Election three dollars each for their services, and \$12. was appropriated for that purpose.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on hand last report.....
 Received Road tax Pr.Geo.Co. 34.82

By disbursements.....

Leaving a balance on hand of.....

A communication was read from Major D.O'Driscoll concerning repairs which should be made on Sligo avenue and offering to make a good road there for \$500 fully 30 feet wide.

The matter was discussed and the Clerk directed to inform Mr.O'Driscoll that the council regretted it was unable to comply with his request for general repairs at this time, but the road would be inspected and if there were any places that required urgent attention they would be attended to by the Street Committee. Later, efforts would be made to make Sligo ave. what it should be.

Mr. Mooers brought up the matter of the overflow of water on Poplar avenue, and after discussion, the Street Committee was directed to make a thorough examination of the whole question of overflow in that locality with a view to making permanent repairs, and that their investigations should be made under the supervision and advice of the Engineer, and when said Committee was ready with a report the Mayor would call a special meeting of the Council to consider it.

Mr. Summy, Fire Chief requested authority to have fire apparatus overhauled, which was granted

The assessors reported the revised assessment and the Clerk decided to give due notice thereof by public notices

Approved

Clerk.

Samuel J. Shedd
 Mayor.

Geo. A. Warren
 Clerk

Takoma Park, Md., Monday, June 4, 1900.

The old council met in regular session at 8.45 p.m. in the basement of the Chapel, Mayor Shedd presiding, with the following members present.

Mayor.....Samuel S. Shedd
Councilman W. G. Platt
Horace J. Long
Fred J. Lung
L. M. Mooers
Fred W. Longley.

The minutes of prior session were read and approved.

The town treasurer, Mr. G.A. Warren submitted an annual report covering the operation of the council for the preceding eleven months which financial report he preceded with a brief resume of the principal items, extracts from said report are as follows:

Gentlemen:

In transmitting the annual financial report of the ~~town~~, I feel it a matter of justice to the council to submit a brief resume of the affairs of the town for the past year.

There have been a total of 26 sessions of the council during the year and absenteeism from these meetings have been so infrequent as to occasion surprise when a member failed to respond at roll-call. The Mayor attended every session, while the records show that Messrs Lung, Long, Mooers and Platt were absent but one meeting each. I doubt if any town can show a more efficient record of attendance.

Taxes are paid with commendable promptness, whether it is due to the fact that property owners have become educated to the fact that it is either pay or be sold out, or due to the treasurers system of correspondence, is immaterial so long as the money is paid. At no time during the year has the council been unable to promptly meet all its engagements.

Only \$366. were expended in the matter of street work, of which sum \$100. was spent on Ethen Allen avenue. This small expenditure for an item which is usually the largest in the list is due to the fact that the council decided to only make such expenditures for streets as ~~were~~ absolutely essential as it would be a waste to gravel and fix streets that would be torn up for water and sewer pipes.

The entire cost of street lighting for material and oil amounted to but \$244. Considering the utility of the lamps, and the fact that there are over one hundred maintained, the average annual cost per lamp ~~(***)***remarkable~~ is remarkable, being but \$2.45 *Exclusive*

The item of \$459. for legal services, while large, extends over a period of over two years, no bill having been rendered during the corporate existence of the council whose term of office expires to night.

The subject of permanent sidewalks engrossed the attention of the council during its first sessions, but it was soon shown that no progress could be made in this direction until the Charter was amended, and a special bill covering this matter was presented and passed at the last session of the legislature.

Special legislation providing for a Justice of the Peace for Takoma Park, the regulation of the liquor traffic and amending the tax law were also secured all of which will prove of the greatest benefit to the public.

\$48. were received as dog-tax of which sum, \$17 were rebated and \$5. paid for special collections thereof, making the total income from "dogs" but \$26 per annum, ~~and~~ ~~from~~ the feelings engendered in the collection of the tax it is not known which is the greatest evil, the dogs or the tax.

One of the most thorough investigations ever made by the town was on the subject of waterworks. Committee meetings by the score were held, exhaustive correspondence had with other municipalities who had tried the experiment of a water supply; engineers of prominence were consulted, exasperating delays occurred and many men would have dropped the subject for ever owing to the many discouragements encountered from time to time, but push and energy triumphed and tomorrow morning the citizens of this town will witness the breaking of ground for the ^{beginning of a} happy ending of a colossal undertaking by a "baby" town.

