

Authority for pay-
ment of Dec. salaries
on 23 of month.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Treasurer was authorized to pay the salaries of the regular employes of the Town for the month of December, on the 23rd inst.

The Clerk presented a communication from the Clerk of the Board of Road Commissioners of Prince George County requesting the presence of a member of the Council at the session of the Board to be held Tuesday, the second inst., relative to road tax due the Town of Takoma Park. On motion of Mr. Morrison the Mayor was authorized to represent the Council as requested and to make the best terms possible in the settlement of the road taxes due the Town.

There being no further business the Council thereupon at 10:45 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved: *J. K. Morrison*

Mayor.

Ben B. Davis Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., Monday Evening, January 5, 1903.

and Severance.

The Council met at 7:30 o'clock P.M., with the following members present: The Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder,

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

Remarks of Prof.
Galloway as to the
setting out of trees
and beautifying of
the Town.

The Mayor presented to the Council Professor B.T. Galloway, of the Department of Agriculture, a citizen of the District portion of the Town of Takoma Park, who had come upon invitation of the Mayor to discuss with the Council proposed beautifying of the Streets of the Town by the setting out of shade trees, etc. The question was informally discussed, Professor Galloway suggesting methods by which the necessary trees could be secured, proffering his own assistance not only in this direction but in other invaluable ways. The conference ended with the understanding that the Mayor should further confer with Professor Galloway and formulate plans in detail as to the proposed improvements, submitting such plans to the Council at its next meeting.

There being no unfinished business the Council proceeded to action as follows:

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

January 5, 1903

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:

J. B. Kinnear, Mayor, Expenses to Marlboro	\$ 1.47
John W. Collier, Sheriff, Expenses for keep of prisoner	2.85
S. D. Waters & Son, Water pipe for Buffalo Ave	3.00
William Watkins, Hauling waste 25¢; 1/2 ton coal 3 ¹⁵	3.40
Ben G. Davis, Treasurer, Contingent expenses	1.97
Wm. H. Keene, Plumbing work and material	3.24

C. & P. Telephone Co, Telephone messages	\$ 1.60
William Jones, Matches	9.86
L. G. Orndorf, Plow	5.50
Thos. R. Riley, Lumber	18.65
A. D. Maxwell, Hauling	.50
	<u>\$ 47.04</u>

L. MORRISON
E. M. DOUGLAS
CHAS. W. SCUDDER } Committee.

Report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Severance moved that the report be adopted and payment of the bills directed. Carried and so ordered.

The Chairman of the Street Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council:

Takoma Park, Md. Jan. 5, 1903.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report relative to street work done in the month of December: Columbia Avenue hill, where water pipe was exposed filled in and good gutters cut on each side of road; pipe dug up and relaid on Carroll and Columbia Avenues; pipe repaired and new manhole on Tulip and Maple Avenues; leaves cleaned out of the gutters. Repairs on pipe at sewer farm, new posts, bank cut off, timbers put up on side of posts and spiked to posts. The appropriation at sewer farm was \$8⁰⁰; it cost \$3⁰⁰; the appropriation for Columbia Ave hill was \$12⁰⁰; it cost \$7¹⁷.

In addition to above report I would ask the Council to appropriate funds to buy 1000 feet of 2-inch plank, 1 keg spikes, enough 3x4 for cross pieces to put in new crossings where needed. Said crossings are in a dangerous condition and are needed very much and I hope the Mayor and Council will think favorably of this matter.

E. E. BLODGETT,
Chr. Street Com.

Report of the Street Committee.

Mr. Derriek moved the adoption of the report and the recommendations of the Committee. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the Committee on Streets and Lights was authorized to purchase one-half gross lamp wicks.

Purchase of lamp wicks.

The Chairman of the Street Committee called attention to correspondence had by the Clerk with the Best Street Light Company of Canton, Ohio relative to their gasoline street lamps and recommended that two of these lamps be obtained on 30 days trial.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Clerk be directed to obtain two of these lamps for experimental purposes, together with necessary supplies and gasoline for 30 days trial. The motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

Authority to experiment with gasoline lamps.

Mr. Scudder, from the Health Committee requested an appropriation of \$3⁰⁰ for the printing of contagious disease signs, and on motion of Mr. Morrison such appropriation was authorized.

Authority for printing of contagious disease signs.

Authority for purchase of plumbing tools. Mr. Douglas from the Committee on Water and Sewer requested an appropriation of \$21⁵⁰ for the purchase of oil and plumbing tools for the use of the Town employes in repairing mains etc., and on motion of Mr. Morrison such appropriation was authorized.

Increase of salary of Engineer. Mr. Scudder, from the Committee on Water and Sewer, moved that the salary of George N. Day, Engineer at the pumping station, be increased from \$9⁰⁰ to \$12⁰⁰ per week. In making the motion Mr. Scudder commented on the faithful services of Mr. Day, which remarks were also heartily indorsed by the Mayor. The motion unanimously prevailed, to take effect from January 5, 1903.

Fees for bailiffs. The Judiciary Committee was instructed to ascertain the amount of fees due the bailiffs for making arrests and to report at the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee on Water and Lights was directed to investigate the services rendered by Mr. Queen during a night break in the water works machinery and to recommend the proper compensation therefor.

Contract with Standard Oil Co. for gasoline. Mr. Scudder, from the Committee on Water and ^{Sewer} Lights submitted a proposition from the Standard Oil Company to supply gasoline the year round at 12¹/₂ cents per gallon and recommended its adoption.

