



John B. Kinnear  
Mayor from June 2, 1902, to June  
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Takoma Park, Md., May 6th. 1901.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 o'clock p.m., in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel.

A call of the roll resulted as follows: Present, Mayor S.S. Shedd, presiding; Councilmen H.J. Long, F.W. Longley, F.J. Long, L.M. Mooers and W.G. Platt; absent Councilman J.K. Depue, on account of sickness.

The minutes of the previous session were read by the Clerk and approved.

Under the order of general business the Mayor reported that in accordance with the authorization of the Council he had received several bids for the purchase of certain tools and had ordered the same from the lowest bidder, Thomas Somerville. Purchase of tools.

Also, in accordance with the instructions of the Council relative to securing the services of a competent person to take charge of the pumping station, sewage farms, general repair work, etc., at a salary of \$25.00 per month, that he had consulted with Mr. George Day who considered the salary inadequate for the work to be performed, but who consented to assume the work at a salary of \$30.00 per month. This amount the Mayor consented should be paid, subject to the action of the Council. Hiring of Engineer at \$30. pr. month.

On motion of Mr. W.G. Platt the action of the Mayor was indorsed and the Treasurer directed to place the name of Mr. George Day upon the pay roll of the town at a compensation of \$30.00 per month for his services in the capacity above stated.

The Council was informed by the Mayor, that, in conjunction with the Treasurer, he had deposited in the Chemical National Bank of New York exchange for \$802.00 in payment of the semi-annual interest due May 1, 1901, on the Registered Water and Sewer Bonds of the town, and submitted letter from Mr. James L. Parson, Assistant Cashier of the Chemical National Bank, acknowledging receipt thereof.

Mr. George A. Warren, Town Treasurer, as a special committee to report upon the danger of lightning striking the water tower, stated his inability to submit a written report at this time, but that he had consulted with experts of the Weather Bureau, all of whom agreed that danger to the tower from lightning was a remote possibility; that the steel construction, with ground connections was in itself the most capable of lightning conductors.

By order of the Council Mr. Warren was given additional time to file a written report on the subject.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

Takoma Park, Md., May 6, 1901.

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that the available cash on hand at this date is ..... \$1,444.09  
 Of this amount there pertains to the General funds..... \$1,265.57  
 To Maintenance fund..... 178.52 1,444.09

The semi-annual interest on the water-works bonds due May 1, 1901, amounting to \$800.<sup>00</sup>, has been paid from the maintenance fund, and there remains sufficient cash on hand of this particular fund to pay running expenses during balance of fiscal year.

Of the general funds there will be due June 1st, on account of interest and principal \$575.<sup>00</sup> on the old bonded indebtedness of the town.

Owing to a clerical error in footing the column, a mistake has been found in the Special Water Works funds in favor of the town, and instead of there being practically nothing on hand, as last reported, there is a cash available balance of \$101.21.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. WARREN, Treasurer.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Takoma Park, Md., May 6, 1901.

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.

The Montgomery Press	Advertising	\$ 40.00
The National Publishing Company	Printing	29.25
The Mueller Company	Screw	.08
T. P. Moore	Certificates	2.00
S. S. Shedd & Bro.	Pipe, etc., for installing water quage	23.15
G. E. Walker	Lumber	9.97
National Electric Supply Company	Valve repairs	.54
Somerville Sons	Tools, etc	19.68
William Watkins	Carriage	2.00
Messrs Macy & Co.	File Cabinet	30.60
George A. Warren	Expenses Tax Sale	31.25
Contingent Expenses		5.04
George L. Tarbel	Oil and Gasoline	42.50
Bill as per supplemental pay roll		26.50
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 262.56</u>

W. G. PLATT, Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee were approved and payment of the bills ordered.

Councilman F. J. Lung, from the Committee on Streets submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that at the request of Mrs. S. F. Tennant who owns property at the corner of Pine and Columbia avenues, I made an investigation of the facilities afforded for sewerage her premises. Mrs. Tennant contemplates building quite an addition to her house but claimed that from measurements she had made that it was impracticable for her to sewer into the main sewer which partly covers Columbia avenue. I have made careful measurements of this and find that the measurements made by other persons at her suggestion are correct; the sewer is but 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  feet deep and as her property slopes from the street back it is impossible for her to sewer into this pipe. In view of the fact that the sewer has been run in other parts of the town to accommodate less property interests than that involved on Pine Avenue where there are no less than ten lots facing a thoroughfare with water and gas in the street already, I recommend that the town run a small pipe line of 8-inch pipe to connect with the manhole further down on Pine Avenue, a total distance of 450 feet, the work to be done by the town under the supervision of the Committee on Streets.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. J. LUNG.

Sewer for prop-  
erty of Mrs.  
Tennant.

Councilman W. G. Platt moved that the report be referred to Mr. H. A. Pressy, engineer, for such information as to depth, etc., of the sewer fronting Mrs. Tennant's property, as will enable the Council to take intelligent action in the matter. It was so ordered.

Councilman H. J. Long presented the following resolution:

That the Council hereby grants to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia the privilege of connecting a sewer with the sewer of the town of Takoma Park, Maryland, at the intersection of Oak and Magnolia Avenues, said District of Columbia sewer to extend on Oak Avenue to a point within about 175 feet of Carroll Ave., property owners abutting said sewer to have the use thereof without compensation to the town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

After a thorough discussion, the resolution was defeated.

On motion of Councilman F. J. Lung it was ordered that parties having cess-pools or private sewers on property located along the lines of public sewers be directed to abandon the same and connect with the public sewers without further delay, and the clerk was directed to notify interested parties of such action of the Council.

Councilman Lung presented a request of Mr. Phillips, of Elm Ave., for permission to connect the sewers of two adjoining pieces of property, of which he is owner, and extend the same as one sewer to the public sewer, such construction being necessary, on account of the grade, in order to sewer both properties.