In conclusion permit me to say that at the best the office of a councilman is a thankless one, the only recompense being the honor of feeling that you have merited the confidence of your fellow townsmen in elevating you to preside over their public affairs. But very few comprehend the amount of time the individual members of the council are compelled to sacrifice to attend to public matters, and the care and worry incident thereto, ~~and~~ yet we have no trouble in finding men who are willing to take up these burdens and accept the "kicks" of an unappreciate constituency.

Grave problems ^{press} beset the new council in the matter of maintaining and operating the water-work system and meeting the expenses incident thereto, large public expenditures must be made after the plant is installed in ^{the} repairs to roads and sidewalks ~~and~~ matters of a minor but no less importance will engross your time, but from the record made in the past, the people can confidently expect that their interests will be well subserved.

My financial report in detail is herewith appended.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE TOWN
OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, FROM JULY 1, 1899
TO JUNE 4, 1900.

R E C E I P T S.

Balance on hand last report, July 1, 1899.....	\$ 160.77
Received, General taxes.....	2874.97
Road Tax from Montgomery County.....	511.48
Road tax from Prince Georges County.....	34.82
Received, Dog-tax.....	48.00
Interest on deposits.....	9.15
Sundry cash receipts (B. & W. T. Co.).....	100.00
Proceeds, Certificate of Indebtedness.....	500.00
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	\$4239.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Refundment of taxes erroneously collected.....	8.45
Rebate on dog tax collected.....	17.00
Expended for Street-work, Services.....	245.39
Expended for Street-work, Material.....	120.91
For the maintenance of Street lights, material.....	244.77
General expenses, to include printing, stationery, postage and other incidentals.....	310.16
On account of fire apparatus.....	5.45
Redemption of Certificate of Indebtedness.....	500.00
Interest on Certificate of Indebtedness.....	30.00
On account of rent.....	48.00
Preliminary expenses in connection with the instal- lation of water-works.....	1386.96
William Jones, salary as lamplighter and services on streets @ \$45. per month.....	495.00
Geo. A. Warren, salary as Town Clerk and Town Treas- urer @ \$20. per month.....	220.00
Paid for legal services.....	459.00
Sundry services.....	10.00
Cash on hand.....	138.10
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	\$4239.19

I certify that the above is a true statement as shown by the records of the town.

Geo. A. Warren,

Treasurer.

On motion, the report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Council, after which Messrs Lisle Morrison and Benj. G. Davis were appointed an Auditing Committee to examine the accounts of the treasurer as per report submitted.

No further business appearing, the Mayor declared the old council adjourned sine-die.

Geo. A. Warren

Town Clerk.

Approved:

Saml. J. Shedd

Mayor

Takoma Park, Md. June 4, 1900.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the old council, the new council elect was called to order by Mayor Shedd, the following members responding to roll-call:

Mayor Samuel S. Shedd.....

Councilman W. G. Platt
 James K. Depue
 L. M. Mooers
 Horace J. Long
 Fred J. Lung
 F. W. Longley

The oath of office was administered to the members as above by the Mayor.

The following list of Standing Committees was announced by Mayor Shedd:

<u>FINANCE & EXPENDITURES</u>	==	W. G. Platt,	Jas. K. Depue,	H.J.Long
<u>STREETS AND LIGHTS</u>	==	F. J. Lung,	Jas. K. Depue,	L. M. Mooers
<u>HEALTH & SANITATION</u>	==	L. M. Mooers,	F. W. Longley,	H. J. Long
<u>WATER & SEWERS</u>	==	H. J. Long,	W. G. Platt,	F. J. Lung
<u>JUDICIARY,</u>	==	Jas. K. Depue,	L.M.Mooers,	F.W.Longley
<u>ORDINANCE</u>	==	F.W.Longley,	F.J.Lung,	W.G.Platt.

The treasurer submitted the Revised Assessment which had been turned over to him by the Assessors, whereupon the Mayor declared that the regular order of business would be temporarily suspended and the Council sit as a Board of Review to hear and determine appeals and complaints.

The clerk read the following public notice which he certified had been posted in five or more conspicuous places in the town as required by the charter, said notice being posted May 15, 1900.