On motion of Mr. Douglas the Mayor was authorized to enter into a contract with the Standard Oil Company in accordance with the terms suggested, said contract to include delivery of the ~~gas~~ gasoline at the pumping station.

The Mayor presented several letters from Mr. H. W. Talbot, Attorney, of Rockville, who has in charge the untangling of the town's right to certain marginal lots on Sligo creek, wherein was stated the hope of having the matter settled at an early day.

Harris Ave. Attention was called to the failure of Mr. Phillips to complete properly his contract for the opening of Harris Ave., and on motion of Mr. Blodgett the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Phillips to complete the work in accordance with his agreement immediately, and in case of failure so to do the same be done by the Town and paid for from the contract price of Mr. Phillips.

Telephone for Bailiffs house. The Mayor mentioned the desirability of having a telephone in the residence of Mr. George Day, Bailiff, and on motion of Mr. Scudder the Mayor was authorized to negotiate with the C and P. telephone Co. for that purpose.

Wash. & Balto Transit Co. Mr. Morrison moved that the Judiciary Committee be directed to thoroughly investigate the status of the Washington and Baltimore Transit Company, its failure to operate cars on any schedule and its violation of charter requirements and to report its findings

and recommendations to the Council. Carried and so ordered.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council.		Takoma Park, Md., Dec. 31, 1902,		Monthly Report of Treasurer.
Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the month of December, 1902:				
Balance on hand last report	\$ 3100.05.	DISBURSEMENTS:		
RECEIPTS:		Pumping plant: Miscellaneous	\$ 2.25	
From general taxes	\$ 569.66	Gasoline	40.50	\$ 42.75
“ water rents	24.00	Sewerage System: Labor		3.00
“ redemption of tax property	25.05	Street Work: Material		21.40
	<u>618.71</u>	Street lighting: Oil		21.53
	\$ 3718.76	Semi-annual interest on \$1500. general bonds		45.00
		Salaries: Engineer	36.00	
		Lamplighter	50.00	
		Clerk and Treasurer	20.00	106.00
		Paid from redemption fund		29.39
Respectfully submitted:		Total disbursements	\$ 269.07	
	BEN G. DAVIS,	Balance on hand	3449.69	
	Treasurer.		<u>\$ 3718.76</u>	

Relative to the matter of back road taxes due the Town from Prince George County, the Mayor submitted the following report:

Gentlemen of the Council:—		Takoma Park, Md., January 5, 1903.		Report of Mayor relative to back road tax due from Prince George Co.
In compliance with your request of December 1, 1902, I proceeded to Upper Marlboro on Tuesday, December 2, 1902, and presented claims for rebate road taxes as follows:				
To the County Commissioners for 1901 and prior years	\$358.50			
To the Road Commissioners for 1902	132.64			
	<u>\$491.14</u>			
I am in receipt of a communication from the Clerk to the County Commissioners, under date of Dec. 30, 1902, advising me that the Commissioners had adjusted our claim and allowed us as follows:				
For the year 1899	\$ 63.12			
“ “ “ 1900	63.02			
“ “ “ 1901	141.24			
	<u>267.38</u>			
Cash paid May 3, 1900	34.82			
Net balance allowed	\$ 232.56			
which they state will be paid in March, 1903.				
The communication also stated that our claim for the years prior to 1899, "being out of date," could not be allowed by the Commissioners. I have not examined the law on this subject but I presume they mean to convey the fact that our claim is barred by limitation of statute.				
The claim for the year 1902 was duly filed with the County Road Commissioners. This claim is for \$132.64 which they declined to pay because they had not collected all the levy. They offered to pay me \$72.00 (that being our share on the amount collected on the date I was there) providing I would give them a receipt in full for the year 1902. This I declined to do and left the matter with them. The Clerk had lost part of our letter containing our claim and after my return I furnished them with a duplicate and requested payment in full, since which time I have heard nothing from them.				

In my judgment it will not be wise for us to employ an attorney in order to bring suit for the recovery of our claim for 1898 and prior years for two reasons. In the first place it appears that the Town has slept on its rights and has never, so far as I know, demanded a settlement in full until this Council took the matter in charge, and in the second place the County officials hold our receipts in full for the amounts claimed.

While I do not like the idea of surrender on any part of this question yet I am of the opinion that an attorney's fee and the time consumed in conducting a suit would probably be more than we would get even if we were sure of winning.

The fact that the County Commissioners have, through the advice of their attorney, recognized that, under the law, we are entitled to our full share of road tax, will undoubtedly be taken as a precedent and in my opinion the Road Commissioners will feel it incumbent upon them to pay this as they would any other just claim. Therefore I feel that if we let them have time to collect the full amount of delinquent taxes and meditate a little they will pay the claim without coercion on our part.

Respectfully submitted:

J. B. KINNEAR, Mayor.

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be adopted and that the implied recommendation of the Mayor to accept the settlement as made by the County Commissioners for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901 be concurred in. Carried and so ordered.

Dates of fiscal year. On motion of Mr. Morrison the question of changing the dates of beginning and ending of the Town fiscal year, was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and recommendation.

There being no further business, the Council at 10:20 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. B. Kinneear,

Mayor.

B. W. Davis, Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., Monday, February 2, 1903.

The Mayor and Council met at 7:30 P.M. There were present, Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison, Scudder and Severance.

