

September 7, 1900.

Called by authority of Mayor Shedd
A special meeting of the Council was held at 8 pm this date in the Chapel. Present Messrs W. G. Platt, J. F. Long, F. J. Lenny, L. M. Morris & J. K. Depue, Absent - Mayor S. B. Shedd, Councilman F. W. Longley and the Clerk, G. A. Warren. The absentees being out of town.

On motion Mr. W. G. Platt was designated to act as Mayor pro tem and J. K. Depue as Clerk pro tem.

The meeting was called to consider and authorize payment for work performed by the contractor, but the engineer not having been notified of the meeting was not prepared to furnish estimate.

Mr Long moved that Mr. Drury be authorized to employ laborers and purchase material necessary to construct sewer farms. Carried

Mr Long moved that the Chairman of the Street Committee be authorized to enter into a written agreement with Mr Geo W. Jackson to have a survey made, and permanent monuments of iron pegs (to be furnished by the town) on the

street leading from Carroll Ave. to the lot of Mr
Harris, Mr Jackson to state price, and to furnish a
plat showing metes & bounds. Carnet

On motion, a recess was ordered until Monday
Sept 10, 1900 at 8 pm

James K. Depue
Clerk, pro tem

Approved:

W. G. Platt
Mayor, pro tem

Sept. 10, 1900

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In accordance with action of Council at meeting of Sept 7th, the Council was called to order by W.G. Platt, Acting Mayor at 8 pm this date at residence of Councilman H. J. Long.

Present. Acting Mayor W.G. Platt Councilmen Long, Long, Moore & Depue Engineer Perry & Contractor Coster.

The Engineer submitted an estimate of the money due the Contractor Rosser & Coster for work done during August amounting to \$5900.⁷⁵ which was ordered paid.

Mr Perry submitted his bill for \$300. on acc of his contract which was ordered paid.

Bill of Geo. L. Turbee for oil for street lights amounting to \$37.⁵⁰ was presented and approved.

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned.

James K. Depue
Clerk pro tem

Approved

W. G. Platt
Mayor, pro tem

Takoma Park, Md. Oct. 1, 1900

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

ROLL-CALL

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

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The matter of applications to tap water and sewer pipes was brought up and Mr. Platt offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

"That the special water-work committee be directed to furnish a detailed report on the matter of water rates, water and sewer connections and general plumbing regulations, the rate for water shall not exceed a maximum of twelve dollars per year, and that when said committee is ready to report, that the Mayor call a special meeting of the council to consider the same.

Mr. Pressy, the engineer, submitted the monthly report of work done by the contractors, Rosser & Castoe and the amount due said firm, amounting to \$6636.57 and on motion of Mr. Platt, the treasurer was authorized to draw check in payment of same.

Letters were read from the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. calling attention to the agreement had with Rosser & Castoe whereby the town assumed responsibility for the payment of the water tower and tank and asked that the town cause estimate of amount due to be made and payment made.

*Fixing rate
for water at
a max of
\$12⁰⁰*

On motion, the Clerk was directed to notify the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company as follows:

"The Town of Takoma Park has accepted the order of Messrs Rosser & Castoe upon it to pay you the sum of \$5322. in consideration of your furnishing material and labor, and building a steel water tower and tank for said town in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract between said town and Messrs Rosser & Castoe. Payment up to said amount will be made to you in accordance with the provisions of said contract"

Mr. Depue moved that the treasurer be authorized to draw a check in favor of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. for \$2,500 on account of work already performed under the contract, and that the engineer submit an estimate of the amount due said company over and above this payment of \$2500.

Carried.

The Mayor reported that he had received a letter from the Company bonding the contractors asking certain information regarding the work, which he had turned over to the engineer for answer.

A letter was read from Congressman Pearre, and the Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt and inform him that the present situation of affairs on the Brightwood Railway was such that action to an increase of fares was indefinitely postponed, but if it again came up, the Council as representing the interests of the people would call on him for cooperation in the national legislature

A communication was read from Mr. T.H. Rine, making application for the position of engineer to run the engine at the pump house. Referred to the special water work committee.

No reports were submitted of the regular standing committees except Finance Committee who approved the following bills, and on motion they were ordered paid.