On motion of Councilman W. G. Platt, in view of the difficulties presented, the Inspector of Plumbing was authorized to permit the desired construction and connections.

The condition of the public streets was discussed at some length and the Chairman of the Street Committee was directed to have Messrs. Jones and Day, employes of the town, follow the scraper and roll the streets thoroughly.

The Chairman of the Street Committee was also instructed to have the soil of the sewer farms harrowed and sown in alfalfa.

At the request of Engineer H.A. Pressy and on motion of Councilman W.G. Platt, the Mayor was authorized to purchase a suitable pump for use in cleaning out the tanks at the sewer farm.

Councilman Platt moved that the Mayor be authorized to communicate with Messrs. Rosser & Castoe, and such other firms as he may deem proper, relative to the cost and pumping capacity of an emergency pump and engine to be available in case of accident to the present plant. It was so ordered.

Watering trough. Councilman H. J. Long called the attention of the Council to the convenience which would be afforded by the location of a watering trough at some central point in the town. Councilman Long suggested that the Humane Society of the District of Columbia would probably furnish a trough for such purpose if the town will keep it supplied with water.

It was moved that Councilman Long be appointed a committee of one to wait upon the President of the Humane Society and learn whether the Society would donate a watering trough to the town, and such motion was adopted.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had directed Mr. Pressy, the Engineer, to inform the Messrs. Rosser & Castoe that the air pump at the pumping station was not acting in a satisfactory manner and that it should be put in proper condition at once.

Councilman Long was directed to have repaired a broken hasp on the door opening into the tank on the water tower, and to keep said door locked.

Gas Co. directed to secure permits for excavating in public streets. Councilman Long called the attention of the Council to the fact that the gas company was making excavations in the public streets and tapping their mains without a permit as required by the plumbing regulations; that this had been done in two recent cases of which the Inspector of Plumbing had no knowledge until after the work had been completed.

By direction of the Council the Clerk was instructed to address a letter to the gas company, inviting attention to the plumbing regulations and to request future compliance therewith.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the State Board of Health relative to the use of the waters of the Sligo for the water system of Takoma Park, Md., and to request that the stream be properly protected from any and all kinds of contamination.

The following ordinance was presented to the Council and was approved and passed by the following vote: voting aye, Mayor Shedd, Councilmen Long, Longley, Lung, Mooers and Platt. Councilman Depue absent and not voting:

Ordinance No. 84.

To prevent pollution of the source of supply of the water-works system of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. - No person shall knowingly or wilfully pollute any spring, stream, brook, water-course or reservoir in connection with the water-works system of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, by throwing or placing any impure or deleterious substance or thing into the same, or by swimming or bathing or by washing clothes or any unclean or impure thing therein, or by permitting or committing any nuisance in or near the sources of supply, or the reservoir for said water-works so as to pollute the same.

Section 2. - Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction of such offense, be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisonment for not less than five nor more than thirty days, or both, for each offense, to be recovered by the Town of Takoma Park as other fines are recoverable, one-half of any fine collected to go to the informer.

Ordinance to prevent pollution of water supply.

Repealed by no. 1065 (2/1/17)

The Mayor, having declared the office of Bailiff vacant, the Council proceeded to an election therefor.

On motion of Councilman Platt, the name of Mr. George Day was presented for the position and he was unanimously elected thereto.

Election of Geo. Day as bailiff.

On motion of Councilman Lung, the name of Mr. William Jones was presented as Deputy-Bailiff and he was unanimously elected.

Election of Wm. Jones as deputy bailiff.

It was ordered that twelve tin signs be prepared and posted in the vicinity of the Sligo, calling attention to the fines imposed by Ordinance No. 84, passed at this session and Councilman F.W. Longley was constituted a committee to see to the preparation and posting of said signs.

Councilman Lung presented a verbal request from Mrs. W.W. Warfield, proprietor of the Takoma Hotel, that the water rate for said hotel, amounting to \$60<sup>00</sup> be paid in two installments and such permission was granted.

On motion of Councilman H.J. Long, Councilman F.J. Lung was directed to proceed, at his convenience, to Upper Marlboro, Prince George County, and ascertain from the tax books the amount due from said county to the Town of Takoma Park for road

Road taxes due from Prince George Co.

taxes, and to collect and receipt for the same, Mr. Lunq's expenses to be paid by the town.

It was ordered by the Council that rights of way over private property for the laying of sewers and water pipes should be at once restored to proper condition and to the satisfaction of property owners, and the Chairman of the Street Committee was directed to see that said directions were immediately complied with.

Councilman F. J. Lunq, as Inspector of Plumbing, reported that 43 permits for water or water and sewer connections had been granted to date; that 42 taps had been made and that 34 are using the water at the present time.

Mr. G. A. Warren, Treasurer, submitted the following report relative to the delinquent tax sale for 1901:

Report of Treasurer relative to delinquent tax sale.

Takoma Park, Md., May 6, 1901.

To the Mayor and Council,

Gentlemen: - I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the sale for delinquent corporation taxes which occurred in front of the Log Cabin at 9 a.m., April 10, 1901.

When the preliminary list of delinquents was prepared the outstanding taxes amounted to \$678.61. On March 1st a printed circular was sent to all delinquents stating that unless taxes were paid before a certain specified date the property would be advertised. This circular in connection with a large number of letters written on the same subject resulted in the collection of taxes to the amount of \$482.18, leaving but \$196.43 to be collected by sale.

The delinquent list was advertised three times in the Montgomery Press and the printed list duly posted in five or more conspicuous places in the town as required by law. In addition 100 copies of the Montgomery Press were furnished by the proprietor and a copy mailed to each delinquent, every effort being made to collect the taxes without subjecting the owners to expense of sale and record.