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

There being present several gentlemen, living on Ridge Avenue, the Council temporarily laid aside its regular order or business to listen to such matters as the gentlemen desired to present. Mr. J.A. Vanhorn thereupon renewed a request previously made by him to be allowed to cut the wood lying within the limits of Ridge Ave. Mr. William G. Ray stated that he had, at his own expense, secured the services of the County Surveyor to define the proper boundaries of Ridge Avenue, with the intention of clearing the street and obtaining the wood thereon. There being none others desiring to speak, action upon the matter was deferred until later in the evening, the Council proceeding in regular order of business as follows:

Unfinished business. - The Judiciary Committee reported progress in the matter of investigation of fees due bailiffs in making arrests.

Mr. Severance, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported verbally relative to an investigation of the status of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, there being ample ground, in his opinion, for proceedings against the road for violation of the provisions of its charter and of the ordinances of the Town, and recommended the adoption of an ordinance covering the points of complaint, said ordinance to be submitted at the next meeting of the Council and a copy thereof furnished the railroad company with request for presentation of any objections they may have to its passage. On motion of Mr. Scudder the recommendation was adopted and the Committees of Ordinance and Judiciary instructed to jointly prepare the necessary ordinance.

Status of Balto. & Washington Transit Co.

Mr. Morrison, from the Finance Committee reported, relative to changing date of fiscal year, that, as such date was fixed by the charter, legislative action would be necessary. In view of which, recommendation was made that no further action be taken in the matter. Without objection, the recommendation was approved and the committee discharged from further consideration thereof.

Changing date of fiscal year.

The Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Lights submitted a proposal from the Standard Oil Company to furnish 150° oil for lamps at the same price said oil was furnished by them to the retail merchants in Takoma Park.

Proposal of Standard Oil Co. for oil for street lighting.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the Mayor was authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Standard Oil Company for such illuminating oil as may be required, in accordance with the proposition submitted.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Report of Finance
Committee.

To the Mayor and Council:

Takoma Park, Md, February 2, 1903.

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:

C. & P. Telephone Company, Imo's rental telephone for bailiff.....	\$ 2.40	Eisinger Bros. Lumber.....	26.31
Standard Oil Company, Gasoline.....	57.70	Geo. F. Muth & Co., Lamps &c.....	29.20
William Watkins, 1/2 ton egg coal.....	3.75	E. E. Blodgett, Street work.....	25.40
C. Schneiders Sons, Plumbing tools.....	14.65	Ashley M. Gould, legal services.....	394.00
George L. Tarbell, Oil.....	57.40		\$ 570.81

L. MORRISON, Chy.

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be approved and payment of the bills ordered. Carried.

Appointment of
Board of Assessors.

Mr. Morrison moved that Messrs. George A. Warren, W. M. Wood and Ben G. Davis be appointed a Board of Assessors to revise the assessment of property for the ensuing fiscal year. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Scudder, from the Health Committee reported that two cases of scarlet fever had occurred during the winter; that the patients were again well and that the premises had been properly fumigated.

Petition for walk
on Sycamore Ave.

The Street Committee presented a petition of Mr. J. Lee Adams and others, requesting construction of a sidewalk "on Sycamore Ave, from the termination of the present walk to Elm Ave., thence east along the south side of Elm Ave., to the next intersecting street," with the recommendation that, in view of more pressing needs and lack of funds, the petition be denied. Which recommendation was adopted.

The Street Committee also presented a petition from Mr. James K. Depue requesting a walk to obviate the present bad condition on Sycamore and Ethan Allen Avenues, with recommendation that something be done if possible for the relief of this section.

Purchase of 1000
feet of lumber

Mr. Scudder moved that the Chairman of the Street Committee be authorized to purchase 1000 feet of lumber and to use such amount thereof as may be required to construct walks on Sycamore and Ethan Allen Avenues, in such manner, as in his judgment, can best bring the required relief as requested by Mr. Depue. Carried and so ordered.

Cutting wood from
Flower Ave.

The Mayor laid before the Council an offer from Messrs _____ to clear Flower Avenue and to place same in such condition "as circumstances will permit" if they be allowed to have the wood cut therefrom.

Mr. Derrick moved that the matter be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Street Committee to make such arrangements as he may

deem desirable for the disposition of the Wood on Flower Avenue and to expend in the improvement of the street such amount of money as may be obtained from sale or other disposition of such wood. The motion was carried.

Relative to the clearing of Ridge Avenue, the Chairman of the Street Committee was directed to confer with the gentlemen interested, who had appeared before the Council and to take action similar to that adopted for the improvement of Flower Avenue.

Getting wood from Ridge Ave.

The Council discussed informally the question of granolithic walks, taking no definite action thereon. The Judiciary Committee was directed to report to the Council relative to the amendment to the charter providing for construction of walks under the permit system and the necessary line of procedure to be taken thereunder.

