

Takoma Park, Md. July 2, 1900

Regular meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel.

ROLL CALL

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

Minutes of prior sessions were read and approved.

*Defective
Pipe*

The regular order of business was dispensed with in order that the resident engineer and representative of Rosser & Castoe might be heard in reference to terra cotta pipe furnished by Somerville & Co. which was not up to the standard as required by the specifications. Mr. Dextr, the resident engineer stated that he had inspected the pipe and found that owing to the wearing of the moulds, there was a difference of some three-eighths inch in the caliber of the pipes, and while this would not interfere with good work if laid in certain sections, he did not feel justified in accepting the pipe except under direction of the Council.

The representative of the contractors stated that if the pipe was not accepted it would delay work as there was no other pipe at hand, and in his judgment the slight difference in diameter would not affect the utility of the pipe, in fact being thicker it would be stronger.

The matter was discussed at some length and the Council finally decided that it was a matter for Mr. Pressy, the engineer to decide and it was not disposed to interfere in any manner with such questions.

The regular order of business was then taken up and the Mayor called on the Standing Committees for reports, there being none submitted except in the case of the Finance Committee, who approved the following bills and on motion they were ordered paid.

FINANCE COMMITTEES REPORT

Geo.L.Tarbell, oil.....	\$42.53
W.G.ORR & Co., Lamp fixtures.....	11.10
W.E.Stockett, tax book.....	9.50
J.Baungarden & Sons, rubber stamps..	1.25
T.P.Moore, printing.....	8.00
H.A.Farnham, blue prints.....	6.74
Pay-roll for services.....	24.00
G.E.Walker, lumber.....	66.79
Contingent.....	3.24
Fred Macey Co, Cabinet.....	<u>40.60</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand last report.....	\$138.10
Sundry receipts.....	3.40
Refundment of general fund from water-work fund.....	1466.96
Proceeds 3 Certificates Indebtedness.....	1500.00
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	\$3208.46

Disbursements:

Bills, salaries and purchase land.....	\$1066.04	
Redemption Certif. Indbt.....	530.00	
Redemption of 5 bonds & interest.....	682.50	2818.54
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Balance.....		\$289.92

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SPECIAL WATER WORK FUND:

Proceeds sale of bonds.....	\$41782.22
Refundment of general fund for cash advanced therefrom.....	\$1466.96
Redemption 4 Certificates.....	2011.98
Check book.....	1.00
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Balance.....	\$38302.28

*Pierce & Batty
Land*

The Finance Committee also approved the payment of \$450 to Nancy D. Pierce and R.L. Batty for 4 1/2 acres of land purchased by the town, and the treasurer was directed to draw checks therefor

Tracks

The Street Committee was authorized to construct a board walk from Dr. Ellis on Balt. ave across to Takoma ave, and on motion of Mr. Long the walk at intersection of Pine & Montgomery avenues was also ordered replaced. Mr. Depue called attention to the want of more filling at Ethan Allen & Sycamore ave and the street committee was directed to attend to it.

Pressy

Mr. Platt called attention of the Council to the apparently unnecessary deep cuts made for the sewer pipes between Poplar and Sycamore avenues. Mr. Lung thought that the engineer should submit to the Council profiles showing the grades and contemplated cuts. After discussion of the matter it was laid over until the return of the engineer.

The prolonged absence of the engineer, Mr. Pressy from the town and the importance of his being present at such a time as the work was in progress in order to settle pertinent questions that must come up was discussed but no action was taken.

Dog Ordinance

Mr. Platt moved that Ordinance No. 69 (Dog) be repealed. Seconded by Mr. Lung and vigorously opposed by Mr. Long. The matter on being put to vote was lost by the following vote.
Messrs Depue, Long, Longley and Mooers voting No.
Messrs Platt and Lung voting aye

Mr. Platt then moved the repeal of Section 3 of said ordinance, which was also opposed by Mr. Long and after further debate was carried by the following vote.

Messrs Depue, Platt, Lung and Mooers voting aye
Messrs Long and Longley voting No

The Special Auditing Committee of citizens appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for past year submitted the following report in writing:

Takoma Park, June 9, 1900

"We, the undersigned committee appointed by the Council to audit the books and accounts of the town treasurer, hereby certify that we have carefully examined such books and accounts and find perfect agreement with the statement of receipts and disbursements submitted by the treasurer.