On the day of the sale each parcel of property was called off as required by law and all parcels were sold with the exception of the improvements on lots and block , being the Glen Sligo property, which property was bid in the name of the town.

The amount received as proceeds of the sale was \$196.43. The total cost of the sale, including advertising, services, postage, clerical assistance, etc., amounted to \$78.75, which was carefully estimated for and the proportionate amount charged to the different persons advertised as required by the law, hence the town is to no expense in the matter of the sale.

Within ten days after the sale a detailed report thereof was made to the Circuit Courts of Montgomery and Prince George Counties and the sales duly recorded.

A copy of each paper in connection with this matter is appended to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE A. WARREN, Treasurer.

Note: - Above report, with papers attached is filed with the records of the town.

The following communication was presented and read by the Clerk:

Takoma Park, Md., May 6th, 1901.

The Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park Md.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, appointed by Resolution of the Council, March 11, 1901, to revise the assessment of real and personal property in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1901, respectfully submit herewith the result of their labors.

Very Respectfully  
GEORGE A. WARREN, } Assessors.  
BEN G. DAVIS.

The assessment submitted was ordered turned over to the Treasurer and the Clerk directed to give due notice thereof.

There being no further business the Council at 10:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

*Sam'l. Shedd*  
Mayor

*Ben G. Davis*  
Clerk.



Takoma Park, Md., June 3, 1901.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., in regular session in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel.

Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Mayor S.S. Shedd, presiding, Councilmen H.J. Long, F.W. Longley, F.J. Long, L.M. Mooers and W.G. Platt. Absent: Councilman J.K. Depue, on account of illness.

The minutes of the May meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The Clerk presented the reply of Mr. H. A. Pressy, Engineer, to the report of the Chairman of the Street Committee in reference to sewerage the property of Mrs. Tennant, corner of Pine and Columbia Aves., which report was referred to him by direction of the Council at its May meeting. Relative thereto the Mayor informed the Council that, after consultation with different members of the Council he had directed the Chairman of the Street Committee to proceed with the construction of the short line of sewer recommended and such action of the Mayor was approved.

The Mayor also reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council he had investigated the matter of purchase of a pump for cleaning out the tanks at the sewer farms; that such pump would cost much more than was anticipated and that in his opinion it would for the present, be cheaper and more convenient for the town to have said tanks cleaned by the Odorless Excavating Company.

Councilman Platt moved that the Odorless Excavating Company be employed to empty the tanks at the sewer farms at such intervals as may be required until further instructions. Such motion was adopted.

The Mayor reported that in compliance with the instructions of the Council he had corresponded with Messrs. Rosser and Castor relative to the installation of an emergency pump and engine at the pumping station and that the cost of the same would approximate \$1650.00 or a smaller size at about \$1450.00. After some informal discussion further consideration of the matter was postponed to some later date.

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows:

Sewer for property of Mrs. Tennant.

Pump for cleaning pits at sewer farms.

Takoma Park, Md., June 3, 1901.

## Treasurer's Monthly Report.

General Funds of the Town, balance on hand.....\$ 635.54

Of the above \$388.17 pertains to the regular expenses of the town and \$247.17 to the maintenance fund, water works.

Special Water and Sewerage Funds, balance.....\$ 101.26

Interest on the Water-works bonded indebtedness has been paid and five bonds of the general bonded indebtedness of the town paid, amounting to \$500.00 and interest thereon of \$75.00.

All indebtedness to date has been paid.

GEORGE A. WARREN, Treasurer

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Takoma Park, Md., June 3, 1901.

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.

The National Publishing Company,	Printing.....	\$ 3.25
Maurice Joyce Engraving Company	Plate for letter head.....	.75
Stackett & Co.	Tax book for 1901.....	9.50
W. W. Welsh,	Copying records.....	2.50
S. D. Waters & Son,	Seed.....	14.50
J. H. McGill,	Cement.....	12.00
Geo. L. Tarbell,	Oil.....	17.00
L. Hartig,	Sundry hardware.....	4.55
G. E. Walker	Lumber.....	18.43
J. H. Hengst	Repairs to lamps.....	.40
H. A. Ourand	Painting signs.....	4.80
S. S. Shedd & Bro.	Tin for signs.....	2.40
J. C. Kramer	Sharpening tools.....	8.23
Presbyterian Church,	Rent, July 1900-June 1901 inclusive.....	44.00
	Total.....	\$ 142.31

W. F. PLATT  
HORACE J. LONG } Committee.

The Committee submitted without recommendation bill of Mr. H. A. Pressy for \$32.78. After some discussion this bill together with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, were approved, and payment ordered.

A letter from the State Board of Health was read by the Clerk, and on motion of Councilman Long the same was re-

ferred to the Health Committee with instructions to furnish samples of water as drawn from house fixtures to the Board for analysis; and also to consider and report at the next meeting of the Council relative to the appointment of a health officer, his duties, etc., as suggested in said letter.

Councilman Platt moved that the Clerk be instructed to grant no permits for the introduction of water only, into property situated along lines of public sewers, except where the application is for a yard hydrant. Said motion unanimously adopted.

The following communication was read by the Mayor:

Takoma Park, Md., June 3, 1901.

To the Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that the revised assessment of real and personal property in the corporation, having been turned over to the Town Treasurer by the Assessors on the 15th day of May, legal public notice of the same as required by Section 16, of the Charter, was complied with, said notice having been posted in five conspicuous places in the town, May 16, 1901, copy herewith.

Very respectfully

BEN F. DAVIS, Town Clerk.

Copy of notice inclosed as follows:

**PUBLIC NOTICE!**

Takoma Park, Md., May 16, 1901.

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, 1901, is in the hands of the Town Treasurer at his office, corner of Pine and Montgomery Avenues, and is open for the inspection of the public.

The Council, at its regular meeting, Monday, June 3, 1901, 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.

BEN F. DAVIS, Town Clerk.