The Committee on Water and Sewer submitted the following report:

Two members of the Committee, together with the inspector appointed by the Council, met Mr. Castoe, the contractor, at the pumping station on January 25 and discussed with him the principal features of the new engine and pump installation. Mr. Castoe agreed to everything asked for except the furnishing of two check valves and the placing of the new suction pipe under floor of building. The committee is of the opinion that the former are not needed. Regarding the burying of the pipe the committee believes it would be desirable to get it out of the way yet the committee is not sure that the contractor should be compelled to change it, since it cannot be shown that any protest was made against its present location until after it was in place. If the Council accepts it as at present located then the contractor should be required to surround the exposed part outside of the building with a brick wall neatly laid in cement and the space inside filled with dirt. The contractor promised to put a competent man in charge in two weeks (from Jan. 25) and to continue the work until completed. The Committee submits the following recommendations:
1st. That repairs to stream crossing near cess pool No. 1 be made, cost not to exceed ten dollars.
2nd. That the engineer be required to send a daily report giving hours worked on each job taken up, including exact time during which the pump was running. Giving list of supplies needed, recommendations regarding repairs.
3rd. That the Inspector of Plumbing be directed to examine the plumbing in and around each house connected with the Takoma water and sewer system and to report to the Council in writing the kind and number of connections he finds on each premises and to give a separate list showing what houses have a direct connection between the roofs and sewers. For this service it is recommended that the inspector be allowed pay at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per day.
E.M. DOUGLAS, Chairman,

Report of Committee on Water and Sewer.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Inspector of Plumbing be directed to inspect each house connected with the water and sewerage system, to ascertain the number of fixtures therein, and the number of houses with roof connections with sewer and to report the same to the Council. Carried.

Inspector of Plumbing to inspect all houses.

Mr. Scudder submitted the following:

To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., February 2, 1903.
Gentlemen:-In compliance with the request of the Mayor I was present at the interview he had with Mr. B.T. Galloway relative to beautifying Takoma Park and respectfully submit the following report:
Mr. Galloway suggests that we begin by planting trees on each side of two short streets in different sections of the Town and as the streets of the Town are but 40 feet wide and no parking exists on the majority of them it is thought that the trees will be better protected and the results

Report of Special committee on planting trees.

The Treasurer requested authority to refund \$77.⁷⁷ inadvertently paid by E.S. Parker, Trustee, on taxes on property belonging to another estate, and on motion of Mr. Derrick authority for such refund was granted.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Kinnear

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Tuesday evening, February 17th, 1903.

A special meeting of the Council, called by the Mayor, was held at the residence of the Town Clerk this date. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison and Scudder.

Request of J. M. Webber to change frontage of certain lots.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of a request by Mr. J. M. Webber to be allowed permission to face several contemplated houses on lots 1 and 2, block 78, on Takoma Ave. Mr. Webber was present and presented his request in writing, also requesting permission to erect the houses within 30 feet of the street.

The matter was considered at some length, Mr. Morrison finally presenting the following resolution which was adopted:

That the permission of the Council be and is hereby given to Mr. J. M. Webber to change the frontage of lots 1 and 2, block 78, from Baltimore Ave to Takoma Ave, provided that no objections be made to such change by the owner of lot 3, who shall be consulted relative thereto.

Regarding the desired permission to erect said houses within 30 feet of the street, inasmuch as the distance fixed by ordinance is not less than 40 feet, this matter was referred to the Ordinance committee for early recommendation as to any desired change in such ordinance.

Mr. Douglas called the attention of the Council to the failure of the contractor for the new pumping house to complete the work, and moved that the Mayor communicate with Messrs. Rosser and Castoe and inform them that unless the work be resumed by the 1st of March and pushed to completion without further delay, their bondsmen would be notified of such failure and requested to take the necessary steps to finish it. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the committee on water and sewers was authorized to purchase 100 pounds of cotton waste.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the Committee on Streets and Street lighting was authorized to purchase an additional 1000 feet of

lumber for use in necessary repairs of sidewalks throughout the Town.

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned.

Approved:

J. Kinnear

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis, Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., Saturday evening, February 21, 1903.

The Council met in special session at the residence of the Town Clerk at 7:30 o'clock p.m. There were present, Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison and Severance, Councilman Scudder was absent because of illness.

The minutes of the special meeting of February 17th were read by the Clerk for the information of the Council.

The Ordinance Committee, to which had been referred, for recommendation, any desired change in the building regulations, reported as follows:

To the Mayor and Council,

Takoma Park, Md., February 21, 1903.

The Ordinance Committee having investigated and looked into the advisability of changing or altering Ordinance No. 50, in connection with the petition from Mr. J. M. Webber requesting permission to place a proposed building within thirty feet of the street instead of forty feet as required by said ordinance, begs to submit the following report and recommendations:

- 1st. That the ordinance be not changed.
- 2nd. That the ordinance in this particular instance be waived by the Mayor and Council.
- 3rd. That the proposed building or buildings of Mr. J. M. Webber, to be erected on lots Nos. 1 and 2 of block No. 78, be placed not less than thirty feet from Takoma or Baltimore Avenues.
- 4th. That said building or buildings when and where erected be so placed that the proper sewer connections may be made.
- 5th. That the Mayor and Council direct the "Building Inspector" to issue permits to Mr. J. M. Webber to erect a building or buildings on lots aforesaid in accordance with above recommendations, provided said buildings shall be connected with the sewer before or at the time said buildings are finished.

Respectfully submitted:

J. B. DERRICK.

CASSELL SEVERANCE. } Committee.

E. E. BLODGETT }

On motion of Mr. Morrison the report was received.

The Council then proceeded to consideration of the recommendations in the order given and the same were adopted, No. 1 on motion of Mr. Douglas, No. 2 and No. 3 on motion of Mr. Morrison and No. 4 and No. 5 on motion of Mr. Douglas. [front on Takoma Ave.