The treasurer should be commended for the excellent and systematic manner in which he has kept his accounts.

Very respectfully,

Signed Lisle Morrison

Signed Ben. G. Davis

The report was accepted and ordered spread in full on the minutes.

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned at 10.45 p.m

Geo. A. Warren

Town Clerk.

Approved:

Sam. J. Studd

Mayor

*Auditing
Comi
Report*

Takoma Park, Md. July 16, 1900

A special meeting of the council was held this date at 8 p.m. at the residence of the Mayor, at which all members were present, also Mr. A. M. Gould, corporation attorney; Mr. Pressy and Mr. Dexter, engineers.

Water Works

The mayor stated this meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the report of the engineer showing amount of work done and amount due Rosser and Castoe under their contract. Mr. Pressy submitted his report which was discussed at length. Questions pertinent to the subject were propounded by Mr. Gould who showed that the town could not advance money to Rosser & Castoe on the report submitted as it covered material for which there was no evidence the town had accepted and owned, he also explained how the bond of the contractors would be invalidated if such payment was made. After discussion of the subject, Mr. Pressy withdrew and prepared a new estimate of work done by Rosser & Castoe up to and including June 14th, amounting to \$1445.60 after deducting 15% withheld, An estimate was also submitted of work done on sewers amounting to \$938.18 and on motion of Mr. Platt, the treasurer was directed to draw a check in favor of Messrs Rosser & Castoe for the amount certified by the engineer as due.

Mayor Shedd submitted an order on the Council in favor of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. for \$5322.00 drawn by Rosser & Castoe, covering the cost of the Stand-pipe and tower. No action taken *but matter referred to Corporation attorney*

Right way

Mr. Pressy made statement that he had called on Mr. Bloomer relative to obtaining right of way to lay the water-main across the Bloomer land to the stand-pipe, and Mr. Bloomer was willing to grant the concession provided the Council would give him certain water privileges for a sum not exceeding \$10. per annum. After discussion it was decided to be the sense of the council that no privileges would be granted any person in the matter of water rates and if Mr. Bloomer objected to granting the right, that the engineer take the pipe around by the street.

*Pump
House*

Mr. Pressy also asked instructions regarding the location of the Pump-house, and after advice of the corporation attorney he was directed to see that the location selected was entirely within the boundaries of the property purchased by the town for this purpose.

*Rates for
Water*

Mr. Long, chairman committee water & sewers submitted a report setting forth in detail the proposed rates to be charged for water. The report was received and laid on the table for discussion at next regular meeting.

Pay roll

Mr. Lung called attention to a pay-roll which the remaining members of the Committee on Streets refused to sign while he was absent amounting to \$9.37 Mr. Mooers claiming that his reason for not signing was that he did not propose to pay \$2.75 for a carpenter to lay sidewalks when he could get a man for \$1.50. After some talk on motion, the amount was allowed and the treasurer authorized to pay the same. by a vote of 4 to 2, Messrs Mooers and Depue voting no.

*Spring
Park*

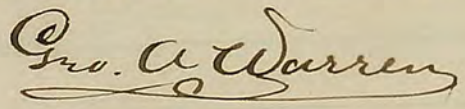
The matter of the building of a fence around Spring Park with the ostensible purpose of excluding the public was brought up and discussed by the mayor and members. Mr. Gould gave certain legal answers so far as he was able and after a debate of some time, Mr. Depue moved that the Clerk be directed to address a communication to Mr. Mellen, the person believed to be responsible for the construction of the fence and ask by what authority the fence was constructed on town property also his object and intentions in the matter.

Carried

No further business appearing, the council adjourned at 11 p.m.



Approved:



Town Clerk.

Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. July 21, 1900.

A special meeting of the Council was called at 8.30 p.m. this date at the residence of Mayor Shedd at which meeting all members of the council were present.

Mayor Shedd stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering the matter of Spring Park, which had been fenced in by the reputed owners. He had consulted with the Corporation Attorney regarding the best action to take and Mr. Gould had a proposition to submit.

