

Takoma Park, Md. March 11, 1901

A special 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	H. J. Long.....	"
	W. G. Platt.....	"
	L. M. Mooers.....	"
	Fred. J. Lung.....	"
	Jas. K. Depue.....	Absent
	Fred W. Langley.....	"

Minutes of previous meetings read and after correction relative to passage of an ordinance on license fees were approved.

Mayor Shedd stated that inasmuch as the Judges of Election were present, the regular order of business would be suspended in order that they might make their report on the result of the recent election to decide the question of an additional issue of bonds.

Messrs Blodgett and Brainard thereupon handed the Mayor the papers relating to the election accompanied by the following report

Takoma Park, Md.,
February 28, 1901

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned Judges of the special election held for the purpose of creating an additional debt of \$10,000, beg to transmit herewith our report showing how said election has been conducted and the result thereof, as well as list of voters and the ballots.

Very respectfully,

(sigd) C.H. Remington
(sigd) Norman Brainard
(sigd) Elbert C. Blodgett

Accompanying this communication was the report of the election showing that 54 ballots had been cast of which forty-seven (47) of said ballots were marked "For the Debt" and seven (7) were marked against the debt" Therefore the Judges of Election over their signature declared the election to create an additional debt of \$10,000 to be duly carried.

The report in full with list of voters and ballots cast are filed in the records of the town.

March 11, 1901

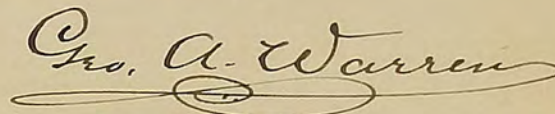
To the

Mayor & Council of

Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have to report that pursuant to the provisions of the law I caused the following public notice calling a special election of the qualified voters of the town of Takoma Park to be inserted in the Washington Evening Star, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Takoma Park, Md. said notice appearing in the issue of Friday, February 15, 1901, and further that I caused a similar notice to be posted in five or more conspicuous places in the town the required number of days ^(Ten) prior to the date for said election.



Town Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, held MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1901, an ordinance was duly adopted providing for submitting to the voters of said town the question of creating an additional debt of \$10,000, and the issuance of the bonds of the town therefor, in accordance with the terms and provisions of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the session of 1900, entitled "An act to authorize the Town of Takoma Park to borrow an additional sum, not exceeding \$10,000, on the credit of the town (if the same shall be necessary), for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water works and a sewerage system for said town, to issue bonds for the payment thereof, and to levy taxes to redeem said bonds and pay the interest thereon;"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE QUESTION OF THE CREATION OF SUCH DEBT, AND THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID TOWN, AS PROVIDED IN SAID ACT, AT A SPECIAL ELECTION, TO BE HELD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, ON MAPLE AVENUE, IN SAID TOWN, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1901.

Polls will be open at 6 a.m. and closed at 6 p.m.
SAMUEL S. SHEDD,
Mayor.

Attest:
GEO. A. WARREN,
Town Clerk.

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Mayor Shedd stated that he had communicated with E.H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, the purchaser of the bonds of the town asking that in case the town decided to make a further issue if they would take the same. but at that time he had not received a reply

Mr. Platt moved that that all matters in connection with the sale or disposition of the proposed issue of bonds be left in the hands of the Mayor, with power to act.

Carried.

Mr. A.M. Gould, corporation attorney submitted a proposed ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicants in the corporation, which ordinance he had been instructed to prepare at a previous meeting. The paper was read in full by the Clerk. Mr. Long moved to lay the paper on the table which was seconded by Mr. Mooers and on being put to vote was carried

A communication was read from Mr. A.J. Cory complaining at the manner the contractors had left the trench through his premises, and Mr. Long moved that the Street Committee be directed to send men to have Mr. Cory's place put in satisfactory condition, as well as all other places where the trench had run through private property and the cost of this work to be made a charge against the contractors to be deducted at final settlement.