The Clerk reported having communicated with the owners of lot 3, in block 78, who expressed willingness for the proposed houses of Mr. Weber to

Mr. Derrick presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Council hereby construes Section 1 of Ordinance 50, known as the Building Regulations, to pertain to frontage only; and that the side elevation of any building erected on a corner lot shall be not less than fifteen (15) feet from the side street adjacent to such lot.

The Council discussed informally the question of requiring all houses accessible to the public sewers to connect therewith within a specified time but definite action thereon was postponed to a regular meeting.

There being no further business the Council, upon motion of Mr. Morrison, adjourned.

Approved:

J. Kinnear

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis, Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., March 2, 1903.

The Council met in regular monthly session at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present: Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison, Scudder and Severance. Council Douglas was absent because of illness in family.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 2, and the special meetings of Feb. 17 and 21 were read by the clerk and approved.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business as follows:

Mr. Severance, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted a report as to fees etc., due bailiffs for services as follows:

Constables Fees and Compensations in Maryland.

Serving warrant and return -----	\$.75	Serving writ of replevin -----	\$.45
" search warrant -----	.75	" distraint warrant -----	.25
" summons - civil suit -----	.45	Summoning jury of inquest - For each juror -----	.15
" " witnesses -----	.20	Levying attachment for contempt -----	.75
" Scire facias -----	.40	Summoning appraisers in distraint, Each appraiser -----	.25
Levying " " -----	.20	Serving garnishee -----	.50
Delivering committed person to jailer -----	.75	For apprehension and conviction of hawk or pedlar without license -----	10.00
Entitled to 5¢ mileage for self and actual traveling expenses of prisoners.			
Poundage fees - 8% on first \$25.00 and 5% on residue.			

Constables fees.

Compensation of Samuel Queen for helping repair pump.

Relative to the matter of compensation due Mr. Samuel Queen for work in repairs to a break in the pumping machinery, the Water and Sewer Committee, to which the matter had been referred, thro' Mr. Seudder, recommended the payment of \$2.75. On motion of Mr. Morrison payment of this amount was directed and an additional sum of 75¢ allowed Mr. Queen as bailiff fees for making ar arrest.

Mr. Derrick, for the Ordinance and Judiciary Committees, reported verbally relative to action necessary to compel an adequate and regular service on the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company and recommended that the company be notified that unless prompt action be taken to improve the service an ordinance would be enacted compelling such action. A discussion of the matter showed the consensus of opinion of the Council to be that the committees should prepare and submit an ordinance at the next meeting, which ordinance, if meeting the views of the Council, should be submitted to the railway company with notice to submit such objections as they might desire to offer to its approval. This action, it was understood, would be taken by the Ordinance Committee and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Severance, from the Judiciary Committee, read the amended sections of the Charter relating to the construction of sidewalks under the permit system and explained the provisions thereof and the method of procedure necessary.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Ordinance Committee was directed to present at the April meeting of the Council an ordinance providing for the construction of granolithic sidewalks on Carroll Ave, from the District line to Columbia Avenue and on Takoma Ave, from Chestnut to Buffalo.

The Inspector of Plumbing, who had been directed to inspect the Plumbing of all houses connected with the water and sewerage system, and to report the result of such inspection to the Council, reported as follows:

Report of inspection of houses by Inspector of plumbing.

To the Mayor and Council:-

Takoma Park, Md, Feb. 28, 1903

Gentlemen:- Having been directed by the Mayor and Council to make a thorough inspection of the plumbing and fixtures in each house connected with the town water and sewerage system, I beg to submit the following report:

I have made a personal inspection of all plumbing except in a few houses that are vacant and which, therefore, could not be inspected. I find that, with very few exceptions, the plumbing is in good condition, there being occasional small leaks for want of new washers which I requested occupants to have supplied.

I find by the investigation some extra fixtures, etc, as follows: Rollinson Colburn, 1 extra fixture and two extra sprinklers; Azra J. Cory, leak in yard hydrant; Mrs. J. Q. Dorsey, 1 extra sprinkler; E. M. Douglas, 3 extra sprinklers; R. H. P. Ellis, small leak in bath tub fixture; David Feldman, 1 extra laundry tub, 1 yard hydrant and 1 extra sprinkler; Ashley M. Gould, leak in sink of house on Holly Ave.; Ashley M. Gould, Oak Ave., they think at house that roof was connected with sewer; Horace Gray, roof connected with sewer; Carrie B. Jackson, roof connected with sewer, 1 extra sprinkler; Louis H. Lee, 1 extra laundry tub; C. E. McDonald, 2 extra fixtures; W. V. Platt, 1 extra sprinkler; Mary E. Shedd, 1 extra fixture, 1 extra sprinkler; Emma F. Spencer, 1 extra fixture; J. H. Van Houten, 1 extra fixture; George A. Warren, 1 extra fixture, yard hydrant; Mary Wine, 2 extra

sprinklers, Fred L. Harries has kitchen sink which is not connected with sewer, dish and wash water running into street gutters, which, in warm weather, cannot be very agreeable to the neighborhood; I have turned off the water from the following houses; Charles E. Little and Geo. N. Beale, Grant Ave; J. W. Beale and Violet Bloomer, Carroll Ave. At the last named house I found no cut-off and was compelled to dig at main connection and cut water off at that point. I will have to dig to main again when water is to be turned on but propose to require a proper cut off inserted at that time. House that could not be inspected will be looked after when water is turned on. In regard to turning off water in the fall and turning it on again in the spring, I have never received pay for such service and the Mayor and Council can see that it is a loss to me to leave my work and attend to these duties whenever wanted. If this was done by plumbers it would have to be paid for. I now leave this report in the hands of the Mayor and Council and will be glad to explain anything they may wish to ask.