Pearre

Rine, T. H.

Application of

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| A. Lamond, Sewer pipe..... | \$14.07 |
| Hengst & Lewis, repairs to lamps..... | 4.85 |
| T.P.Moore, printing..... | 6.00 |
| J.S.Swarmstedt, premium on ins..... | 10.00 |
| L. Hartig, nails..... | 4.80 |
| G.W.Jackson, survey..... | 10.00 |
| S.D.Waters & Son..tools..... | 1.70 |
| Contingent..... | 1.36 |

Harris Ave

Mr. Mooers moved that the street leading to block 36 on which Mr. Harris had built a house be named Harris avenue. Carried.

at Cory

The clerk by request of Mr. Corry mentioned damage done to shrubery, etc. in laying water pipes through right of way granted and the Engineer was directed to consult with Mr. Corry and decide on the damage done in such manner as may be satisfactory to owner.

The Mayor invited the attention of the engineer to the fact that the Contractors were not careful about leaving ditches and excavations with no or insufficient lamps at night

G.W. Bailey

Mr. G.W. Bailey being present was recognized and argued in favor of sewer connections for houses on south side of Carroll ave and contiguous property, and after a discussion of the question, Mr. ~~Moore~~ moved that the extension desired by Mr. Bailey be authorized, which motion was approved

Casa Phillips

The contractors were also directed to lay the water main on Magnolia ave. provided right of way was given by Mr. Phillips, also an extension of the sewerage system to provide for draining the property on Magnolia ave to the rear of the houses to connect with the main on Elm ave.

Telephone line

The necessity of connecting the pump house by telephone was brought to the attention of the Council by Mr. Lung and on motion the Committee on Streets were authorized to construct said line and purchase necessary instruments therefor.

Fire Chief

Mr. Summy, Fire Chief was granted permission to rent the Chapel for two evenings for a public meeting in connection with fire protection. The Fire Chief was also authorized to have alterations made in hose couplings and purchase such additional reducers, etc. as may be found necessary

Howe Engine

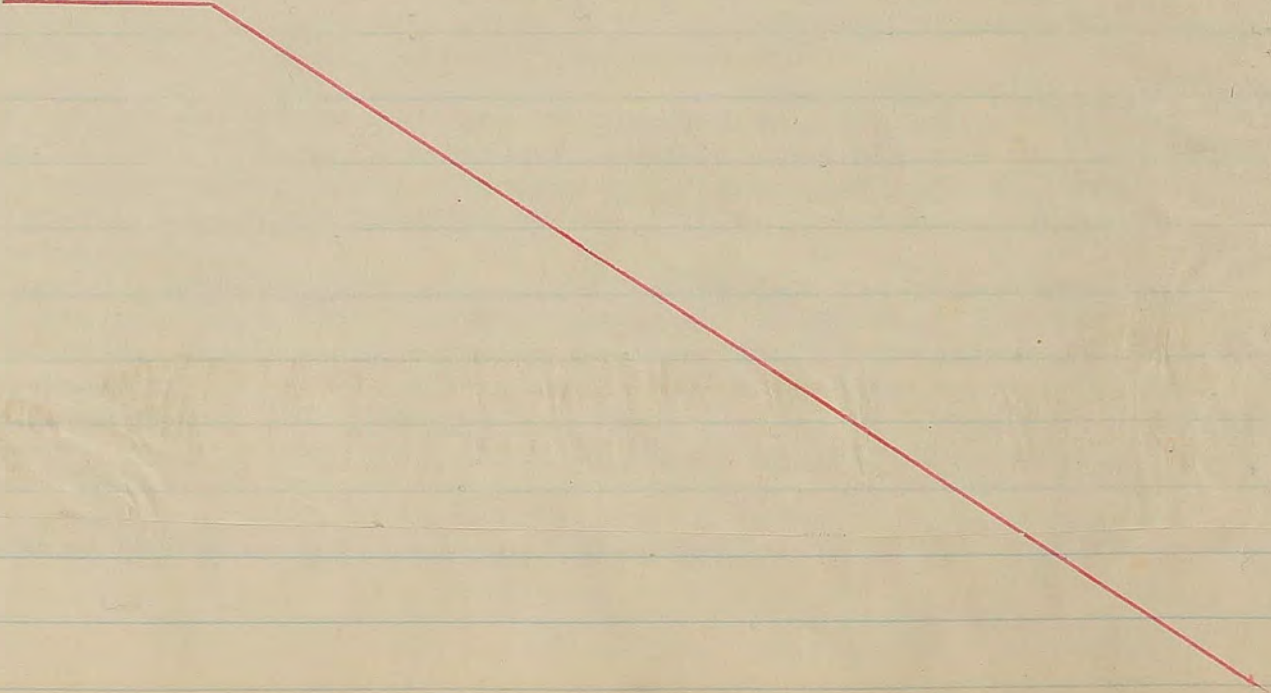
On motion of Mr. Long, the Clerk was directed to correspond with the Howe Company and ascertain what said company would allow for the chemical engine either in cash or trade. for additional hose and reel