In accordance with public notice the Council resolved itself into a Board of Appeals to hear and determine any complaints relative to the assessment of real and personal property as reported by the Board of Assessors.

There being no complaints or appeals the assessment as presented by the Assessors was adopted by the following ordinance the vote thereon being as follows:

Voting aye: Mayor Shedd, Councilmen Long, Longley, Lung, Mowers and Platt.

Absent and not voting, Councilman Depue.

Ordinance No. 85.

*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 11, 1901, by George A. Warren and Ben G. Davis and reported by them May 6th, 1901, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1901, the Council having set at its regular meeting of June 3, 1901, 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 ordinance having been presented the same was adopted after thorough discussion by the following vote: Voting aye, Mayor Shedd, Councilmen Long, Longley, Lung, Mooers and Platt, Councilman Depue absent and not voting:

Ordinance No. 86.

*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, Maryland:*

*Section 1.- That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of the real and personal property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as shown by the Assessment adopted June 3, 1901, Ordinance No. 85, be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1901.*

*Section 2.- An additional tax of Fifty Cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of the real and personal property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, 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, 1901.*

Councilman Platt moved the appointment of a committee of three to investigate in all its phases the subject of the purchase by the Town of a stone crusher and the cost thereof, said Committee to report to the Mayor at the conclusion of its labors. Carried.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee, Councilmen Platt, Long and Lung.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. R. S. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Sewers and Sanitation of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, relative to complaints that several houses were draining into the open stream running between Oak and Holly

Avenues and requesting action to remove such menace to health.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Brown of the action taken at the last meeting of the Council to prevent pollution of the water courses and to request of him names of owners or occupants of such houses as may be draining into said stream that intelligent action may be taken by the Council.

The Chairman of the Street Committee was authorized to hire such additional help as may be necessary to restore to proper condition damages to the sewer farms by the recent heavy rains and to repair the road on the Carroll Avenue hill damaged from the same cause.

The Mayor announced the temporary assignment of Councilman F.W. Longley to the Street Committee in the unavoidable absence of Councilman Depue.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:50 P.M. adjourned.

*Samuel S. Smith*  
Mayor.

*Ben S. Davis*

Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., June 8, 1901.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of Mayor Shedd, convening at 8 o'clock p. m., this date. There were present the Mayor, Councilmen Long, Longley, Lung, Mooers and Platt, Council Depue being absent on account of sickness.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called to consider an application of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for permission to erect a number of poles in the streets of Takoma Park in accordance with plats submitted by the Company. Said communications and plats were laid before the Council.

After considerable informal discussion of the matter Councilman Platt moved that the request of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for the erection of certain poles upon the public streets of Takoma Park, Md., as indicated by plats submitted by the company, be granted, provided that the particular location of said poles shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Streets. Said motion was adopted.

The Mayor brought to the attention of the Council the question of increasing the salary of Mr. George Day, employe of the town in charge of the pumping station, stating that Mr. Day had informed him that it would be impossible for him to continue at the present salary.

The subject was thoroughly discussed after which Councilman Lung moved that the salary of Mr. Day be increased to \$9<sup>00</sup> per week to take effect June 1, 1901, and to be payable weekly, and by an unanimous vote it was so ordered.

Councilman Longley reported the posting of signs relative to penalty for polluting the waters of the Sligo.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:30 p. m., adjourned.

*Sam Shedd*

Mayor.

*Ben B. Davis*

Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., July 16, 1901.

The Council met in the basement of the Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present the following: Mayor S.S. Shedd; Councilmen H.J. Long, F.J. Lung, L.M. Mooers and W.G. Platt. Councilmen F.W. Longley and Jas. K. Depue were absent on account of sickness.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held June 3, 1901 and of the special meeting held June 8, 1901 were read and approved.

The special committee to consider the cost and advisability of the purchase of a stone crusher reported, through Mr. F.J. Lung, submitting several letters from the Good Roads Machinery Company of Kennett Square, Pa., relative to the cost of such machines, said company offering a second-hand No. 3 steel crusher, practically as good as new for the sum of \$300. In the judgment of the Committee the purchase of this machine and the cost of the necessary fixture including setting up of the machine complete would be within the sum of \$500.

Councilman Long moved that the Committee be authorized to consult a competent mechanical engineer as to the effect upon the engine at the pumping station should it be used in running a stone crusher, and that if, in the opinion of said engineer, no harm would result from such use, that the special Committee be authorized to purchase the second-hand No. 3 steel crusher at a cost of \$300 and the necessary appurtenances to put the same in complete running order.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report as follows and the same was adopted and ordered placed upon the records:

Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., for the Thirteen Months Beginning June 1, 1900, and Ending June 30, 1901.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Special Water Works and Sewerage Accounts.		<u>Water Works: Pipe line, original contract</u> .....\$ 16,864.86	
RECEIPTS.		Allowance for "blowoffs" and Ludlow hydrants ..... 150.20	
Proceeds from sale of bonds.....	\$ 40,000.00	Extra work for material and services incident to the extension of plant beyond original contract as follows:	
Premium received on bonds.....	1,600.00	1555.1 feet 8 in. pipe @ 85¢.....\$ 1321.83	
Interest.....	340.85	212 " 6 " " " 57¢..... 120.84	
Cash transferred from general funds.....	825.00	389.3 " 4 " " " 40¢..... 155.72	
Total Receipts.....	\$ 42,765.85	Excavation in extra pipe line..... 628.72	
		3 Hydrants..... 88.50	