E. E. BLODGETT, Inspector of Plumbing.

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be received and referred to the committee on Water and Sewers for consideration and recommendation. Carried.

Mr. J. M. Webber presented a communication relative to sewer facilities for two houses to be erected by him on lots 1 and 2, block 78. In view of the grade of the lots Mr. Webber finds it impossible to utilize the sewer on Baltimore Avenue and requests the construction of about 300 feet of sewer on Takoma Avenue to connect his houses with the sewer on Chestnut Ave., expressing willingness to pay half the cost thereof.

Sewer for houses of J. M. Webber, Takoma Ave.

Upon consideration of the matter, the chairman of the street committee estimating \$100 as the probable cost of such sewer, Mr. Severance moved that upon the deposit of \$50⁰⁰, one-half the estimated cost, by Mr. Webber, with the Treasurer, the Inspector of Plumbing is hereby authorized and directed to construct a branch sewer from lot 1, block 78, along Takoma Ave., to the sewer on Chestnut Ave. Carried.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee on planting of trees and beautifying the Town, reported progress.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council:-

Takoma Park, Md., March 2, 1903.

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:

Thomas R. Riley, Lumber	\$ 44.44.
A. D. Maxwell, hauling waste	.50
E. E. Blodgett, Services inspecting plumbing	6.00
E. E. Blodgett, " on street work	39.00
Thos. Somerville & Sons, & inch. gate valve, etc.	16.93

Rumsey & Co., Supplies for pump and engine	\$ 8.05
C. M. Heaton, Rent of log cabin to July 1, 1902	48.00
B. G. Davis, Treasurer, Contingent expenses	2.95
Geo. L. Tarbell, Oil	12.10
	<u>\$ 177.47</u>

L. MORRISON. }
C. W. SCUDDER } Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

The report was adopted on motion of Mr. Severance and payment of the bills ordered.

The Chairman of the Street Committee submitted the following report of street work for month of February:

Report of Street
Committee.*To the Mayor and Council.**Takoma Park, Md., February 28, 1903.*

Gentlemen- I have the honor to submit the following report relative to street work for month ending Feb. 28th: new walk on Hickory Ave. to residence of F.E. Skinner; new crossing on Hickory and Montgomery Avenues; part of walk on Montgomery Avenue relaid and bank cut back; Sycamore Ave., walk repaired; new crossing on Sycamore and Columbia; new walk on Sycamore and Ethan Allen Aves (which Mr. Depue asked for); walk on Carroll Ave repaired; new crossing on Carroll and Grant Aves; new crossing on Carroll and Tulip Aves; walk repaired from log cabin to Magnolia Ave. and new crossing on Magnolia Ave; walks on Magnolia and Takoma Aves. repaired; part of walk on New York Avenue repaired; walk in front of log cabin repaired. The pipe under street on Tulip Ave. near Holly was completely filled up with leaves, brush, boxes and tin cans to a depth of three feet which has been removed and stakes driven across stream to prevent stoppage of pipe; also holes filled on each side of walk on Tulip Ave. where boards had broken in, from Carroll Ave. to school house; this work the Mayor asked to have done. In regard to the wood on Ridge Avenue, there seems to be some ill feeling between lot owners as to which should have the wood. I have decided to have the wood cut and will sell it and use the proceeds in filling in, getting pipe for low place in street and such work as is needed to put street in passable condition. I found on Saturday a large cave-in on Columbia Avenue over water pipe but could not have it filled on account of so much water. Put some bushes up and will have it filled as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E.E. BLODGETT, Chr. Street Committee,

On motion of Mr. Derrick the report was accepted.

Mr. Blodgett also submitted a communication from Mr. J.K. Depue calling attention to a portion of the pavement on Maple Ave. near the church and on Carroll Ave. east of Columbia Ave., which are below grade and covered with water in rainy weather, and stated that he would make the required slight repairs at an early date.

The Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Lights submitted also the following report:

Report on experi-
ments with gas-
line lamps.*To the Mayor and Council.**Takoma Park, Md., Feb. 28, 1903.*

Gentlemen:- The Town Clerk, having been directed to secure two street lamps on trial, one of 100-candle power which the clerk has on trial and one of 16 candle power which I have the care of, I desire to report on my lamp as follows: the light is very good - equal to gas lamp - but in my opinion the mechanism is too complicated for our use. In order to light it you first turn thumb screw and shut off tube leading to tip, then fill tank, turn screw just enough to let several drops of gasoline on small pan, close tight and then light and let burn off to heat tube - then turn on again and you have a good light. Now the Mayor and Council must take such action as they deem proper. My opinion is that we cannot use them.

Respectfully, E.E. BLODGETT.

In this connection the Clerk reported that his experiments with the 100-candle-power lamp had been eminently satisfactory and that the light given was far superior to any gas lamp, being a pure white light, very brilliant and remarkably steady; that it was also economical burning for eight hours with one-half pint of gasoline, a cost of 1/2 cents per night. The principal objection to the lamp was the time consumed in heating the burner - about one minute being required, but it is claimed by the manufacturers that with a blow-light, which would be required for a number of lamps two seconds only would be consumed in heating the burner sufficiently to generate the gas. In conclusion the clerk expressed a willingness to look after this

lamp himself if it were purchased and the necessary gasoline furnished him.