No further business appearing the council adjourned.

Approved.

Gro. A. Warren
Clerk.

Mayor



Takoma Park, Md. October 4, 1900

A special meeting of the Council was held at 7.30 p.m. this date at the residence of the Town Clerk, Mayor S.S. Shedd, presiding.

Roll call showed Mayor Shedd; Councilmen W.G. Platt, F.J. Lung, J.K. Depue and L.M. Mooers present and H.J. Long and F.W. Longley absent.

The Mayor stated that he had called this special meeting for the purpose of presenting the agreement covering rights of way in the case of Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Barclay and Mr. J.W. Hodges. The contracts or agreements were read in full and Mr. Platt offered the following resolution.

"Resolved, that Samuel S. Shedd, be and he is hereby appointed Attorney in fact, for and on behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to sign, seal and acknowledge certain instruments in writing, wherein and whereby, under date of October 4, 1900, Margaret E. Petty and husband, and John W. Hodges and wife, under date of October 4, 1900, and Virginia Barclay and husband, under date of October 2, 1900, grant certain rights of way for water and sewer to said Town, and that said instruments or contracts be, and they hereby are ratified and confirmed.

Upon being placed to vote, the resolution was unanimously carried.

There being no further business at this time, the council was declared adjourned.

Approved:

Geo A Warren

Clerk.

Mayor.

Rights of
Way

Takoma Park, Md. October 19, 1900.

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

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

The mayor stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering matters relating to plumbing regulations and water rates.

Mr. Platt proceeded to read the regulations in force in the District of Columbia and to make such corrections thereto as were necessary to adapt them to Takoma Park, Md. The Regulations as corrected were approved to Section 7 when on motion the following was added after the word "shall" "Before engaging or continuing in the plumbing business, make application to the plumbing inspector for a license to carry on the plumbing business in the town. Said plumbing Inspector shall upon satisfactory evidence of the competency of the applicant thereupon issue a license and shall enter his name in a register to be kept by said plumbing inspector.

Mr. Depue suggested that this matter had been referred to a committee for action and said committee should consider and report on the same and the matter not come before the whole council.

Mayor Shedd explained the necessity of an auxiliary sewer to the rear of the houses on the south side of Tulip ave, as owing to engineering difficulties it was impracticable to put the main sewer deep enough to drain towards the street.

Mr. Platt moved that the engineer be authorized to construct an auxiliary sewer to the rear of the houses on the south side of Holly ave. between Tulip ave and the boundary when the necessary rights of way shall have been obtained. Carried

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. D. Feldman asking that the town furnish him water and after discussion Mr. Platt moved that the Clerk be directed to authorize Mr. Feldman to make connection with the main on Magnolia ave. when laid under the same conditions as are accorded residents of Maryland Carried

Plumbing Regs

*Holly Ave
Sewer*

The Mayor was authorized to purchase for the town a set of taps for making water connections and also 50 taps or connectors.

Mr. Platt offered the following resolution to be incorporated in report of committee. "The rates for water for Kitchen, sink and lawn or street wash shall be \$7.00 per annum. For each additional fixture (hot and cold) one dollar, except water-closet which shall be two dollars. No charge shall be made of less than \$7. per annum.