Extensions on Poplar Avenue .....	\$ 351.84	
" " Beech and Cedar Avenues .....	611.31	
" " Hickory Avenue .....	90.60	
" " Pine Avenue .....	223.95	
" " Carroll Avenue .....	499.87	
" " Grant Avenue .....	295.34	
" " Maple Avenue .....	79.61	
" " Takoma Avenue .....	96.03	
" " New York Avenue .....	891.10	
4 extra valves .....	40.00	5,495.26
<u>Sewerage System: Pipe line, original contract</u> .....	\$ 6,855.00	
Extra material and services incident to the extension of plant beyond original contract as follows:		
Extra earth and rock excavation, brick work, man and lamp holes, concrete and pipe .....	\$ 2186.59	
Sundry concrete on sewers .....	61.96	
Iron pipe .....	153.00	
Extensions on Maple Avenue .....	325.27	
" " Dr. Cockrill's line .....	534.67	
" " Mr. Bailey's line .....	53.05	
" " rear of Holly Avenue .....	162.26	
" " Mr. Douglas' line .....	159.64	
" " Mr. Colburn's line .....	89.16	
Extra excavation and laying .....	47.50	3,773.10
		\$ 33,138.42
<u>Engine and Pump.</u> - Furnishing and erecting same with all appurtenances .....	\$ 1,750.00	
<u>Pump House Construction:</u> Contract price .....	1,040.00	
Extra for ceiling .....	30.00	
Stone foundation .....	655.28	
Friction pulley .....	45.00	
Sundry extra material .....	60.37	1,830.65
<u>Stand Pipe Foundation:</u> Construction .....	\$ 908.00	
<u>Dam and Well:</u> Construction of .....	3,234.22	

<u>Sundry Services by Contractors</u> .....	\$ 37.29
<u>Material purchased of Contractors for use in sewerage disposal fields</u> .....	159.70
<u>Material purchased of Contractors for reserve</u> .....	81.92
Total amount due Contractors .....	\$ 41,140.20
Cash paid Contractors .....	27,208.81
Balance due Contractors .....	\$ 13,931.39

Work in Connection with the Water and Sewerage System  
Done by the Town of Takoma Park and not by Contractors:

Sewerage Disposal Fields:

Construction of East (Sligo) Field, Labor .....	\$ 1,695.70
Construction of West Field, Labor .....	1,196.38
Material entering into construction of said fields, pipe, cement, lumber, etc .....	530.98
	3,423.06

<u>Stand Pipe Tower and Tank, Contract price</u> .....	5,322.00
Less allowance made by company .....	100.00
	5,222.00

Sundry General Expenses .....

Sundry Services .....

<u>Purchase of Land:</u> East disposal field .....	450.00
West disposal field .....	1,125.00
	1,575.00

Engineer: Cash paid engineer in charge of constructing the system .....

Certificates of Indebtedness: Redemption of four certificates of \$500 each .....

Interest paid on certificates as above .....

Refundment of general Funds for amounts advanced .....



Total cost of work done by Town	\$ 15,535.15
Cash paid Contractors	27,208.81
Balance cash on hand	21.89
	<u>\$ 42,765.85</u>

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RECEIPTS.

Balance	\$ 138.10
Proceeds Certificates of Indebtedness	1,500.00
Received from Special Water-works funds in refundment of amounts advanced from general funds	1,466.96
Received on account of interest	2.18
Sundry cash receipts	263.00
Road tax from Montgomery County	522.69
Received from general taxes	2,641.46
	<u>\$ 6,534.39</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

General expenses of the town to include such items as stationery, postage, freight, insurance, printing, and all similar expenses	\$ 854.18
Street lighting, oil, lamps, wicks and globes	341.23
" " repairs to lamps	5.25
Street work, purchase of material	157.42
" " hire of laborers	172.62
Purchase of sundry street-working tools	218.61
Rent of Chapel and Log Cabin	128.50
Expended on account of items in connection with the installation of water works	786.33
Transferred to special water-works account to reimburse said fund	825.00
Interest paid on bonded indebtedness	332.50
" " " certificate of indebtedness	30.00
Redemption of 10 bonds of general indebtedness	1,000.00
" " " certificate of indebtedness	500.00
Paid on account of sundry services	241.18
Paid salary of lamplighter and for his work on Streets - 13 months at \$45 per month	585.00
Salary of town treasurer, 10 months at \$20. and 3 months at \$10 per month	230.00

Salary of town clerk, 3 months at \$10 per month	\$ 30.00
Balance cash on hand	96.57
	<u>\$ 6,534.39</u>

Water Works Maintenance Funds.

Received from additional taxes	\$ 1,690.76
Received from water rents	400.90
	<u>\$ 2,091.66</u>

Disbursements.

Paid on account of interest on bonded indebtedness	\$ 1,600.00
Purchase of material	106.84
Sundry expenses	5.00
Salary of engineer at pump house, etc	151.50
Balance cash on hand	228.32
	<u>\$ 2,091.66</u>

RESUME:

Actual cost of Water works and Sewerage System to date \$ 56,975.35

Outstanding indebtedness:

Old general bond issue	2,000.00
Water works and sewerage bonds	40,000.00
Amount due contractors	13,931.39
Amount due Engineer	300.00

Cash balances on hand:

General funds of town	\$ 96.57	
Maintenance fund	228.32	
Special Water-works funds	21.89	346.78

Authorized issue of bonds not yet placed \$ 10,000.00

I certify that the foregoing financial statement is a true extract from the records of the Town of Takoma Park, Md.

(Signed) George A. Warren,  
Treasurer.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Messrs. Lisle Morrison and Homer Guerry a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the fiscal year just closed.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report which was adopted and payment of the bills directed:

July 16, 1901.

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:

National Electric Supply Company	-----	\$ 2.35.
R. V. Rusk	-----	6.00
G. L. Tarbell	-----	40.00
T. P. Moore	-----	6.00
Lewis and Heaton, Trustees	-----	48.00
	TOTAL	\$ 102.35

In the matter of the account of Mr. Lamond (Sewer pipe, \$43.65) we have withheld approval pending report of Inspector of Plumbing.