Mr. Morrison moved that the 100-candle power lamp be purchased and that the conditions offered by Mr. Davis to see to the lighting of it be accepted, the necessary gasoline to be supplied from the pumping station, and that the other lamp be returned to the manufacturers. Carried.

Purchase of 100-candle power gasoline lamp.

It having developed in the course of an informal discussion of street lighting that the present service is far from satisfactory Mr. Derrick moved that the Committee on Streets and Street Lighting take the matter under advisement and report to the next meeting of the Council such changes as in their judgement, will be beneficial to the Town in its street work and street lighting. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder, from the Committee on Water and Sewers, reported that the contractor had again resumed work at the pumping station and that it is hoped the contract will be finally completed at an early day.

On motion of Mr. Severance the Committee on Water and Sewers, in conjunction with the Health Officer, were directed to consider the advisability of requiring all houses along the lines of public sewers to connect therewith, and to report its conclusions at as early a date as is practicable.

Connecting of all houses with sewers.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition signed by Fred H. Thomas, and others, property owners, taxpayers and residents of East Takoma, requesting that a plank walk be laid along the north side of Carroll Avenue, from Mr. Joseph Allen's to Mr. Rays, on the west side of Sligo branch, a distance of 2200 feet. The petition was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

Petition for plank walk on Carroll Ave.

The Mayor also presented a petition from Messrs. H.M. Bennett and G.C. Chapman, residents of the District side of the Town requesting that permission be given them to connect their houses with the Town of Takoma Park, Md's sewerage system, without charge.

Petition of Messrs Bennett & Chapman to connect with Md. sewer.

Said petition was referred to the Committee on Water and Sewers for consideration and recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the necessary appropriation was authorized to purchase a chisel to replace one loaned by Mr. Blodgett and which was destroyed in work about the pump house.

Purchase of chisel for Mr. Blodgett

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to obtain or have made such friction-clutch blocks as may be required.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. Byron McP. Coon expressing the appreciation of those residents who travel Sycamore and Ethan Allen Aves. for the celerity with which the request of Mr. Depue for a board walk in that vicinity was complied with.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

Monthly report of
Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council,

Takoma Park, Md., March 2, 1903

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for February, 1903.

Balance on hand as per last report ----- \$ 4077.67

RECEIPTS:

From general taxes -----	\$ 473.97	
" water rents -----	201.00	
" redemption of tax property -----	10.00	685.77
		<u>\$ 4763.44</u>

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pumping plant: miscellaneous -----	\$ 10.25	
gasoline -----	37.70	47.95
Waterworks: plumbing tools -----		14.65
Streetwork: material -----	26.31	
labor -----	25.40	51.71
Street lighting: oil -----	37.40	
lamps and freight -----	30.45	67.85
General expenses: legal services -----	394.00	
refund of taxes -----	77.77	
Miscellaneous -----	12.60	484.37
Salaries: Engineer -----	48.00	
Lamplighter -----	50.00	
Clerk and Treasurer -----	20.00	118.00
Paid from redemption fund -----		10.80
		<u>795.33</u>
Balance on hand -----		<u>3968.11</u>
		<u>4763.44</u>

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

Approved:

J. B. Kearney

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Takoma Park, Maryland, Friday, March 20, 1903.

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor, the Council met in special session at the residence of the Town Clerk, at 7:30 o'clock, p.m. There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with and the Mayor stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering improvement of the streets, and such other business as may be presented.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., March 20, 1903.

Gentlemen: - Referring to inclosed statement showing condition of the finances of the Town at the present time, with estimated receipts and expenditures up to June 30th next, your committee earnestly recommends that, in accordance with the requirements of the law authorizing the issuance of bonds for the installation of a water and sewer system, the Treasurer be directed to immediately deposit the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) with the Washington Loan and Trust Co. as a credit to the sinking fund.

Your committee believes this to be of the utmost importance as there has been no deposit made on account of this Fund up to the present time, and should the bondholders become cognizant of this fact they might make it very interesting for all concerned.

Yours truly,

LISLE MORRISON,
E. M. DOUGLAS,
CHAS. W. SCUDDER, } Committee.

[Statement accompanying report:

Statement showing the condition of the finances of the Town of Takoma Park, Md, with estimated receipts and expenditures up to June 30, 1903;

RECEIPTS:

On hand March 20, 1903	-----	\$ 4,123.17
Outstanding taxes	-----	1,033.51
		<u>\$ 5,156.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Castoe contract	-----	\$ 2,105.00
" " Extras	-----	50.00
Inspection of work on Castoe contract	---	60.00
Gasoline	-----	112.50
Oil	-----	100.00
Salaries	-----	480.00
6 mos. interest on water and sewer bonds		1,140.00
" " " " general bonds	-----	45.00
Taking up general bond	-----	500.00
Sinking Fund	-----	500.00
Balance for incidental expenses	-----	64.18
		<u>\$ 5,156.68</u>

Deposit of \$500 to credit of the sinking fund.