Secended by Mr. Long. and carried.

Mr. Long moved that the Regulations as corrected by the council ne adopted down to the heading "Excavations" on page 15. Carried.

On motion, Mr. Frank Smith was appointed Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Takoma Park, Md.

Adjourned until such time as the special water-works comm?tee should be ready to report.

Chas. A. Warrin
Clerk.

Approved.

Mayor

Rules

Plumb Insp.

Takoma Park, Md. Nov. 5, 1900

The regular meeting of the Council which was to occur on this date was not held owing to the absence of a quorum at the appointed time, viz. 8 p.m. in the basement of the Chapel, hence no business was transacted.

Geo A Warren

Clerk.

Approved,

Mayor.

Takoma Park, Md. Nov. 12, 1900

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

ROLL-CALL.

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

Minutes of prior session read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A verbal report of the Special Committee on water-rates was made by the Chairman and after discussion it was deemed advisable that the regulations providing for plumbing be prepared by some person familiar with such matters, and on motion, the Mayor was authorized to have a draft of such regulations prepared by an experienced person and to incur such expense as might be necessary in connection therewith, said report to be submitted at an early a date as practicable.

NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Platt presented request of Mr. Conner for repairs to walk near residence of Mr. Allen. Mr. Platt also called attention to the bad condition of Takoma and N.Y.avenues at the points where the water and sewer pipes had been laid. The Clerk presented the request of Mr.G.L.Spencer to have the sidewalk repaired at Oak and Tulip avcs. On motion of Mr. Long the Street Committee were directed to take appropriate action in these cases

The Finance Committee made favorable report on the following bills and on motion, they were ordered paid.

November 12, 1900, 19

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

Gentlemen: The Finance Committee has to report that they have carefully examined the following bills and accounts submitted to the committee for report.

We have approved the following and recommend payment:

| NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM. | ARTICLES OR SERVICES. | AMOUNT. | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|----|
| Geo. L. Tarbell | Oil & gasoline | 47 | 93 |
| O. S. Maus | Dynimite | 10 | 30 |
| Louis Hartig | Wire | 7 | 09 |
| Geo. E. Walker | Lumber | 8 | 09 |
| J. C. Rau | Brackets & insulators | 5 | 00 |
| W. J. Giddings | Street tools | 40 | 90 |
| Standard Lime & Stone Co | Crushed stone. | 16 | 17 |
| Baltimore & Ohio R.R. | Freight on stone | 16 | 17 |
| Contingent Expenses | ---- | 9 | 39 |
| Standard Co | Gasoline | 15 | 60 |
| | | 176 | 69 |

In the matter of the account of _____ we have withheld approval pending _____

W. G. Platt
 Wm. J. Giddings
 J. K. Depue

COMMITTEE

November 12, 1900

REPORT OF TREASURER.

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| Balance on hand last report..... | \$2191.64 |
| Received from taxes..... | 319.80 |
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| | 2511.24 |
| By disbursements..... | 1195.40 |
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| Balance on hand..... | \$1315.84 |

Of the above amount \$1132.90 is available for
 general expenses of the town and the balance,
 \$126.94 for operating expenses of water works

SPECIAL WATER WORKS AND SEWERAGE FUNDS.

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| Balance on hand last report..... | \$18409.34 |
| By disbursements..... | 8050.01 |
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| Balance on hand..... | \$ 9559.33 |

Treasurer.

Communications were read from Mr. G.L. Tarbell offering to furnish oil and gasoline to the town for a certain figure which was accepted by the Council and the treasurer directed to make purchases there until further orders.

Letter from Mr. Hall asking an extension of the water main down Hickory avenue to connect with house he contemplated building on Elm avenue. After discussion it was the sense of the Council that no further extensions of the mains would be considered until the plant was completed and turned over to the town.