W. G. PLATT.  
HORACE J. LONG } Committee.

The Mayor and Treasurer were authorized to draw checks in payment of the work involved in cleaning out the tanks at the sewer farm when bills therefore should be presented by the Chairman of the Street Committee.

The Chairman of the Street Committee submitted his annual report as follows:

Takoma Park, Md., July 16, 1901.

To the Mayor and Council:

Gentlemen: I beg to submit the following brief report covering matters that have come under my supervision as Chairman of the Committee on Streets during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901.

Owing to active operations incident to the construction of the water-works, extensive street work was impracticable and the total amount expended, \$330.09, is considerably less than in former years. \$129.17 was spent for lumber for the repair from time to time of the board sidewalks of the Town. These walks, such as they are, are in fair condition at the present time but must, sooner or later, give place to more substantial ones. For the hire of labor in connection with street work, \$172.62 was spent. In addition to the amount expended for street work, it must be remembered that the entire services of deputy bailiff Jones with horse and cart are utilized when not engaged in lighting or filling lamps, and of the monthly salary paid that official, \$45<sup>00</sup>, about four-ninths should be credited to street work. Many repairs are made by Mr. Jones that would otherwise have cost the Town considerable, and a continuance of his services on this same basis is recommended.

The streets of the Town, for this season, are in very bad condition and in some sections if general repairs in the way of gravel or stone are not made, the streets will be impassable this coming winter, hence energetic action on the part of the Council is recommended in this direction. Holly, Maple, Pine, Montgomery and other side streets should be gravelled or macadamized. The Town has now in operation 86 street lamps, 13 of which are in bad condition and 6 about beyond re-

pair, and these should be replaced. For the maintenance of the street lamps \$288.80 was expended for oil and \$52.40 for the purchase of new lamps, \$5.25 being spent for repair of old lamps. This makes the average cost of maintaining a street lamp exclusive of the salary of the lamplighter about \$4.00 per annum. The care of the lamps, lighting and filling, costs about \$3.00 per lamp per annum additional.

57 permits have been issued for tapping the water mains (and 2 for tapping gas mains) to 57 householders who use on an average 20,000 gallons of water per day, to supply which demand requires the operation of the pump for two hours daily at an expense of about 30 cents for labor and an equal sum for gasoline. The absolute necessity for a duplicate pump and engine for use in case of accident to the present plant is so evident that every effort regardless of expense should be made to supply this deficiency.

Great trouble has been experienced in properly locating gates, valves, blow-offs, etc., in the water system for want of sufficient data or maps. This was very evident recently when the entire water system of the Town had to be shut off causing considerable inconvenience to water users, merely to make repairs to a lead joint which had broken off the main. The Council should insist on having perfected maps without further delay and further, the engineer who planned the water-works system should be called upon to submit in writing the manner of operation of the sewerage disposal fields and why they are not self operating as the Council was led to believe they would be and as they appear to be in other cities where the system has been introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. LUNG, Chr. Com. on Streets.

The report was adopted and ordered placed upon the records.

The committee on Health submitted the following report:

Takoma Park, Md., July 16, 1901.

To the Mayor and Council:

Gentlemen: The Committee on Health and Sanitation, to which was referred the accompanying letter from the State Board of Health submits the following: In accordance with the instructions of the Council at its June meeting, a sample of the public water supply was sent to the State Analyst at Baltimore and a report received which is hereto appended. This analysis shows the water of the Sligo to be not only good and wholesome, but the percentage of "total residue" and the indications of organic substances to be considerably less than the average potable water of most other towns and cities. The instructions of the State Board of Health as to the manner of collecting and forwarding the sample were carefully followed. A gallon of the water was received from a yard hydrant directly into a new glass demijohn, corked and sealed and sent by express the same morning. It is recommended that samples be sent from time to time in order to keep advised as to any change in its qualities or conditions.

As to the suggestion looking to the appointment of a Health Officer who shall have general supervision of the matter of water pollution with power to make arrests, etc., your Committee after careful consideration recommends that the general supervision of the matter be vested in the Health Committee and that it be empowered to designate and employ a competent person to make a careful inspection at such intervals as it may deem necessary of the Sligo and its tributaries above the reservoir to ascertain if any source of pollution exists or any condition liable at any time to endanger the purity of the water and to report to the said Committee who will, if necessary, take such action as the law provides.

The question of a Disinfecting Apparatus as suggested by the Mayor at the last meeting of the Council has also received attention and considerable investigation into the merits of the various appliances on the market has been made. In this connection what is most to be desired, of course, is exemption from all those diseases which we know as contagious or infectious, but in event of their appearance, the thing next to be desired is some means of controlling them and of preventing their spread to others. The efforts to accomplish this have brought about our great system of quarantine and all the regulations and restrictions which the general and state governments have adopted for the safe guarding of the public health.

As to the need of some means for the control and prevention of contagious diseases in Takoma Park there can be no question. It remains then

to determine, first, whether it is best to incur the necessary expense, and second, what apparatus, if any, to buy. The old method of disinfection by the burning of sulphur or the use of carbolic acid, etc., have been abandoned as practically useless.

The agent now most employed and which stands at the head of all known germicides, is *for-mal-de-hyde*, and is most effectively applied as a gas. Several forms of apparatus for generating and applying the gas are in use, but as all of them depend for their effectiveness on the use of the same agent, their difference is merely that of construction and cost and need not be discussed here. The Committee desires to express itself as fully alive to the needs of the means of efficient disinfection as well as the wisdom of being prepared before the necessity arises and therefore recommends: That whenever the Council deems that the finances of the Town will permit, the apparatus known as the "Kuhn *For-mal-de-hyde* Generator No. 1," be purchased. The net price of this is \$40<sup>00</sup>, a portion of which Dr. Parsons has offered to pay. The cost of this apparatus is somewhat less than either of the others. Full description of the "Kuhn" together with results of tests, accompany this report.