Takoma Park, Md., May 15, 1900.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16, CHAPTER 310 OF THE
ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (known as the Charter
of the Town of Takoma Park, Md.) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
REVISED ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1900,
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 4, 1900,
BEGINNING AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M. WILL SIT IN THE BASEMENT OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ALL COMPLAINTS AND
APPEALS IN REGARD THERETO.

G E O. A. W A R R E N,

Treasurer.

No person desiring to appeal from the assessment as submitted the following ordinance was presented and read, after which it was passed by Aye & Nay vote, the Mayor and all members present voting in the affirmative

ORDINANCE No. 77

To adopt an Assessment of Real and Personal Property made for the purpose of taxation.

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

That the revised assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation made under and pursuant to the resolution of the Council of March 15, 1900, by Geo. A. Warren and Ashley M. Gould, and reported by them May 3, 1900, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1900, The Council having sat at its regular meeting of June 4, 1900, to hear appeals and complaints in regard to such assessment after two weeks notice of such meeting having been given, by posting notices thereof in five or more conspicuous places in the town. No appeals or complaints having been made.

The following proposed Ordinance was read

ORDINANCE 78

To levy a general tax for municipal purposes, and an additional tax for the payment of interest, the creation of a sinking fund and the operation and maintenance of a water work and sewerage system.

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

Sec. 1- That a general tax of sixty cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of the real and personal property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md. as shown by the Assessment adopted June 4, 1900, Ordinance No. , be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1900.

Sec. 2- An additional tax of forty cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of the real and personal property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md. for the payment of interest, the creation of a sinking fund, and the operation and maintenance of a water works and sewerage system is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1900.

After discussion of the matter, it was put to vote and approved by the following vote

Mayer	Samuel S. Shedd	Voting	Aye
Councilman	Wes Platt	"	"
"	Jas B Depue	"	"
"	H J Long	"	"
"	L. M Moores	"	"
"	F. J Long	"	"
"	F. W Longley	"	"

On motion of Mr. Longley, the RULES for the government of the old council were continued in force

The terms of office of all officials and employes of the late council having expired with that body, the following persons were nominated for appointment

- Clerk and Treasurer.....Geo. A. Warren
- Corporation Attorney.....Ashley M. Gould
- Bailiff.....William Jones
- Lamplighter.....William Jones

There being no other nominees for the above offices, the question was placed before the council and unanimously carried.

For Building Inspector ...Mr. E. E. Blodgett was nominated by Mr. L. M. Moores and Mr. B. F. Smith was placed in nomination by Mr. Lung The question being put to vote resulted in the election of Mr. Smith who received 5 votes to Mr. Blodgett's 2

Fire Chief....Mr. O. D. Sunny was nominated and for Assistant Fire Chief, Mr. O. M. Judd, both gentlemen being duly elected

The following deputy bailiffs were placed in nomination and were duly elected:

James T. Parsley---Jas. F. Phillips---Geo. W. Jackson, Chas. Speer andBarry, the latter two being police officers of the D.C.

A communication was read from Mr. A. E. Phillips in which he requested that a commission be appointed to determine the question as to the best means for supplying the houses on Magnolia ave with water and sewerage, and on motion of Mr. Platt the Mayor was directed to call a special meeting for this purpose and the town clerk to notify all persons interested

A letter was also read from Mr. G. A. Warren in which he requested that the council rectify an injustice in not providing for sewerage on Pine ave. particularly for such lots as faced on said street. This communication was also referred for consideration at the special meeting

A letter was read from Mrs. Parkins in which she declined to grant right of way on her lot between Holly and Chestnut ave. Referred for action to the special meeting.

The Clerk read a communication in which he certified that he had publically posted the following notice of the result of election as required by law:

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Takoma Park, Md. May 15, 1900.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 13, OF THE
CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, AND UPON AN OFFICIAL
REPORT SIGNED BY C. H. REMINGTON, NORMAN BRAINARD AND E. E.
BLODGETT, JUDGES OF ELECTION, AND ATTESTED BY LISLE MORRISON,
CLERK OF ELECTION, MADE AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, 1900, NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT AN ELECTION HELD MONDAY, MAY 7, 1900,

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE DULY ELECTED FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS BEGINNING JUNE 4, 1900:

SAMUEL S. SHEDD,...as.....MAYOR

L. M. MOOERS,as COUNCILMAN

WILMER G. PLATT.... " "