On motion the Clerk was also directed to inform the contractors that the streets of the town must be put in proper condition as soon as the weather would permit and if not done within a reasonable time, the work would be done by the town and the cost thereof charged to the contractors

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. H.A. Pressey, engineer in the matter of maps for the town showing all the engineering phases, which he had been previously informed by letter was not satisfactory, In the letter read, Mr. Pressey also made claim for \$300 extra compensation
Laid on table temporarily

On motion of Mr. Long, the Street Committee was directed to locate and bring to the proper storage place, all surplus material which had been purchased of Messrs Rosser & Castoe

An appropriation of \$3. each was ordered in payment of the Judges and Clerk of Election

It was also ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to return to Mr. Cassell Severance, one dollar paid for water rent in excess of the amount actually due.

Mr. Mooers moved that the town purchase and place six street lamps at such locations as required

Carried

It was ordered that the treasurer pay Mr. J.W. Wilson the sum of \$5. to cover the use of certain street tools used in the service of the town during the construction of the water works

Mr. O.D. Summy, fire-chief stated that 150 feet of hose had been damaged by the contractor, and the clerk was directed to notify Mr. Castoe to replace the same. It was also ordered that the fire chief be authorized to purchase expanders and rings, and such other material as might be necessary in connection with fire protection.

Mr. Platt moved that the clerk be directed to correspond with the authorities of neighboring towns in the matter of disposing of the chemical engine.

Carried

Mr. Mooers asked authority to withdraw the proposed ordinance on electrolosis that he had submitted at a previous meeting and which had been referred to the ordinance committee, and that a special committee be appointed to investigate the subject and bring in a report thereon. Approved, and the mayor appointed as such committee Messrs Mooers, Platt and Longley

In accordance with the law as set forth in Sec. 16 of the Charter
Mr. Geo. A. Warren and Benj. G. Davis were appointed a Board of
Assessors to submit a revised assessment of all real and personal
property in the corporation

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The matter of the claim of Mr. Pressey for extra compensa-
tion was taken from the table and discussed at great length . The un-
satisfactory manner in which the general work had been inspected was
mentioned by Mr. Platt and the discussion warmed up considerably. After
about an hours talk participated in by all members and Mr. Pressey, the
Clerk was directed to return to Mr. Pressey the maps and field notes
he had submitted, with instructions to prepare new and more satis-
factory maps. It was further ordered that as soon as funds were
available, that the Mayor be authorized to pay Mr. Pressey the \$300.
he claimed for extra services.

Mr. G.A. Warren asked the attention of the council and stated
that he found the work of the town took too much of his time, that he
was not able to give it the care necessary without detriment to his
health, and he must either resign the office and allow some one else
be appointed, or the work of the town clerk and treasurer divided by
the appointment of another official. After some discussion, in which
several questions were asked as to the best manner in which the work
could be divided, the Mayor appointed Messrs Platt and Mooers to look-
into the matter and report at next meeting of the council.

Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

Geo. A. Warren

Clerk.

Approved.

Mayor

Takoma Park, Md. April 1, 1901.

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

ROLL - CALL.

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

Councilman W. G. Platt.....Present

" F. J. Lung..... "

" L. M. Mooers..... "

" H. J. Long..... "

" F. W. Longley..... "

" J. K. Depue..... Absent *on account of sickness*

Minutes of prior session were read and approved.

The regular order of business was dispensed with in order that early opportunity might be given a delegation of citizens to present a petition to the council asking prohibitory legislation on the sale of liquor.

Mr. Lisle Morrison stated the object and wish of the citizens and introduced Mr. Severance who addressed the Council at some length stating that "Takoma Park was a town of residences and it was the duty of all good citizens to protect their homes against evil influences such as obtain from the barter and sale of intoxicants. He read and presented a petition signed by 230 persons representing the moral standing and backing of the town and hoped that the Council would see its way clear to do the right thing and the only right thing was to make it unlawful to sell liquor of any description in the town.

Mayor Shedd in reply stated that the matter of a prohibitory ordinance was already before the Council and that the Council would endeavor to take care of the interests of the people, not only in this, but on all other public matters.

The delegation then withdrew and the regular order of business was taken up

T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T .

SPECIAL WATER WORKS ACCOUNT.

Balance cash in bank.....04

G E N E R A L F U N D S .