The Chairman of the Health Committee having been appointed by the State Board of Health Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Takoma Park, is now authorized and prepared to issue burial permits which are required by the laws of the state.

Analysis of Sliquo Water attached to report:

Yields the following in parts per millian:

Total residue at 230° F. -----	110 -----	(Should not exceed 500 parts per millian.)
Nitrogen as Free Ammania -----	.04 -----	(Should not exceed .05 parts per millian)
Nitrates -----	.5 -----	(Should not exceed 5.00 parts per millian)
Chlorine -----	5.4 -----	(Should not exceed 6.00 parts per millian)
N. as Albumenaid Ammania -----	.03 -----	(Should not exceed .15 parts per millian)
Nitrites -----	Trace -----	(There should be no "Nitrites" present as they indicate active decomposition of organic matter.)
For drinking water this is Good. -----		(Good is the highest quality rated, the others being "Fair, Suspicious, Bad, Very Bad.)

L. M. MOOERS. }  
HORACE J. LONG } Health Committee.

The report was received and ordered placed upon the records.

A communication from Mr. Guilford L. Spencer complaining of the condition of the outhouse on the property occupied by Mr. Theodore Shultz, having been referred to the Health Committee for investigation was returned from the committee with the following report:

In this case the Health Committee would report that Mr. Shultz was visited and made acquainted with the nature of the within complaint, the supposed cause of which he very readily ~~promised~~ to take immediate steps to remove. The Odorless Excavating Company has been notified to clean and put the privy mentioned in good sanitary condition.

L. M. MOOERS.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish a copy of such report to Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Platt moved that the designation of the standing Committee of the Council known as the Committee on Safety and Sanitation, be hereafter known as the Health Committee and that the Chairman of said Committee be and is hereby appointed Health Officer of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., with full privilege and power to perform all duties pertaining to such office.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Lung informed the Council that, upon complaint, notices had been sent to J. H. Van Houten, Mrs. D. G. Purman, O. M. Jackson, Mrs. Helen T. McCauley, Mrs. Edith M. Bursley and Mr. Enoch Maris, agent of the Shufeldt property, informing them that private sewers or cesspools upon their respective properties must be abandoned and connection made with the public sewers. That the 30-day limit had expired in all the above cases except that of the latter; that the orders of the Council had been complied with at the Van Houten and Jackson properties and that the owners of the Shufeldt property were moving to the same end, but that, apparently no action had been taken in the other cases.

On motion of Councilman Platt the Health Officer was directed to inspect the properties in question and unless steps shall have been taken to comply with the instructions of the Council or to abate the supposed nuisances within a reasonable time, that action be instituted to compel such compliance.

Councilman Platt moved that Mr. George Day be instructed to visit and examine the west sewer farm daily and the east farm at least once a week and that upon the discovery of any defect or failure in the proper working of the tanks or siphons to immediately report the same to the Town Clerk, and that whenever in Mr. Day's judgment, not to exceed four barrels of solid matter have accumulated in the tanks that he notify the chairman of the Street Committee thereof. Carried

Council<sup>man</sup> Long moved that a special committee of three be appointed to inspect the west sewer farm with Mr. Pressy and to consider with him the most advisable method of putting in thorough working condition every detail thereof and that said Committee be authorized and empowered to take such action and to make such expenditure as will accomplish the desired object.

It was so ordered and the Mayor appointed Councilmen Platt, Long and Lung to constitute such Committee.

The Mayor announced his intention of leaving the city for several weeks and suggested the advisability of appointing a Mayor pro tem to perform the duties of the office during his absence.

On motion of Councilman Mooers, Councilman W. G. Platt was unanimously selected as Mayor pro tempore to act during the absence of the Mayor and to perform all acts and duties to said office appertaining.

The Clerk was directed to address the corporation attorney urging immediate action in the preparation of the legal papers

relative to rights of way over private property for pipe lines of the water works and sewerage system.

There being no further business the Council at 11:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Bern G. Davis, Town Clerk

Takoma Park, Md., August 26, 1901.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., there being present Mayor Shedd and Councilmen Long, Longley, Lung, Mooers and Platt. Councilman Depue was absent on account of illness. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and approved.

Mr. Platt, from the special committee appointed to thoroughly investigate such improvements as are necessary to put the west sewerage disposal fields in proper condition and to make such improvements, reported progress. The committee was continued to complete its work.

The special committee appointed to consider the purchase of a stone crusher and to purchase the same under certain conditions reported verbally that the Committee had satisfied itself, after consultation with a mechanical engineer, that the pumping station engine could be utilized to run said stone crusher without detriment to the engine and that the committee had therefore decided to purchase the second-hand No. 3 steel crusher offered them for \$500, provided the same had not been sold, and to put it in working operation as soon as possible.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

August 26, 1901.

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:

Uhler & Co.,	Pump	\$ 6.40
National Electric Supply Co.,	Sundry supplies	3.37
Thos. Somerville & Sons,	Repairs to quage	6.45
W. J. Fiddings	Hardware	1.38
G. L. Tarbell	Oil and gasoline	38.25
Fidelity and Guarantee Co.,	Insurance	10.00

W. G. PLATT  
HORACE J. LONG. } Committee

On motion of Mr. Lung the report was approved and the bills ordered paid.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

Takoma Park, August 26, 1901.	
Total amount of taxes collected since July 1, 1901.....	\$ 2,089.40
Balances June 30, 1901.....	324.89
Received from Town Clerk on account fees.....	58.00
Received on account water rents.....	55.24
	<u>\$ 2,527.53</u>
By disbursements.....	718.93
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$ 1,808.60</u>

I certify that the above is a correct transcript from the records of the treasurer's office

(Signed) GEO. A. WARREN, Treasurer.