Mr. Gould, corporation attorney stated that he personally had never entertained a question that the town had any rights in the Spring--that he had studied and investigated the question for several years, and the title to the Spring had been guaranteed by a title insurance co. which would never have taken the risk were said company not backed up by the best legal talent obtainable. With this in his mind, as a resident of the town and fully as interested in its welfare as any one, he desired to secure to the people the privilege of obtaining water from the spring at all times and without cost and without consultation with either party he had drawn up an indenture or agreement whereby the owners of the Spring decided to the citizens of Takoma Park the right to take and use the water in perpetuity in return for the town relinquishing any claims it may believe to hold on the property. This would give the people all they desired, i.e. the water, and at the same time enable the Spring people to make certain improvements and utilize the water commercially without litigation or costs to either party.

Mr. Gould then read the agreement drawn up which was discussed for a long time.

Mr. H.J. Long finally made a motion that the Council accept the agreement upon the incorporation therein the clause, that the people of Takoma Park shall have the free and unlimited use of the water for domestic purposes at all times and hours of the day and night, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute said agreement in the name of the town.

Spring Park

The motion being placed to a vote, resulted in its passage by the following vote: Mayor Shedd, Councilmen Platt, Lung, Long, Depue and Mooers voting in favor of the agreement or motion Councilman F.W. Longley against.

Petition

Mr. Platt presented a petition of a number of citizens relative to the extension of the water mains on Beech and Cedar ayes.

In view of the fact that there were a number of matters of this nature before the Council, on motion, a Special Committee was ordered appointed to consider all such requests, and to whom all such matters should be referred.

*Special Com.
on
Extension*

The following committee was designated: Mr. F. J. Lung, Chairman, Messrs Depue and Long, with Mayor Shedd exofficio

Water System

No further business appearing the Council adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Approved:

Sam J. Shedd
Mayor.

Geo. A. Warrin
Clerk,

Takoma Park, Md, August 3, 1900

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

Present Mayor Shedd, Councilmen Long, Mooers, Depue and Lung. also Mr. Pressy the engineer.

Absent: Councilmen Platt and Longley.

Mayor Shedd stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of reporting on the matter of the land which the Mayor was authorized to purchase of the Middle States Loan Building & Construction Company for a sewerage disposal farm, and which until now he was unable to render any report. The mayor having been authorized by the council to purchase lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12 Block 13 of Gibbs & Kosack's subdivision, the engineer Mr. Pressy had made all arrangements with Mr. J. Ross Colhoun, the agent of the company for the sum of \$900. with the full understanding that the property was to be used as a disposal farm in connection with the sewerage system of Takoma Park, and in addition, the town was to have the right of way through other lots of the company to reach said farm. On Feby. 10, 1900, the company through its agent Mr. Colhoun wrote the mayor that they would sell the property for the sum of \$900. cash Pending the receipt of this letter the mayor stated he had entered into contract for the purchase of the land and the time limit for the completion of the purchase was 60 days, which at the time it was considered ample sufficient to examine the title, but if that was not sufficient time, it was mutually understood that the time would be extended without further payment or forfeiture of the \$75. which had been put up as a deposit in February. The money for the bonds was not forthcoming as early as anticipated, and as the mayor was not willing that the town should be saddled with a lot of worthless lots should there be any slip up in obtaining the cash, the mayor did not deem it advisable to cash the certificates of indebtedness the council had authorized and pay for the lots. On May 5th, which was five days after the expiration of the time for the completion of the purchase, Mr. Colhoun informed the mayor that he held the deed which he was ready to turn over on receipt of the cash. On March 31, 1900, he addressed the following letter to the mayor.

"I beg to inform you that I hold deed to lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12 Block 13, of the Gibbs Kosack's Addition to Takoma Park, the same being

*Land for
Sewer farm*

in the name of the Town of Takoma Park, a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland, the same to be delivered to you under the terms of the contract relating to the transfer of the above property" signed J. Ross Colhoun, atty. for owner.