Cash on hand.....\$1,855. 34

Of which amount there belongs to

General expenses of the town.....\$1,087.36

Maintenance funds..... 767.98 \$1,855.34

Since January 1, 1901 there has been collected:

Taxes.....\$858.33

Permit fees..... 125.00

Water rents..... 256.45

Road tax, Montg. Co..... 522.69

Sundries..... 55.50

G E N E R A L L I A B I L I T I E S :

Interest on bonds May 1..... \$800.

Redemption Bond, June 1..... 500.

Interest..... 75. \$1,375

A communication from Mr. E.G. Dexter, assistant engineer in the construction of the water-works was read, asking that the council furnish him with a statement indicating that his work had been performed satisfactorily.

It was ordered that the town clerk prepare a letter for the signature of the Mayor and attest by the clerk stating that the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park fully appreciated the efforts on the part of Mr. Dexter in installing the water and sewerage system of Takoma Park, and took great pleasure in expressing gratification of the work as performed by him.

Mr. Pleatt, chairman of special committee on division of the work of town clerk and treasurer submitted the following report.

To the Mayor & Council, &c.

"We, the undersigned, to whom was referred the question of dividing the work of the town treasurer, respectfully report that after mature deliberation we are of the opinion that the finances of the town will not warrant any increase of expenses but we are also of the opinion that the work can be divided without any additional expense and would recommend that a town clerk be appointed, and the salaries of the clerk and treasurer be fixed at ten dollars per month each. We further recommend that the duties be divided as follows:

The town clerk shall attend all meetings of the Council and keep a record of its proceedings. He shall conduct all general correspondence and have charge of the files and records of the town except such as pertain to the office of the treasurer. He shall have charge of the corporate seal and perform such duties as are required by the Town Clerk by the By-laws, resolutions and ordinances of the Council, and in matters pertaining jointly to the offices of the Clerk and Treasurer he shall assist the treasurer in conducting public business. He shall issue all permits in connection with the water and sewerage system of the town as provided in the Plumbing Regulations, and such moneys as may be received by him for fees, etc., shall be turned over to the treasurer at the end of each month. He shall receive such compensation for his services, payable monthly, as the Council shall by resolution order.

The Town Treasurer shall have charge of all financial transactions of the Town, the collection of taxes as required by the Charter and the disbursement of funds in accordance with law and the orders of the Council. He shall conduct all correspondence pertaining to money matters and have charge of such records and files as relate thereto. Such papers and communications as may be received by him and not required in his office, or for which he may have no further use, will be turned over to the town clerk for action or file. He shall receive such compensation for his services, payable monthly, as the council shall by resolution order.

(signed) W. G. Platt,
(Signed) L. M. Mooers.

The following communication was then read.

April 1, 1901.

The Mayor & Council, &c.

Gentlemen:

For reasons already stated at the last meeting of the Council in detail, viz. that the increasing clerical work of the town is more than I can attend to without serious inroads on my health, I am reluctantly obliged to tender my resignation of that portion of my duties as relate to the office of town clerk, retaining only the office of treasurer.

Very respectfully,

(signed) Geo. A. Warren,
Town Clerk & Treasurer.

Mr. Platt moved that the resignation of Mr. Warren of his duties as town clerk only be accepted, which was carried.

Mr. Platt then presented the name of Mr. Ben. G. Davis for appointment as town clerk, vice Warren resigned which on being put to vote was approved.

Mr. Mooers, chairman of special committee on electrolosis submitted a written report signed by himself as chairman, Messrs Platt and Longley, also Messrs E.M. Douglas and Morris Bien, associate members of the committee. The report was quite exhaustive and pointed out the danger existing to the water mains of the town from wild-cat currents. The report was accompanied by a suggested amendment to Ordinance No. Granting the right of way to the Baltimore & Washington Transit Company.

The amendments were as follows:

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

That Ordinance No. 55, passed June 24, 1897, be and is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

Section 7-That within six months from the passage of this ordinance, the said Baltimore and Washington Transit Company shall equip its road with a complete metallic insulated overhead circuit for the electric current used in operating the same, and the company shall not thereafter permit any part of the currents to escape into the rails or the earth.