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be accepted and the recommendation of the committee concurred in. Carried unanimously and so ordered.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to a newspaper article, which he proceeded to read, relative to an alleged dog fight in the Town and arrests of the participants by Deputy Bailiff George Day and Bailiff Samuel Queen. Deputy Bailiff Day was present and pronounced the newspaper ac-

Relative to dog fight.

count as practically correct, stating that the five prisoners were taken before Justice of Peace Guerry, the Mayor being in the city and that the Justice, without hearing any testimony announced substantially to the parties under arrest: "This being your first offense, and if you will promise not to come out here again for such purpose, I will let you off this time," and that the parties were thereupon released. Informal discussion of the matter developed the fact that the Council unanimously commended Bailiff Day for the bravery displayed in making the arrests and maintaining the peace of the Town and that the action of the Justice in releasing the prisoners without punishment was to be deplored.

The Council then proceeded to an informal exchange of views as to the condition of the streets of the Town and the necessity of scraping them and cleaning out gutters, etc., and as to how far such improvement could be carried in view of the financial statement submitted by the Finance committee. After considerable discussion of the matter

\$150 appropriated to scrape streets. Mr. Douglas moved that the Street committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150⁰⁰) in the scraping and improvement of the streets. The motion unanimously carried and it was so ordered.

Mr. Morrison moved that this work be done under the personal direction and supervision of the chairman of the street committee, he to be allowed \$3⁰⁰ per day for his services, to be paid from the amount appropriated. Carried and so ordered.

\$50. appropriated for cleaning dam. Mr. Douglas moved that Mr. Blodgett be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50⁰⁰) for cleaning of the dam and filter at the pumping station. Carried and so ordered.

Better service in Street lighting. Mr. Blodgett called the attention of the council to his efforts to secure greater efficiency in the street lighting service and in securing better returns from the salary appropriated for joint services of a man to light the lamps and work upon the streets and requested the views of the Mayor and Councilmen relative thereto. The matter was informally discussed, the sense of the Council finding expression in the following motion:

Mr. Douglas moved that the Council indorse and approve the efforts of the Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Street Lighting to secure better service in both Street Lighting and street work from the amount appropriated for that purpose. Unanimously adopted.

Liquor license at Wildwood. The Mayor laid before the Council the fact of the early expiration of the county liquor license under which liquor is sold at Wildwood and requested the expression of the Council as to steps that should be taken to prevent its renewal.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Mayor be directed to submit a vigorous protest to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George county

against the renewal of a license for the sale of intoxicants at Wildwood, and to submit and call attention to the clear provisions of the Act of the Legislature which places the power of licensing within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park in the hands of the Mayor and Council of said Town and that the committee on Judiciary be directed to draw up such letter of protest and submit it at the April meeting of the Council.

The motion unanimously prevailed and it was so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Clerk was authorized to secure certified copies of the Acts authorizing the issue of bonds for the installation of a water and sewer system.

Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Water and sewer returned the petition of Messrs. H.M. Bennett and G.C. Chapman asking permission to connect their houses in the District of Columbia with the sewer system of the Town, which petition had been referred to his committee for investigation and report, with the recommendation that the request be not granted. The recommendation was approved.

Recommendation on petition of Bennett and Chapman to connect with Md. sewer

Mr. Douglas also returned from his committee, to which it had been referred for recommendation, the report of the Inspector of Plumbing on the inspection of the houses connected with the water and sewerage system, (See page 122), with the following indorsement:

Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the following recommendations:

- 1st. - That the Clerk be directed to collect from each of the seven water takers for extra fixtures (as shown by report) for which payment has not been made for 1905.
 - 2nd. - That only one street sprinkler be charged for each of the premises where only one hose is used.
 - 3rd. - That the Inspector of Plumbing be allowed One Dollar for each time he turns water on or off, the same to be charged against the property affected, according to the plumbing regulations.
 - 4th. - That the five places from which the water is now turned off be inspected before it is turned on again. [in her house.
 - 5th. - That Violet B. Bloomer, or owner, of Carroll Avenue, be required to put in a proper street cut-off, without expense to the Town, before water is turned on.
 - 6th. - That the matter of surface drain on premises of Mr. Fred L. Harries be referred to ~~the~~ Health officer for appropriate action.
- It seems that the plumbing regulations have not been complied with in the past; your committee earnestly urges that they be strictly enforced hereafter.
- E. M. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Morrison said recommendations were considered separately, and upon consideration were duly approved, except the last which was ordered referred to the Inspector of Plumbing for remark.

Mr. Morrison moved that two trees on the sidewalk on Holly Avenue, in front of the house occupied by Mr. James McAllister, be removed as they were an obstruction and were destroying the walk. Carried and the Chairman of the Street Committee directed to have trees removed.

Removal of trees on Holly Ave. sidewalk

Mr. Scudder moved that two pine trees be felled at the pumping station across the stream and made into a bridge. Carried and Mr. Geo. Day.

directed to do the work.

The Council then proceed to a discussion of proposed sidewalk improvement for the ensuing year. After lengthy consideration of the matter and exchange of views thereon,

Mr. Douglas moved that the Chairman of the Street Committee submit at the next meeting of the Council specifications and plans for the construction of a cement walk, with necessary crossings, on Carroll Avenue from the District line to Columbia Ave., said walk from the District line to the log cabin to be of the width of the present brick walk on Carroll Ave. in the District, and the remainder of a width of four feet.

The motion was carried and it was so ordered.

Mr. Douglas moved that the thanks of the Mayor and Council be extended to the Clerk for the use of his residence for extra meetings of the Council. Carried.

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

Approved:

J. S. Kinneer

Mayor.

Ben B. Davis. Clerk