In response to this letter the mayor stated he saw Mr. Colhoun and explained that he held the certificates of indebtedness and was ready to pay the cash at any time the Association desired the money, but preferred not to pay it then unless absolutely necessary, and on that day (May 5th) Mr. Colhoun promised to hold the deed a week or ten days but in case the company called on him for the cash, he would give the mayor timely notice. On June 1st the money for the bonds not having arrived, the council on June 4th directed the mayor to cash the certificates of indebtedness he held and pay for the lots, and the treasurer drew the town's check for \$825. which was placed in the hands of Mr. Gould, the corporation attorney to close the transaction. Much to my surprise the corporation attorney informed me later that Mr. Colhoun had returned the deed to the Company and refused to accept the check which was returned to me. Mr. Gould informing me that a check was not a legal tender, I obtained the cash from the bank and called on Mr. Colhoun and made a legal tender of the cash for payment of the lots in the presence of a witness (Mr. Minnix). Mr. Colhoun stated that the Association learning that the lots were to be used as a sewerage farm some person having written the company complaining of the fact and as the company held some 38 other lots in that vicinity it was considered the farm would prove detrimental, hence they declined to sell. I then authorized Mr. Gould and Mr. Colhoun to go to Hagerstown and endeavor to obtain the deed which was done, but the company refused to surrender the deed. I then concluded to see the officers of the Association personally but was deterred owing to the absence of Mr. Pressy from town whom I desired to accompany me. On July 11th, more than a month after the return of the deed I sent them a letter as follows.

"Takoma Park, July 11, 1900

Mr. A. K. McGraw,
Secy. Hagerstown Bldg. Assn.

Dear Sir: Mr. Colhoun has informed me that your board of directors has declined to complete the sale of lots as per contract made through Mr. Colhoun because it had been reported that the lots were to be used as a sewer farm. The term sewer farm sounds objectionable, but I can assure you that there would be nothing objectionable to any person in the use to which we propose to put this ground, and if

"your Board fully understood the case, I am confident the transaction could be completed at once. It is of the utmost importance that whatever is done should be done at an early date. I therefore request that, if practicable, you call a special meeting of your board, that our engineer (who has just returned to the city) and myself may appear before them and explain fully the use we intend to make of the ground. If such a meeting can be arranged, will you kindly advise me two or three days in advance of the date that we may arrange to be there on time.

Very respectfully.

signed Saml. S. Shedd, Mayor.

In response to this letter I received a reply from the Secretary of the Association under date of July 12, 1900, stating in substance that a special meeting could not be arranged at that time. On July 16th I wrote asking when the next meeting of the Board would occur and the Association replied under date of 17th that a meeting would be held that afternoon, and a second letter of same date (17) that the Board had decided to meet at 2 p.m. the 23 of July, to which letter I immediately replied notifying the Association I would be present at said meeting.

At the time set for the meeting, Mr. Pressy was again out of the city and I was compelled to take the assistant engineer and also Mr. Gould, our attorney. We appeared before the Board and the matter was thoroughly and legally discussed, which finally resulted in the matter being left to the President of the Association, Mr. J. W. Stonebraker with authority to decide the matter in the name of the company and arrangements were made with that gentleman to make a personal visit to the ground in controversy. Last Monday, July 30, 1900, I met Mr. Stonebraker and in company with Mr. Colhoun and Mr. Pressy we went over the lots. Mr. Stonebraker informed me he would advise me of his decision later. On August 1st, I received the following letter

Hagerstown, Md. Aug. 1, 1900

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"S. S. Shedd, Esq.

Mayor, Takoma Park, D. C.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Board of Directors held to day, it

was decided to sell to the Town of Takoma Park for \$900 cash, lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12 Block 13, of Gibbs & Kosack's Add. to Takoma Park, provided said town will also purchase for \$300. cash, lots 7, 8, 9 Block 10, and lots 4, 5, 12 Block 11 of said Addition and confine the sewer to the last mentioned 6 lots and to lot 34, block 10, over which lot 34 block 10 right of way is to be given if the sewer is placed deep enough to not interfere in any way with opening and maintaining a street through said lot 34 Block 10, and lot 35 adjoining, and provided further, that the Middle States Co. and purchasers of lots from it shall be given the right to connect with the sewer if desired. Let us hear from you as to the acceptance of this proposition.

Very truly yours
 sigd. A. K. McGraw, Secy."