A letter was read from the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company asking that the balance due on their contract be paid as they had completed the tower and tank. Mr. Pressy the engineer being present stated that there was yet to be provided a ladder extending from the tank to within 20 feet of the ground and did not recommend payment until the same was furnished. After debate, it was decided to appropriate \$1,500 on account, there would then be a sufficient amount still due to secure the town

Mr. Pressy explained what work had been done on the sewer farms and the general system

Mr. Mooers asked what action had been taken in regard to the proposed ordinance he had presented some time ago looking to licensing business occupations in the corporation and it was reported that there had been no meeting of the committee owing to the absence of the Chairman Mr. Longley. Mr. Mooers then gave notice that he should call for a report at the next meeting. The Mayor stated that in view of the continued illness of Mr. Longley he would relieve him from further charge of the Ordinance Committee and appointed Mr. Mooers in his place

The engineer submitted the monthly estimate of work done by Rosser & Castoe and on motion the treasurer was authorized to send said firm a remittance of \$2928.19

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Long after a brief statement by Mayor Shedd that Mr. Jos. Steele, had accidentally met his death at one of the sewer farms through the premature falling of a tree for which the town was in no way responsible.

"Whereas, Joseph Steele, a resident of the town met a sudden death leaving a wife and three children without means of support, and leaving no money or property to defray the expenses of his funeral, therefore be it ordered that the sum of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated and placed in the hands of the Mayor for the expense of burying the said Steele.

Approved.

In the matter of the Plumbing Regulations, Mr. Platt moved that the action taken by the Council at a special meeting held October, 1900 approving certain portions of the Plumbing Regulations be repealed.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Platt \$50. was appropriated in favor of Mr. B. F. Gilbert as final payment of \$100 for a quit-claim deed to property on which engine house was constructed and for services in connection with the purchase of the Pierce--Batty tract of land.

Carried.

Mr. Lung called attention to the condition of the road at the Old Mill and on motion of Mr. Platt the Street Committee was authorized to make repairs

Adjourned.

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk.

Approved

Mayor

Takoma Park, Md. Dec. 3, 1900

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

ROLL CALL.

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

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Pressy, the engineer being present reported in the matter of right of way through the land of Dr. Cockrell and that Mr. Cockrell wished two amendments made to the draft of right of way submitted to him, viz, that in case of a break in the sewer pipe causing a leakage, that the town would pay twenty dollars per day for each day said damage existed after the lapse of ten days notification of said damage. and 2d, that the town would not change the size of the pipe without the consent of Dr. Cockrell, his heirs or assigns.

On motion of Mr. Platt, the Mayor was directed to have such amendments incorporated in the right of way prepared by the Corporation Attorney, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign such paper in the name of the town.

The engineer stated that the water was now in the pipes and the same had been tested, hence there was no objection to making connections with either the water or sewer mains by those who so desired

Mr. Shedd reported in the matter of the Plumbing Regulations which had been placed in the hands of Mr. Carl Darnell, a member of the Plumbing Board of the District of Columbia for revision, that said revision had been completed and turned over to the Committee and that Mr. Darnell made no charge for his services.

On motion of Mr. Platt a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Darnell for his courtesy to the council and the Clerk was directed to communicate the same to that gentleman.

Mr. H. J. Long reported that his committee had received the Plumbing Regulations which he presented to the Council and moved that they be accepted and adopted as the Regulations for Takoma Park, Md, also that authority be granted to have the same printed.

Seconded by Mr. Platt and carried.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Platt a committee of one to wait on Messrs Hengst & Lewis and make temporary arrangements with said firm for making water and sewer connections for the town where required, or until a competent man could be employed by the corporation.

Mr. Long moved that the Clerk be authorized to have a circular prepared and printed to be sent to each householder in the town setting forth the requirements for making water and sewer connections and prescribing the water rates.

Carried.

Communication of Zebina Moses asking that an inspection be made of plumbing being done at house on Maple ave. Ordered referred to Inspector of Plumbing with instructions to make such inspection.

Application of Mr. G. C. Chapman for permission to make water and sewer connections.

Mr. Chapman living outside the corporation the policy to be pursued in such cases was discussed and resulted in the passage of a resolution by Mr. Platt as follows

"Before any permission be granted to parties owning houses, or buildings outside the corporate limits of Takoma Park, that a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to decide what would be an equitable rate to charge such parties for water or the use of sewers. The valuation of the property benefited and such other items as may in the judgement of the committee seem advisable in con arriving at a decision"

The Mayor appointed as such Committee Councilmen Platt, Depue and Lung. and referred the application of Mr. Chapman to said committee for action

Communication of Marg. W. Parkins complaining at damage done her property by contractor and asking the same be repaired.