If said company shall fail to equip and operate its road as herein required, it shall be liable to the Town of Takoma Park for a penalty of not exceeding ten dollars for each day of such failure or negligence shall continue, or a total sum not exceeding fifty dollars in any one proceeding, to be recovered as are other fines for the violation of the ordinances of the town of Takoma Park Maryland.

referred by no. 1065 (21.2)

no. 81A

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After some discussion, the amendments to the Ordinance was passed by the following vote, Mayor Shedd, Councilmen Longley, Lung, Platt, Mooers and Long voting in the affirmative. Mr. Depue being absent.

Mayor Shedd brought up the question of the danger of lightning striking the water tower and tank, and after some discussion the matter was referred to Mr. Warren to submit a report on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Long, the ordinance submitted at last meeting of the council relating to a prohibitory law against the sale of liquor, was taken from the table and discussed. A vote being called the ordinance was passed by the following vote Mayor S.S.Shedd, voting aye, and the following Councilmen, L.M. Mooers, H.J.Long, W.G.Platt, F.J.Lung, F.W.Longley voting aye Councilman Depue being absent. The vote all being in the affirmative, the mayor declared the ordinance passed. The ordinance passed is as follows

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

Section 1-No person shall barter or sell malt, fermented of spirituous liquor within that portion of the Town of Takoma Park lying within the limits of Prince George's County, Maryland.

Section 2-Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, and in default of the payment of the fine imposed shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding thirty days, or until such fine is paid.

repealed by Mr. 10657277

Mr. Ashley M. Gould, Corporation Attorney, submitted a draft of an ordinance which he had been requested to prepare authorizing the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to construct a telephone system in the town. The ordinance was read in full and after some discussion was passed by the following vote.

Mayor S.S. Shedd voting aye, Councilmen W.G. Platt, F.J. Lung F.W. Longley and L.M. Mooers, voting aye, Councilman H.J. Long, No and Councilman Depue absent. There being five votes in the affirmative and but one in the negative, the Mayor declared the ordinance passed.

The ordinance passed is as follows

An Ordinance granting to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, the right to construct and maintain a telephone system in the Town of Takoma Park, Md.

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

Repealed by No. 401 (7-27-0)

No. 83

Section 1- That the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, Maryland, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of said State, its successors and assigns, be, and said company is hereby, authorized and empowered to establish and maintain, in the said Town of Takoma Park, a telephone exchange, consisting of a central office, with switchboard and such apparatus as is necessarily appurtenant thereto, and such number of telephone stations as may from time to time be desired by persons residing and doing business in and about said Town; and that said company may also establish and maintain upon and along the streets and other public highways of said Town, such lines of telephone poles and wires as may be necessary to connect the telephone stations so to be established with said central office. Such lines and poles to be established on such streets, and at such points as may be from time to time approved by the Mayor and Council.

Section 2- Be it further ordained, that said company may from time to time extend its said lines as occasion may require, and repair and replace the same wherever and whenever necessary in order to furnish efficient service, subject to the approval aforesaid, provided, however, that said Town of Takoma Park shall have the right, at any and all times to string upon the poles of said Company in said Town, so that they shall not interfere with the telephone wires of said Company, such wires carrying low potential currents of electricity, as may be required by said Town for its police and fire alarm telegraph and telephone purposes.

Mr. Mooers asked what action was contemplated as to passing on whether the streets were in proper condition, and he was informed by the Mayor that when the contractor notified the Council that he had completed the work, the Mayor would call a special meeting of Inspection by the whole Council.

The matter of the employment of a man at the pump house was discussed and the treasurer was authorized to pay Mr. Geo. Powell \$25. for his services during March.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Mayor was authorized to make arrangements with some competent person to take charge of the pumping station, sewer disposal fields and general repair work of the water works system and that he be authorized to hire such a person who shall devote all his time to the service of the town for a monthly compensation of \$25.

Carried

Authority was granted the Mayor to make sundry purchases of tools needed for repair work

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Geo. A. Warren
Town Clerk

Approved.

Mayor