Letter

~~This letter was referred to our attorney who~~ In conversation with *our atty* me stated that while in his opinion our contract with the agent of the company is good and binding and we could probably hold them to it the costs would probably amount to ~~***~~ as much as they proposed to charge for the additional lots, besides the time that would necessarily elapse. The matter is therefore submitted for your consideration.

*Purchase
 Land*

Very little discussion followed the Mayors report, and Mr. Deput moved that the Mayor be authorized to close the deal with the Middle States Loan Building & Construction Co. for the 12 lots, viz. the six original lots at \$900 and the six additional lots at \$300, making a total of \$1200. and that an appropriation of \$300 in addition to the \$900 already appropriated is hereby authorized. Seconded by Mr. Lung and carried, all councilmen and the mayor voting aye.

*Protest at
 work of
 Contractor*

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. G.H. Bailey protesting at the manner the contractor was performing his work, principally as to leaving the trenches open for so long a time, and not tamping the earth after backfilling. The engineer explained matters in connection with the complaint, and the letter was referred to Mr. Pressy for consideration and abatement of the matter complained of where possible.

Adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Geo. A. Warren

Approved.

Samuel P. ...
 Mayor.

Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md.
August 6, 1900.

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

ROLL=CALL.

Mayor	S.S. Shedd.....	Present
Councilman	J.K. Depue.....	"
"	L.M. Mooers	"
"	F.J. Lung.....	"
"	H.J. Long.....	"
"	W.G. Platt.....	Absent (out of town)
"	F.W. Longley.....	"

Minutes of prior session read, and after a couple of minor corrections, were approved.

Mr. Henry A. Pressy being present, he submitted a report of the amount of work done by the contractor, and after retaining 15% of the amount of cash due, showed a net sum of \$9309.52. On motion of Mr. Long, the Treasurer was authorized to draw a check in favor of Rosser & Castoe for this sum.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Mr. Lung, Chairman of the Committee on Extension of mains and sewers stated that his committee had no report to make, and desired further time.

REGULAR COMMITTEES: Mr. Mooers, chairman of Sanitary Committee reported that several matters had been brought to the attention of the committee all of which had been attended to and nuisances abated.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

August 6, 1900.

GENERAL FUNDS.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 289.92
Received from Taxes.....	1761.01
	<u>\$2050.93</u>
By disbursements.....	355.48
	<u>355.48</u>
Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$1695.45

WATER WORK CONSTRUCTION FUNDS.

Balance on hand.....	\$38302.28
By disbursements.....	2872.33
	<u>\$35429.95</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee submitted a report approving the following bills, which on motion were ordered paid.

Montgomery Press, Printing.....	\$2.75
Takoma Parinting Co. 2 bills	4.15
Geo. E. Walker, lumber.....	33.98
Contingent.....	.66
Louis Hortig.....	3.30
Henry A. Pressy, on account.....	300.00

Licenses
Mr. Mooers submitted a brief of a proposed ordinance on the subject of licenses, which was referred to the Ordinance Committee for report

H.P.R. Holt
A communication was read from Mr. H.P.R. Holt on the subject of extension of water mains and a similar one from Mr. Warren. Both communications referred to the special committee having this matter in charge

L. Morrison
A communication was read from Mr. Lisle Morrison calling attention of the Council to the proposed increase in fare on the Brightwood Railway and asking that the Council take action protesting against the proposed movement. The Clerk was directed to write a vigorous protest to the Washington Transit & Electric Company and also forward a copy of the same to the District Commissioners.

A communication was read from Mr. Harris asking that the council cut a road through to lot block at which point he is about to build a house. Referred to Street Committee with authority to act provided in its judgement the expense will not be great and the street necessary.

Sligo Ave
A letter was also read from Major D. O'Driscoll on the matter of certain improvements on the Sligo. The Chairman of the Street Committee reported that he had received the letter from the Clerk and had sent Bailiff Jones to the Sligo where he had been working, and would do so again.