The engineer stated these matters were now being attended to by the contractor and her place would receive attention in a few days. The Clerk was directed to so inform Mrs. Parkins

A petition was read from property owners of the Cunningham tract asking to be relieved from paying the special water tax on their property which was referred to the Judiciary Committee

Committee on Health and Sanitation made a written report relative to complaint about dumping refuse material on Holly ave, and recommending that the town provide a regular "Dump". Referred back to the Committee with instructions to investigate the best location for a dump, and any details in connection therewith that might be useful in assisting the Council to come to a decision in the matter at its next meeting.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

December 3, 1900, 19

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

Gentlemen: The Finance Committee has to report that they have carefully examined the following bills and accounts submitted to the committee for report.

We have approved the following and recommend payment :

| NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM. | ARTICLES OR SERVICES. | AMOUNT. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| ✓ Takoma Printing Co | Printing | 1 50 |

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| ✓ Hengst & Lewis | Stove &c | 37 | 75 |
| ✓ Wm. Jones | Matches | 5 | 58 |
| ✓ O. S. Maus | Dynamite | 3 | 75 |
| ✓ F. J. Lung | Tool boxes | 8 | 50 |
| ✓ W. G. Orr | Globes & lamp | 10 | 75 |
| ✓ Contingent | _____ | 1 | 10 |
| ✓ W. E. Stockett | Bond book | 4 | 25 |
| ✓ S. D. Waters & Son | Machine oil etc. | 24 | 25 |
| ✓ W. J. Giddings, | street tools | 54 | 33 |
| ✓ <i>Homer Quarry</i> | <i>Notional fee</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>20</i> |
| ✓ <i>Geo L Yarbree</i> | <i>Oil</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>00</i> |
| ✓ <i>Louis Harley</i> | <i>Hardman</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>70</i> |

In the matter of the account of _____ we have withheld ap-
 proval pending _____

180.66

W. G. Platt
Arnold Ferry
Geo R. Depue } COMMITTEE

The Ordinance Committee through its chairman Mr. Mooers presented a rough draft of a proposed ordinance levying a license on business and other occupations carried on in the town. Considerable discussion followed the matter owing to differences of opinion as to the best course to pursue and finally on the motion of Mr. F. J. Lung the paper was ordered referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to confer with the corporation attorney and correct the proposed ordinance to conform to law and in such language as to be appropriate, and report at next meeting

Mr. Morris Bien being present was recognized and stated that complaint was frequent of late at the manner in which the Baltimore & Washington Transit Company operated their cars. That they had ceased regular trips since November 25, 1900 and were not running cars at all, or at least not in accordance with their right of way which required that the cars be run for the convenience of the public.

After further remarks, the matter was on motion of Mr. Platt referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to make a thorough investigation of the subject in connection with the right of way and requirements therewith and report action and recommendation to the Council.

Mr. Sunny, fire chief was recognized and stated that a fire company had been organized and requested that the Council provide suitable quarters for holding meetings of the Company once each month.

Mr. Platt moved that the Fire Chief be authorized to make such arrangements with Mr. Lewis or other parties as his judgment dictated to be in the public interests for the hire of a suitable room for this purpose. Carried.

The fact that the Chapel was not opened for the council meeting and no fire, which had also occurred on previous occasions, caused dissatisfaction and objection to present arrangements, and on motion the Clerk was directed to make complaint to the authorities of the Chapel

Mr. L.M.Mooers offered the following resolution which was passed:

Whereas, Mr. Fred W. Longley has been suffering from an illness which has prevented his cooperation with the committees of the council, and attendance at its sessions for several months, therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Longley in his affliction and trusts that in view of the many important matters that are constantly coming up as well as for his own and family's sake, that his health will sufficiently improve to permit his resuming his duties as councilman at an early day.

Resolved that the town clerk be instructed to communicate these resolutions to Mr. Longley

No further business appearing the Council adjourned at 10⁴⁵ pm

Geo. A. Warren
Clerk

Approved:

Mayor.