The Health Officer, to whom was referred the matter of complaints against certain sewers and cess pools submitted the following report:

<i>To the Mayor and Council:</i>	
<i>In accordance with the instructions of the Council as set forth in the accompanying letter from the Town Clerk, I have visited the parties named therein and have the honor to report as follows:</i>	
<i>In case of Mrs. Purman it appears that some years ago connection was made with the two-foot sewer laid by E.C. Gilbert to carry away the surface water from the hotel grounds. This was later extended by Mr. W.G. Platt across and terminating near the lower line of his property. This connection was made by Major Purman for the purpose of disposing of the water from the bath tub and kitchen sink which was supplied from a house tank. No closet is in the house, nor was it the custom to turn into said drain dish-water or other slops although Mrs. Purman says this was sometimes done by servants contrary to orders. The house tank has not been used for some months and no slops of any kind are allowed to go into the drain. Mrs. Purman intends to make connections with the town water and sewer as soon as circumstances will permit. At present there seems to be no cause for complaint against the premises.</i>	
<i>I have also examined the premises of Mr. Bursley on Pine Avenue and find that a terra cotta pipe was laid by Mr. W.E. Skinner about eleven years ago for the purpose of carrying off the waste water from the pump, the down spouts of the house and later on the bath tub - the latter being supplied from the pump. This pipe was trapped and was also used to some extent for the disposal of dish water. Since the purchase of the place by Mr. Bursley the same conditions have continued until recently when the terminal was cleaned out and its use discontinued for the disposal of any house slops. The terminal mentioned was a covered excavation in the sandy soil of the lot. Mr. Bursley intends to make water and sewer connections when able to do so.</i>	
<i>Mr. McCauley has windmill and tank with bath tub and closet connected with terminal on his own lot. No complaint appears to have been made since his occupancy of the premises, the use of the house closet has been discontinued for some time and will remain so until connections are made with the town system which he is preparing to do as soon as possible.</i>	
<i>Respectfully,</i>	
<i>L.M. MOGERS, Health Officer.</i>	
<i>Takoma Park, Md., Aug. 10, 1901.</i>	

On motion of Councilman Platt the report was adopted.

Complaint having been made as to the condition of the water closet on the premises of Mr. C.W. Smiley, on Holly Avenue, occupied by Mr. Hall, the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Smiley of such complaint and to request an immediate abatement of the nuisance.

Councilman Lung called attention to the fact that certain houses on the District side of the Park on Magnolia Avenue were

provided with sewers and drains that carried sewage matter into the open stream running between Oak and Holly Avenues, such drainage undoubtedly constituting a serious menace to the health of the town and requested such action by the Council as would bring the matter to the attention of the District authorities. Mr. Lung called attention especially to the Shufeldt house on Magnolia Avenue, which is exposed on both sides to this menace and in which a case of typhoid fever has recently developed.

The Health Officer was directed to have an analysis made of the water in the well on the Shufeldt place and to take such action as the result of said analysis shall determine necessary; and the Clerk was instructed to invite the attention of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the drainage into the open stream and to request that the nuisance thereby constituted be abated.

This matter having called up the question of sewer facilities for that portion of the Park lying within the District of Columbia, which cannot use the District sewerage system, after thorough discussion the following resolution was offered by Mr. Platt:

*Resolved, that any resident of the District of Columbia, upon written application to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., may be granted permission to connect his or her premises with the water and sewerage system of said Town upon the payment of an annual fee equal in amount to that paid by the residents of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., in the form of additional taxation, the amount of such fee to be determined by a committee of three members of the Council to be appointed by the Mayor.*

*Resolved, that any action heretofore taken by the Mayor and Council contrary to the terms of this resolution, be and the same is hereby repealed.*

Councilman Long moved to lay the resolution upon the table. Lost.

The vote recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, the same was carried, and the Chair appointed as the committee therein authorized, Councilmen Platt, Lung and Long.

Councilman Platt also submitted the following:

*Whereas, certain portions of the town of Takoma Park, D.C., owing to topographical difficulties, are deprived of proper sewer facilities; and insomuch as it is desirable for the general public health and convenience of the entire community that all residences should have access to public sewers, therefore be it*

*Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., hereby express their readiness and willingness to enter into some mutual agreement with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, whereby the sewerage system of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., may be utilized to properly sewer those portions of Takoma Park lying within the District of Columbia but which are too low to connect with the public sewers of said District of Columbia, and to that end the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., hereby express their willingness to confer with a representative of the District government at such time as the Commissioners thereof may suggest.*



The resolutions unanimously prevailed and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy thereof to the District Commissioners.

Mr. C. Jackson appeared before the Council and presented a request for the extension of an inch-and-a-half pipe to the hotel at Wildwood for the purpose of supplying said hotel with water.

On motion of Councilman Long a committee of three was authorized to consider and report upon Mr. Jackson's request, the Mayor appointing Councilmen Platt, Long and Long for such duty.

Mr. Long, Chairman, Street Committee, called attention to the request of Mr. John Powell for repairs of road on "Powell's hill." It was stated by the Town Treasurer that no taxes had been collected from Mr. Powell for the past four years, there being a verbal agreement with him that in lieu of the payment of such taxes he was to keep the road complained of, in proper condition, and the Clerk was instructed to so notify him.

The condition of the Board walk on Tulip avenue, Maple to Carroll, was called to the attention of the Council and the chairman of the street committee was instructed to repair same if he deemed it feasible - otherwise to remove it entirely.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. Charles W. Smiley requesting the construction of about seventy-five yards of board walk from Poplar avenue to the lamp and hydrant in front of the Finch house. On motion of Councilman Long the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Smiley that it is the policy of the Council to construct no more board walks but that an application from the property owners along the route desired for a substantial walk of brick, tile or concrete, under the permit system, will be considered.

There being no further business the Council at 11 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

*David S. Shedd*  
Mayor.

*Ben S. Davis*  
Town Clerk