*Special Committee
Extension of
Mains*

Mr. Long as a member of the special committee on the extension of the water-work system stated that in view of the fact that the Chairman of the committee had not submitted a report, and as the matter was one of great importance which demanded the prompt attention of the council he moved that the following extension of the pipe line be authorized at this time,

<u>Water-pipe.</u>	estimated cost
Cedar and Beech avenues.....	\$525.00
Poplar ave. to Elm and on Elm to Barnetts.....	236.00
Hickory avenue, 150 feet from Montgomery.....	75.50
Pine ave from Columbia to Montgomery.....	219.00
Carroll ave. from Baileys to connect.....	542.00
Grant ave. from Carroll.....	306.50
Maple ave north end.....	151.00

<u>Sewer pipe.</u>	
Maple ave. south end to Oak.....	\$400.00
Maple ave, north end.....	182.00
Carroll ave. in front of Holts.....	370.00
Pine ave.....	201.00

Making a total cost of \$3203.50

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mooers and discussed at some length, Mr. Lung maintained the reason he had not submitted a report was that the subject required more attention than the committee had been able to give the matter. Mr. Mooers stated he would be absent from the city next week and desired to vote on the matter before he left as he believed the extensions recommended by Mr. Long were necessary Mr. Long then proceeded to explain the various items he had recommended stating that while he recognized that there were other extensions that were also desirable he was willing to spend \$3100 or \$3200 for these extensions which he believed was the maximum amount the town could afford without increasing the indebtedness.

Mr. Depue moved that the motion be laid on the table, seconded by Mr. Lung and on being put to vote resulted in a tie vote, Messrs Depue and Lung voting aye while Messrs Long and Mooers voted no. The Mayor cast his vote in favor of laying the motion off the table, thus deciding the tie.

Mr. Long then stated that Mr. J. Vance Lewis and other citizens were anxious to connect their places with the sewerage system and asked that immediate consideration be given looking to the extension of the sewer from Maple to Oak avenues, and after discussion the extension was agreed to.

Mr. Lewis being present made a statement that he understood that the town was desirous of constructing a sewerage disposal farm on a portion of his property in Block 16, and offered the town perpetual use of one half acre to be selected by himself and the engineer for a sewerage disposal farm, provided it was demonstrated to him that there would be no odor therefrom or other objectionable matter, and that he further be granted permission to utilize the ground for agricultural purposes.

On motion, Mr. Lewis proffer of the land was accepted and the thanks of the council extended to that gentleman for his public spiritedness.

The following resolution was also passed.

"That permission is hereby granted Mr. J. Vance Lewis to connect his buildings now in course of construction in Block eight (8) Takoma Park, District of Columbia, and all other owners of lots in Block eight (8) by a private sewer under the same conditions and restrictions as are accorded the property owners of Takoma Park, Maryland, with the public sewer system of Takoma Park, Maryland, and further, that the owners of property in Block four (4), Takoma Park, District of Columbia, facing Oak avenue, are also extended similar permission, provided that all buildings so connected with the public sewer system of Takoma Park, Md. are connected with the water mains of the District of Columbia.

*Lewis proffer
land for sewer
farm*

*J Vance Lewis
Sewer*

Authority was granted the Clerk to purchase such stationery as might be required for the use of the council and the Clerks office, also a supply of stamped envelopes.

No further business appearing the council adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Geo A Warren

Clerk.

Approved

Sam J Shedd

Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md.,
August 10, 1900.

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

ROLL CALL.

Mayor Saml. S. Shedd.....	Present
Councilman J. K. Depue.....	"
" L. M. Mccers.....	"
" F. J. Lung.....	"
" H. J. Long.....	"
" W. G. Platt.....	Absent out of town
" F. W. Longley.....	" "

Mayor Shedd stated that the object for calling the meeting was to hear and act upon the report of the special committee for the extension of the water-work system, as he was informed that the committee were ready to report.

Pending the insertion of a few additional figures in the report Mr. Depue submitted the following resolutions which he moved be passed It was duly seconded and after some discussion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, it appears that the Washington Traction Company has signified its ~~att~~ intention to increase the fare commencing August 15th next on its Brightwood and Tenallytown Divisions, from District line to Washington, D.C., from six tickets for 25 cents to 4 tickets for 25 cents, and

WHEREAS, this is a discrimination against the citizens of the country tributary to these Divisions and in opposition to the intent of the law granting one fare within the limits of the District of Columbia,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, earnestly invite the attention of Hon. Sydney E. Mudd and Hon. Geo. A. Pearre to this matter and ask them as members of the Committee on District of Columbia, House of Representatives, to use their best endeavors to prevent this injustice, which will have ~~the effect~~ a powerful effect to retard the growth of our town which is situated in Prince George and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, and

Further-- That the Clerk of the Council is *h*ereby directed to furnish Hon. Sydney E. Mudd and Hon. George A. Pearre with a copy of this resolution x

Mr. Lung, Chairman of the special Committee on water-work extensions submitted the following report

August 10, 1900.