HORACE J. LONG..... " "

JAMES K. DEPUE..... " "

FRED. J. LUNG..... " "

F. W. LONGLEY..... " "

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

G E O. A. W A R R E N,
Town Clerk.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to obtain certified copies of bills affecting Takoma Park passed at the last session of the Legislature

Mayor Shedd submitted a deed to a piece of property situated in Block 19 lot 3, known as the Jones lot which he had purchased in the name of the town for the Standpipe. the consideration being \$500. and requested that the treasurer be authorized to draw a check for \$500 in payment thereof. Carried

Mayor Shedd also requested authority to cash two certificates of indebtedness, previously authorized by the Council, of \$500. each for the purpose of paying for the land purchased of the Middle States Loan Building & Construction Co. J. Ross Colhoun, agent. Approved.

Mr. Platt moved that \$50. be appropriated to pay Mr. B. F. Gilbert on account of commission on the Pierce & Batty property and a quit claim deed on the property required for the dam. Carried.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to purchase a file cabinet for the preservation of the records of the town of the pattern selected by Mayor Shedd and the Treasurer

Mr. F. L. Harries being present with other citizens interrupted the council by making inquiry as to what had become of the dog ordinance. He understood there were some 28 unlicensed dogs in the town.

Mayor Shedd stated in reply that when the Bailiff made his final report he understood there were but 3 or 4 persons who had not paid. The matter had been turned over to the Corporation Attorney and on his advice it was deemed advisable to await the appointment of a Justice of the Peace before whom the cases could be tried. As soon as said Justice is appointed the case would be brought up.

On motion of Mr. Depue, further discussion of the dog question was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The matter of broken sidewalks was brought up and after discussion the Street Committee was authorized to purchase sufficient lumber for repairs to same.

On motion of Mr. Platt, a special committee was appointed to revise the rules of the Council. The Mayor designated the following members to serve on said committee. The Mayor, Messrs Platt & Depue.

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

Gosorn, for printing.....	\$1.50
J. Smith, services.....	2.00
W. J. Giddings, lime.....	.30
Contingent.....	5.41
Rent of Chapel	36.50
F. J. Lung, services, etc.....	19.00
E. W. Hutcheson.....	5.70
W. W. Welsh, transcripts.....	3.00
G. A. Warren, services.....	25.00
A Lamond, sewer pipe.....	1.53

Mr Long suggested that the town establish a dumping
place for refuse material, and after discussion it was
referred to the Street Committee for investigation

No further business being offered, an adjournment
was ordered at 11:20 pm

Geo A Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Sam J. Shedd
Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. June 29, 1900

A special meeting of the council was held this date at 9 p.m. at the residence of Mayor Shedd, at which meeting all members were present with the exception of Mr. Longley.

The Mayor stated he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering the bids and specifications for the construction of an engine and pump house

The specifications were read in full by the Clerk and the plans were gone over by the members of the council, after which on motion of Mr. Platt, the plans and specifications with certain modifications, were accepted by the Council.

Bids for the construction of the engine house having been requested by the engineer, were submitted to the council for their consideration as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Deduct for bricks</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Richardson & Bergess</u>	\$1344.00	----	60 days
<u>Holtzclaw Brothers</u>	1128.10	\$272.	40
<u>George Hughes</u>	1100.00	250.	33
<u>Perry Cleveland</u>	925.00	282	35
<u>John W. Swainson</u>	1400.00	272	30
<u>Rosser & Castoe</u>	1000.00	---	30

After discussion of the bids, it was deemed in the interest of the town to award the contract to Rosser & Castoe, and the following ordinance was therefore presented.

ORDINANCE AWARDED CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTING
ENGINE & PUMP HOUSE.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.

That in accordance with plans and specifications duly adopted by the Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., for the construction of an engine and pump house in connection with the installation of a water-work system for said town, the contract for the construction of the same is hereby awarded to the firm of Rosser & Castoe of Bellaire, Ohio, for and in the sum of one thousand dollars as per their bid dated May 30, 1900, and considered at a meeting of the council held June 29, 1900. Provided, that said firm accepts the changes and modifications on said plans and specifications made after their bid was submitted.

Upon being put to vote, the ordinance was passed, the Mayor and all members present voting "aye"

No further business appearing the council adjourned.

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Saml. J. Shedd
Mayor.