To the Honorable

Mayor and Council of

Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen:

The special committee appointed to consider the matter of extensions to the water and sewerage system now in course of construction have to report that they have gone over the plans very carefully, also inspected the different locations in the town where such extensions were desired. We regret to say that the funds available for extensions will not permit as elaborate an extension as the committee could desire at this time, there are, however, a number that are absolutely essential in order to make the system more perfect as well as to provide for present or prospective buildings. We therefore recommend the following extension of Water Mains:

	Cost.
1-On Poplar ave from the terminus of the present pipe line near Mr. Blodgett's around on Elm ave. to house formerly occupied by Mr. Finch.....	
2-Sycamore to Beech ave, up Beech ave and Cedar ave. to residence of Mr. Depue.....	
3-Nickory ave, south 150 feet	
4-Pine ave, between Columbia and Montgomery.....	219.00
5-Cedar ave, from present terminus of pipe line near Mr. Baileys	542.00
6-Grant avenue, from Carroll.....	306.50
7-Lower end of Maple avenue, 300 feet.....	151.00
8-Takoma ave. from terminus of pipe line in front Mrs. Lewis' to end of street.....	130.50
9-New York ave, through Baltimore ave. to dead end.....	874.50

SEWERAGE EXTENSION

Lower end of Maple avenue.....\$182.00
 Maple to Oak avenue south end.....

The sewer on Columbia avenue to be extended to connect with the sewer on Poplar ave, and that portion of sewer authorized on Hickory ave. between Columbia and Mr. Ohms to be omitted

The committee has gone over the ground very carefully and actuated by a desire to accommodate each section as fully as the available funds will permit. There are, of course, other portions that should be attended to but the committee believe that if the system is extended as herein recommended, it will fill the requirements for several years, by which time the conditions may such as to make it imperatively necessary to raise further funds.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd) F. J. Long

(Sgd) Jas K Deane

Special Committee
 on Extension of
 Water & Sewerage
 System.

not signed by H. J. Long

A lengthy and spirited discussion followed the introduction of the report in which all members and Mr. Pressy and Mr. Dexter, engineers who were present participated.

Mr. Long objected to the report as it was not known definitely how much available money there would be for ^{all the} ~~any~~ extensions of the plant and urged further time until this matter was known, he was ~~also~~ opposed to extending the pipe line around certain property in North Takoma where there were no houses, at a large expense. Mr. Mooers stated he was opposed to the report and should vote against it. ~~but gave no definite answer therefor.~~ *Contemplative*

The subject being warmly discussed, Mr. Depue moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr. Lung Messrs Depue and Lung voting aye. Mr. Mooers and Mr. Long voting no This being a tie vote, the Mayor voted aye and declared the motion carried, qualifying his vote by the statement that at the last meeting the gentlemen voting against the proposition had endeavored to have the matter passed then and he as Mayor had promised that he would call a special meeting prior to the departure of Mr. Mooers, who wished to vote on the question, he had called this meeting for this special purpose.

Connections
The matter of the right to make water and sewer connections was brought to the attention of the Council by the Clerk who stated that the Contractor was willing to make sewer connections while he had the trenches open. It was the sense of the Council that no connections should be authorized unless a permit had first been obtained from the Town Clerk, who would make a record of such connections, and with the understanding that no house connections should be made until water was introduced for flushing purposes. The matter of regulations for water connections was referred to the Committee on Water Works, Mr. Long, Chairman, who was instructed to give the matter immediate attention and also to reconsider the report of said committee on water rates.

Mr. Lung moved that the Clerk notify the Engineer and Contractor of the authorization of the extensions so that the necessary pipe might be ordered at once.

Approved.

Sam. J. Shedd
Mayor

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk