

Takoma Park, Md., Monday evening, April 6, 1903.

[Severance,

The Council met at 7:30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present: Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of March 20, were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

Under unfinished business the ordinance committee submitted draught of a proposed ordinance in relation to the running of cars upon the tracks of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company through the Town of Takoma Park. After an interchange of views upon the question upon motion of Mr. Douglas the ordinance was returned to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to incorporate therein a more definite schedule arrangement and to report at the next meeting of the council; and the Clerk was instructed to notify the railroad authorities that the proposed ordinance would be presented and acted upon at that time.

The Ordinance Committee also presented draught of proposed ordinance providing for construction of cement walk on Carroll Ave and copies thereof were provided members of the Council for their consideration until the May meeting, or such extra meeting as may be called.

The Mayor stated that the letter of protest to the Prince George Co. authorities against licensing the sale of intoxicants at Wildwood would be immediately prepared and forwarded as directed at the last meeting of the Council.

A petition was presented from Mr. John Powell inviting attention to work done by him on Sliquo Mill road in vicinity of his property and requesting that in compensation therefor taxes due on his property for the current fiscal year be cancelled. On motion of Mr. Scudder the petition was referred to the Finance committee for investigation and report.

A petition was presented from Mr. Fred H. Thomas requesting that steps be taken to remove a pool of stagnant water in front of his residence on Harris Avenue side. On motion of Mr. Scudder the matter was referred to the chairman of the street committee with authority to take proper action.

Mr. W. W. Cruitt appeared before the council relative to the condition of Poplar Ave., stating that the gutters were badly washed and that immediate repairs to the street were necessary. On motion of Mr. Douglas the chairman of the street committee was directed to take proper action.

Mr. John Powell called the attention of the Council to the condition of Sliquo Mill road and requested that repairs be made thereto. On motion of Mr. Scudder the street committee was directed to investigate condition of this road and to report result to the Council.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street committee returned the petition of Fred H. Thomas and others for walk on Carroll Ave, with following report:

To the Mayor and Council:

Takoma Park, April 1, 1903

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report on petition of Fred H. Thomas and others for plank walk on Carroll Ave. Now, as to this walk there is no doubt that these people need it and are entitled to it. I have looked the matter over and the condition in time of rain or snow on said street is almost impassable for ladies and children. Now the cost of this walk, if laid from Allens to Reys (about 2200 feet) would be about \$65⁰⁰ for a 12-inch walk. Therefore I would recommend that as soon as practicable, this walk be laid.

E. E. BLODGETT,

Chm. Com. on Streets and Lights.

On motion of Mr. Douglas the report was adopted,

Mr. John W. Hodges addressed the Council requesting repairs on an unnamed street upon which he is erecting a house. On motion of Mr. Scudder the street committee was directed to investigate and report.

Mr. Thomas Waters of S, called the attention of the Council to the condition of Flower Avenue and requested that action be taken for repairs thereto. Mr. Blodgett explained his efforts to secure location of line of this street and removal of wood therefrom, etc., and the matter was left in his hands for further action in accordance with previous recommendation of the Council

The Finance Committee submitted the following report.

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, April 6, 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:

National Publishing Co. 200 tax Circulars - \$ 2.50	Gary Bros., Hauling - - - - - \$.50	Standard Oil Co, Aladdin oil - - - - - \$ 6.75
E. M. Douglas, Gasoline tank, etc. - - - - 12.98	Thos. R. Riley, Lumber, (tank house) - - - - 3.03	" " " " " - - - - - 7.60
Louis Hartig, Cotton waste - - - - - 5.70	E. E. Blodgett, Tin, etc " " - - - - 4.25	" " " Gasoline - - - - - 31.25
Ben. G. Davis, Contingencies - - - - - .77	E. E. Blodgett, Inspection - - - - - 63.75	Robert Sullivan, Services at pump house - - - - 1.00
C. + P. telephone Co. Message to city - - - .10	E. E. Blodgett, tapping mains - - - - - 20.00	<u>160.18</u>

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

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee for planting of trees reported that, after consultation with Professor Galloway it was deemed expedient to defer the proposed setting out of trees until fall. Report adopted and special committee continued,

Upon request of the Treasurer an appropriation of \$2⁵⁰ was authorized, upon motion of Mr. Morrison, for payment of the Clerk to the county commissioners for furnishing to the Board of Assessors a list of property transfers for the past year within the town limits.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Assessors:

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., April 6, 1903.

Gentlemen:- In accordance with resolution of the Council appointing the undersigned a Board of Assessors and directing that a report be rendered at the regular meeting of the Council in April, we have the honor to submit herewith, the revised assessment.

In the preparation of an assessment, grave, difficult and embarrassing problems always confront the assessors, and while we admit a perfect assessment is utterly impracticable with the means at the command of the assessors, yet the present Board has endeavored to preserve the general principle on which valuations in Takoma Park have been based in previous years, viz: to set a fixed yet arbitrary valuation on property in the central or most valuable portion of the Town with a gradual diminution in the rate per foot as land recedes therefrom. There are, necessarily a few cases where this rule is deviated from, particularly along Takoma Avenue. We make this statement for the information of the Council in order that when they sit as a Board of Review they will thoroughly consider and discuss and contemplated changes and see that no one parcel is reduced lower than contiguous property.

The Thornton tract which has long retarded the homogenous development of the town's growth has recently been subdivided and this property is now, for the first time, assessed by Block and Lot at from one-third to 1/2 of the value placed thereon by the trustees as per their printed list of values. The assessment on this property last year was \$22,675 whereas the Board report a valuation of \$32,290 for the coming fiscal year, an increase of \$9,615.

A reduction from \$16,000 to \$12,000 has been made on the seventeen (17) acres of Mr. H. P. R. Holt, which the Board considered equitable, and a slight reduction was therefore necessary on the Carroll or Beall tract of un-subdivided land.

A number of houses never before assessed and mostly located on Ridge, Lee and Flower avenues have been added to the assessment roll.

The total assessed valuation of real estate is given at \$367,685, a net increase of \$8,615 over last year while the value of improvements has been increased from \$156,100 to \$165,000, an increase of \$8,900, making the total valuation of property liable to taxation, exclusive of personalty, \$532,685, an increase over that of last year of \$17,515.

Very respectfully,

GEO. A. WARREN
BEN D. DAVIS
Wm. M. Wood } Board of Assessors.

On motion of Mr. Severance the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee and the Clerk directed to give notice that the assessment had been presented and that the Council would sit as a Board of Review to consider complaints, at its regular May meeting.

Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Water and Sewer presented the following report:

Your committee is glad to report that good progress has been made in the installation of the duplicate pumping plant. The new engine and pump are in place and nearly ready for use. The new and old suction and discharge pipes have been placed under the floor and suitable drains provided. The committee congratulates the inspector for securing from the contractors everything asked for without extra expense to the town.

An extension to the gasoline tank house, the building of which was informally authorized by the Mayor and Council, has been completed by Mr. Blodgett and it is requested that payment for the same and for new tank, the total cost not to exceed \$30⁰⁰ be formally authorized by the Council as per bills to be rendered.

It is recommended that the purchase of bolted segmental sleeves for repairing defective water pipes be authorized as follows: 2 for 8-in pipe, \$6⁵⁰ each; 1 for 6-in pipe, \$3⁰⁰ each, 2 for 4-in pipe at \$2⁵⁰ each. Total estimated cost, \$19⁰⁰.

The committee recommends that it be authorized to engage one or more assistant engineers who can run the engines and pump during absence or illness of the chief engineer, no extra payments for services to be made by the town except when they are required by emergencies.

It is recommended that an expenditure of \$3⁰⁰ be authorized for the purchase of paint for use on the hydrants. Also that an allotment of \$5⁰⁰ be made for furnishing a cupboard at the pump station, in which the Engineer can keep tools.

E. M. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Derriek the report was adopted and the expenditures and recommendations authorized.

Condition of fire apparatus. The Council discussed at some length the condition of fire apparatus and hose. Mr. Blodgett stated that by the purchase of some hose splicers, rings and reducers about 300 feet of serviceable hose could be secured, and on motion of Mr. Scudder the purchase of the necessary splicers, etc., was authorized.

Exchange of fire engine for reels. A communication from the Howe Engine Co., offering to take the fire engine in exchange for reels, hose, etc., was reported back from the Water and Sewer committee, to which it had been referred, with the recommendation that the Mayor request a cash offer for the engine - and also a price to be paid in exchange for hose and reel. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Purchase of lock for log cabin. The purchase of a new lock for the log cabin and of a number of extra keys to be kept within the vicinity was authorized. On motion of Mr. Morrison all town fire apparatus is to be in charge of the chairman of the Water and Sewer committee.

Thanks to Brightwood Engine Co. and donation of \$25 to relief fund. Mr. Morrison moved that the Mayor and Council tender their thanks to the Brightwood Engine Company for efficient services at the fire which destroyed the residence of Mrs. Holmes on the 5th instant. Mr. Douglas moved to amend by authorizing an appropriation of \$25⁰⁰ to be sent to the District Commissioners as a donation to the Fire Department pension fund, in consideration of the efficient services mentioned. The amendment and the motion as amended were adopted.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights reported verbally, that, pursuant to instructions of the Council, he had consulted with Mr. Jones relative to Street Lighting and that he was unwilling to take that work alone. Mr. Jones was present and stated that it was impossible for him to do the street lighting at a less compensation than he was now receiving, but was willing to resume his work devoting time to such services as may be required when not engaged lighting and filling.

Mr. Scudder moved that Mr. Jones be continued as an employe under present arrangements. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett submitted specifications for proposed cement walks and the same were referred to Judiciary committee for consideration and report.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Chairman of the Street Committee was directed to sell the wood cut from Ridge Avenue to the highest bidder.

On motion of Mr. Morrison an appropriation of \$2⁰⁰ each was ordered as payment to Messrs William Jones and Samuel Queen for

watching the household goods of Mrs. Holmes, removed from her burning residence, on the night of the 5th inst.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council.		Takoma Park, Md., April 1, 1903.		Monthly report of Treasurer.
Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of March, 1903:				
Balance on hand last report	\$ 3968.11	DISBURSEMENTS:		
RECEIPTS:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 11.30	
From general taxes	927.42	Waterworks: miscellaneous	6.00	
" water rents	11.00	Street work: material	44.44	
" permits	28.00	labor	51.70	96.14
" deposit for sewer (J.M. Webber)	50.00	Street lighting: lamps	6.00	
	1016.42	oil	12.10	18.10
	\$ 4984.53	General expenses		5.30
		Rent: log cabin, one year		48.00
		Salaries: Engineer	48.00	
		Lamplighter	50.00	
		Clerk and Treasurer	20.00	118.00
		Gate valve and freight on same		19.28
				322.12
		Balance on hand		4662.41
				\$ 4984.53

Respectfully submitted:

BEN S. DAVIS, Treasurer.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned,

Approved:

J. B. Linnear Mayor.

Ben S. Davis

Clerk

Saturday Evening, April 18, 1903,

Request of contractors for payment of portion of contract price for duplicate pumping plant.

Upon call of the Mayor the Council met in special session at the residence of the Town Clerk at 7:00 P.M.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison and Scudder.

The Mayor stated that he had called the Council together to consider a request made by the contractors for the new pumping plant for the payment of a portion of the contract price thereof, and in view of the practical completion of the work recommended that the sum of \$1500⁰⁰ be paid the contractors on account.

Mr. Douglas moved that the sum of \$1000⁰⁰ be paid the contractors on account.

During the discussion of Mr. Douglas' motion strong objection seemed apparent to the payment of any part of the contract price prior to the completion and acceptance of the work, in view of the dilatory manner in which the contract has been prosecuted.

Upon a vote on Mr. Douglas' motion the same was lost, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the contractors of the action taken.

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned.

Approved:

J. K. Kinnear

Mayor,

Ben D. Davis

Clerk

Wednesday Evening, April 29, 1903.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Town Clerk at 7:30 p.m.

There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance, Mr. Derrick absent because of illness.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting to consider matters connected with the installation of the duplicate pumping plant, and laid before the Council a communication from Messrs. Rosser & Castoe, by Mr. A. V. Brown, their Engineer stating that the plant had been completed and was ready for acceptance.

The Mayor also laid before the Council a communication from himself to Messrs. Rosser and Castoe, accepting the plant, with certain provisions, and stated in connection therewith, that he had accepted the plant only after a thorough examination thereof by Mr. James T. Fink, Chief Steam Engineer of the U. Street pumping plant, Washington, D.C., who had indicated small defects which had been promptly rectified by the contractors. A copy of Mr. Fink's report was filed with a letter addressed to the Council by the Mayor stating his acceptance of the plant.

Acceptance of duplicate pumping plant.

On motion of Mr. Douglas the letter of the contractor giving notice of completion of the plant was referred to the Finance Committee for report and recommendation.

The Finance Committee returned the communication indorsed as follows: "Approved for payment of 1st installment on regular contract and whole of additional contract, less credit of \$26.26 for money advanced by the Town."

Payment of first installment for pumping plant

Mr. Douglas moved that the report and recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted and that the necessary appropriation be authorized. Carried and so ordered.

There being no further business to consider the Council, at 8:30 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

J. Kinnear

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 4, 1905

The Council met at 7:30 o'clock P.M., with the following members present: Mayor J. B. Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance; Councilman Derrick being absent because of illness.

Council sits as Board of Review.

Mr. Scudder moved that, in accordance with notice given, the Council resolve itself into a Board of Review to hear and determine any objections that may be offered to the assessment of property for the fiscal year 1905-4, as submitted by the Board of Assessors.

[assessment.

The motion was carried and the Mayor announced the Council in session as such Board of Review and invited a presentation of any objections to the

Protest of Mr. Ernest

Mr. J. P. Ernest, Trustee of the "Thornton Tract," addressed the Council relative to the assessment of that property, which he regarded as very high and requested such reduction thereof as, in view of his presentation of the matter, the Council might deem right and proper.

Protest of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. W. W. Anderson requested a reduction in the assessed value of his house, \$1000, which he regarded out of proportion compared with contiguous houses. No further objections were presented and those submitted were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Council thereupon resumed its session under regular order of business as follows:

Unfinished Business.—Mr. Severance from the Ordinance Committee, in absence of Mr. Derrick, submitted and recommended passage of the following:

Ordinance No. 97^{1/2}

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

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

Section 8.—That on and after fifteen (15) days from the passage of this Ordinance the said ~~Baltimore~~ & Washington Transit Company, its assignees, lessees, agents or employees, shall run and operate cars upon its tracks lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, in accordance with the following schedule, to wit: not less frequent than one (1) trip from each end of the line every thirty (30) minutes between the hours of seven (7) and nine (9) o'clock A.M., and between the hours of four-thirty (4:30) and six-thirty (6:30) P.M.; and between the hours of nine o'clock (9) A.M., and four-thirty (4:30) o'clock P.M., and between the hours of six-thirty (6:30) o'clock and nine (9) o'clock, P.M., not less frequent than one trip an hour from each end of the line.

And it is further provided, that if the Transit Company aforesaid fails to operate and run cars in accordance with the schedule herein provided, a fine of not less than fifteen (15) dollars shall be imposed for each day the said Transit Company fails to operate its cars in accordance with said schedule, said fines to be collected as other fines are collectable, as provided by the charter of said Town.

Mr. Severance moved the adoption of the ordinance and the same was adopted by the following aye and nay vote: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Clerk be directed to furnish a certified copy of above Ordinance to the owner or one of the chief officers of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company and that the bailiff be directed to serve a copy of the same ^{by delivery} to any officer, agent or employe of said company found within the limits of the Town.

Ordinance Relative to Schedule on B. & W. Transit Co.

referred by Mr. 10.65
(21:7)
(3:7)

The motion was carried and it was so ordered.

The Finance Committee returned the communication of Mr. John Powell requesting remuneration for street work, with the following indorsement:

<i>Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council recommending that Mr. Powell be paid for four (4) days labor on the streets, during 1902, 1903, at the rate of \$1.25 per day, and to be informed that no work should be done by him hereafter unless directed by the Mayor and Council specifically so to do. The payment in this case to establish no precedent.</i>	
April 29, th	(Signed) L. MORRISON, E. M. DOUGLAS, CHAS. W. SCUDDER. } Finance Com.

Report of Finance Com. on claim of John Powell for street work.

On motion of Mr. Douglas the recommendation of the Committee was approved and payment of the account ordered.

The Finance Committee also returned the report of the Board of Assessors, referred to it at the last meeting, with the following indorsement:

<i>Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council recommending that report of the Board of Assessors be accepted, the Board paid the customary amount for their services and discharged with the thanks of the Mayor and Council.</i>	
April 29th	(Signed) L. MORRISON, E. M. DOUGLAS, CHAS. W. SCUDDER } Finance Com.

Acceptance of report of Board of Assessors.

On motion of Mr. Severance the report was received and its recommendation adopted.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, returned the petition of H.H. Beall and others requesting the material to build a plank walk on Ridge Avenue for a distance of about 300 yards, with the following report:

<i>I find in looking over the petition of H.H. Beall, W.G. Ray and others, that it is not practicable to run a walk where asked for; one reason is, if I understand the location of the corporation line, we would be compelled to cross other property in order to lay walk; and second reason, we have no money available to build said walk; I would therefore advise that the walk be not laid at the present time at least.</i>	
	(Sgd) E. F. BLODGETT.

Mr. Douglas moved that the petition of Mr. Beall and others be laid upon the table. Carried and so ordered.

A petition from Mr. William C. Allard requesting abatement of a nuisance in the form of a pond of stagnant water near his residence, was referred, on motion of Mr. Douglas, to the Street Committee and the Health Officer for proper action.

A petition from Mr. Thomas Waters, of D., and others relative to desired street improvements in the vicinity of the Ridge Avenue section was referred, on motion of Mr. Scudder to the Finance Committee for report. Mr. Waters addressed the Council briefly in behalf of the section of the Town represented by the petition, after presenting the same.

Under call of committees action was taken as follows:

The Finance committee submitted the following report:

Report of Finance
Committee.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

May 4th, 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 recommended payment:

E. E. Blodgett, Tapping main and sewer	\$ 5.00	Thomas R. Riley, Lumber	19.15
" " Work on streets and sidewalks	18.75	James T. Fink, Services inspecting pumping plant	3.50
W. L. Fallmer, Brick	2.20	C. & P. Telephone Co., Messages for Castae	1.65
Montgomery Press—Advertising tax sale	25.00	C. Schneider Sons, Hose fittings	13.95
Ben G. Davis, Treds., Extra services on tax sale	25.00		\$ 113.70

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

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, submitted the following report:

Report of Street
Committee

To the Mayor and Council:—

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report relative to street work for the month of April: Plowed out gutters for scraping; run scraper one day and found road too dry and hard for satisfactory work; took up and relaid walk on Columbia Avenue; removed trees and bank of earth on Paplar Avenue for relaying walk; had lamp posts rammed and some reset where needed; had stone hauled for repairing Tulip Avenue where water stands in road; started work on street that Mr. Hodges complained of; had earth re-moved off of street and filled part of hole complained of near Severance's house; and other small jobs too numerous to mention.

E. E. BLODGETT.

Mr. Douglas moved that the report be accepted. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Douglas, from the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted the following report for the month of April, 1903:

Report of Water and
Sewer Com.

The pump was in operation 44 hours during the month, which includes 4 hours pumping an account of the fire at the Holmes house. Approximate number of gallons pumped—598000, of which about 55000 were used in putting out the fire. The engineer reports that the filter is working badly and that water had to be let into well direct from stream during the greater part of month. Sewer farm No. 1 is in bad order; repairs are needed in two places, and the cess-pool should be cleaned. It is recommended that a trial be made of lime in drying up the contents of the cess-pool, after which it should be cleaned out. It will require about five barrels of lime, and the removal of the sewage will cost about 65 cents per barrel. Approximate total cost \$25. It is recommended that right of way for wagons be secured to the cess-pool, or else a bridge be built across the stream opposite, for the reason that we cannot get a wagon to the cess-pool now without going over a private road.

The work at the pump station having been practically completed, your committee earnestly urges that sufficient funds be given for cleaning and painting the interior of the pump station, the supplying of the necessary oil drip pans and oil-can trays, one new oil can, and the cleaning up of the grounds. It is thought that \$25⁰⁰ will be sufficient to cover all of the expense of the same; a great part of the work can be done by the engineer. It is recommended that this work be done under the direction of Mr. Blodgett when the filter is repaired.

It is recommended that extra parts for repair of engines be secured. An estimate of cost of same is as follows: (as per attached letter No. 1.) 2 governor springs 20¢; 1 igniter, \$1²⁵; 2 electrodes, 50¢; 1 each, exhaust and inlet valves, \$3.00; 1 valve stem bushing, 25¢; 2 springs for inlet valve, 20¢; Total cost at factory, Springfield, Ohio, \$5⁴⁰; freight, about 60¢; total, \$6⁰⁰. Also repair parts for five Edison batteries at \$1⁴⁰ each, \$7.20.

Three of the fire hydrants are broken; repair pieces for same can be purchased of the Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., Troy, N.Y., at \$1.25 each, as per attached letter No. 2. The purchase of four is recommended.

E. M. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

Mr. Scudder moved that an appropriation of \$25⁰⁰, as recommended, for cleaning of cess-pool be authorized and that the rest of the report be received. Carried.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the necessity of repairing two bridges within the corporate limits and explained that said necessity was also urgent.

Mr. Scudder moved that \$50.⁰⁰, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for such repairs. Carried and so ordered.

The Treasurer submitted the following report relative to the sale for delinquent taxes:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., April 30, 1903.

Report of Treasurer
relative to tax sale.

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the sale for delinquent corporation taxes which was held in front of the log cabin on Thursday, April 16, 1903:

On the first day of March there was due on unpaid taxes slightly more than \$1200.⁰⁰. On that day a circular was mailed to each delinquent stating that unless paid on or before March 21st, their property would be advertised. This circular, in connection with a number of letters written to the larger tax payers, resulted in the collection of a very large proportion of the amount due, so that the list as finally advertised, which included an additional percentage to cover the cost of advertising and expenses of tax sale, amounted to \$380.84. Of this amount \$101.⁰¹ was paid previous to the date of sale which left a balance of \$279.83 to be sold.

The delinquent list was advertised in the Montgomery Press for three weeks previous to the sale and the printed list duly posted in five or more conspicuous places in the Town as required by law. In addition copies of the notices were sent to each delinquent, every effort being made to collect the taxes without subjecting the owners to the expense of sale, record and redemption.

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 two, one of which was withdrawn from the sale because of inadequate description and the taxes upon the other were paid two days after the sale.

The amount received as proceeds of the sale was \$188.07. The cost of the sale had been carefully estimated at \$68.⁰⁰ and that amount proportioned among the delinquents, none of the expenses therefore being chargeable to the Town funds.

Within ten days from the date of the sale a detailed report thereof was made to the circuit courts of Prince George and Montgomery counties and the sales duly recorded.

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

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the report was adopted.

Mr. Douglas moved that the Mayor and Council extend a vote of thanks to the Brightwood Engine Company for their quick response and efficient services in connection with the recent fire at the residence of Mr. George A. Warren. Carried.

Thanks to Brightwood Fire Co.

Mr. Scudder, commenting upon the necessity of an efficient man to take the position of fire chief, moved that that position be tendered to Mr. Oscar M. Judd. The motion prevailed and Mr. Judd was unanimously elected fire chief.

Election of O.M. Judd
as Fire Chief

On request of the Treasurer Mr. Douglas moved that an appropriation of \$10.⁰⁰ be authorized for the purchase of 500 stamped envelopes for the use of the Clerk and Treasurer. Carried and so ordered.

The Treasurer submitted the following report: and the same was adopted:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., May 1, 1903.

Treasurer's report.

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit herewith statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of April, 1903:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 4662.41		
RECEIPTS:			
From general taxes	\$ 341.15		
" proceeds of tax sale	188.07		
" water rents	25.00		
" permits	7.00		
" redemption of property sold for taxes	437.01		
" credit on bills paid by town and reimbursed by Rasser and Castoe	20.71	1018.94	
		\$ 5681.35	
			DISBURSEMENTS:
			Pumping plant: miscellaneous
		\$ 5.70	gasoline
		36.95	Waterworks: tapping fees
		20.00	Street lighting: oil
		14.35	miscellaneous
		16.50	General expenses
		54.82	Semi-annual interest on \$57,000.00 bonds
		1140.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer
		20.00	Engineer
		48.00	Lamp lighter
		105.50	Rasser & Castoe, first payment on contract for in-
			stalling duplicate pumping plant
		1605.00	Paid from redemption fund
		65.50	New pumping plant: expenses incurred by Town
		84.01	Deposited to credit of sinking fund
		500.00	
		3628.38	
		2052.97	Balance on hand
		5681.35	
As the Town's revenues for the present fiscal year are practically all in and there are certain fixed charges to be met as well as running expenses for two months I deem it prop-			
er to present the following statement to the Mayor and Council:			
As shown by above report there is a balance on hand of		\$ 2052.97	
Of this amount there belongs to the redemption fund and which is unavailable for current expenses	\$ 371.41		
During May and June there will be due for salaries to employes	248.00		
There is due on June 1, five general bonds of \$100.00 each	500.00		
There is due on the 28th of June final payment of \$500.00 on duplicate pumping plant	500.00		
June 1, interest on \$1500 general bonds	45.00		
Expenditures have already been authorized by the Council as follows:			
Construction of sewer on Takoma Ave, \$100.00; Street work, \$150.00; cleaning of dam at pump house, \$50.00; repairs, water pipes, \$27.00	327.00		
During the remaining 2 months there will probably be required for oil for street lamps and gasoline for engine the sum of	100.00		
	\$ 2141.41	2052.97	
		2052.97	
		\$ 88.44	
A prospective deficit of			
which does not include bills at present outstanding for oil, gasoline, etc, expenses of tax sale and others.			
Respectfully submitted:		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned,

Approved:

J. H. Kinnear

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Manday Evening, June 1st, 1903.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows and the same was accepted on motion of Mr. Scudder:

To the Mayor and Council,		Takoma Park, Md., May 31, 1903.		Report of the Treasurer.
Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and expenditures for the month of May, 1903.				
Balance on hand	\$ 2052.97	DISBURSEMENTS:		
RECEIPTS:		Expended on duplicate pumping plant	\$ 5.70	
From general taxes	\$ 33.13	Water and sewer system: tapping fees	5.00	
" water rents	27.77	Street work: material	\$ 19.15	
" permits	14.00	labor	45.65	64.80
" redemption fund	6.85	General expenses		94.90
	81.75	Salaries: Engineer	60.00	
	\$ 2134.72	Lamplighter	50.00	110.00
		Paid from redemption fund		378.26
		Total disbursements		658.66
		Balance on hand		1476.06
				2134.72
Respectfully submitted:				
	B. O. Davis, Treasurer.			

The Finance committee, to whom had been referred objections to the assessment for 1903-4, reported as follows relative thereto:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.		Takoma Park, Md., June 1, 1903.		Report of Finance Com. relative to complaints of assessment.
Gentlemen:- Referring to the protest of the Trustee of the Thornton tract in Takoma Park, Md., in regard to assessment, your committee would report that after careful investigation of the valuations fixed by the Board of Assessors, and comparing same with abutting property within the corporate limits, we cannot recommend any change in the assessment.				
In the matter of protest made by Mr. Anderson relative to assessment on the improvements on his lots on Oak Avenue, your committee would recommend that a reduction of \$100.00 be made in the assessed value of the house.		Respectfully,		
		LISLE MORRISON	} Finance Committee.	
		C. W. SCUDDER.		
		E. M. DOUGLAS		

Mr. Severance moved acceptance of the report and adoption of the recommendations. Carried and so ordered.

In the matter of the petition of Thos. Waters, et al., for improvements in streets in vicinity of Ridge Avenue, the Finance Committee, to whom the same had been referred, returned said petition with the following recommendation:

June 1, 1903.	
Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md., recommending that, in view of the financial condition of the town, no action be taken on the within petition, and that the petitioners be informed accordingly.	LISLE MORRISON } Finance Com. C. W. SCUDDER

On motion of Mr. Derrick the recommendation was approved.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Report of Finance
Committee.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

June 1, 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:

Standard Oil Co. Gasoline in May.....\$ 47.50	William H. Keene, Plumbing.....\$ 1.50	Giddings & Waters, Supplies.....\$ 10.20
" " " Oil and Gasoline..... 70.83	Thos. Redman, cleaning sewer pit..... 22.75	Woodward & Lothrop, Hose..... 3.30
" " " Oil..... 9.98	Treasurer, Contingent expenses..... 1.10	R. SeeK, Lumber for bridge..... 29.29
Trustees, Presbyterian Church. Rent..... 29.00	Somerville & Sons, Corporation cocks..... 8.16	R. SeeK, Street work..... 22.23
Anqus Lamond, Sewer pipe..... 27.00	Rudolph, West & Co., Yale Lock..... 1.50	<u>284.34</u>

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

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, submitted the following report:

Report of Street
Committee.

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., June 1, 1903.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report relative to street work for the month of May; The bridge over branch beyond Sligo was in a dangerous condition and I found on taking up the old plank that the sleepers were also rotted on ends and was compelled to lay new plank temporarily and make a second trip and get timber in woods and hew out new sleepers and haul to bridge, which is now complete except to get some long spikes for nailing down plank; cost amounts to \$35.²⁹; there are five plank left which I hauled to Sligo bridge and will repair. Sidewalks repaired on Poplar, Columbia, Carroll, Tulip, Takoma and Baltimore Avenues; broken pipe on Buffalo and New York Avenues repaired and gravel hauled and filled in; sink hole on Tulip Ave. drained to side of street and a stone drain put under ground; gravel hauled to repair hole in street and stone hauled to repair wall on Tulip Ave; pipe, manhole, brick and sand hauled for sewer on Takoma Ave; cement bought and stored in log cabin; dirt hauled to fill street at Mr. Bien's corner; gravel hauled and repaired a long hole at the crossing on Elm and Carroll Avenues, and a number of other small jobs done on streets and walks. Respectfully

E. E. BLODGETT,
Chairman, Street Com.

On motion of Mr. Douglas the report was accepted.

The Water and Sewer Committee submitted the following report for month of May, 1903:

Report of Water
and Sewer Com-
mittee.

Approximate number of gallons of water pumped during month, 944,000. For the week ending May 30, 108,000 gallons less of water were used than in previous week; the latter week was wet and cold, the former dry and hot. This shows, roughly, that the amount of water used for sprinkling was about 1500 gallons for each house. — The cesspool has been cleaned and the siphon is working all right. — Attached is a memorandum of repairs, etc., which it is recommended be undertaken as soon as possible after July 1.

E. M. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

Memorandum of repairs, etc., recommended: 4 drip pans for catching oil under the engines; new brass oil can for cylinder oil; brass tray for holding oil cans; painting of woodwork about pumping station and kalsomining interior brick walls; filling in of opening in wall where crusher belt went through; the building of a tool box outside of Southeast window; general cleaning up of grounds and filling in of depression at the north side; the building of a pit about new cut-off valve; the purchase of new sup-

pieces for renewal of batteries; purchase of renewal pieces for gasoline engine parts; iron sleeves for repairing broken water pipes; 4 repair pieces for broken hydrants. Expenditures for some of these items have already been approved by the Council but have not been made on account of a lack of funds.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the report was accepted.

Mr. Morrison, from the Finance Committee submitted the following resolution which was duly adopted:

That the Chairman of each Committee be and he is hereby requested to make a written report at the July meeting of the Council setting forth in itemized form the estimated amount of money necessary during the ensuing fiscal year for the transaction of the business of the Town which comes under the jurisdiction of his Committee.

Committees to submit estimates.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, presented the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 98

An Ordinance Regulating the Stringing of Wires, Etc.

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

Section 1. - That no person, persons, corporation or company, shall string, lay, hang, suspend or in any manner place wires of any kind on, over or under the public highways or streets within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, without first obtaining permission from the Mayor and Council of said Town.

Section 2. - That no person, persons, corporation or company shall, under any consideration, string, lay, hang, suspend or in any manner place telegraph or telephone wires on the same poles with electric light or electric trolley wires, or vice versa.

Section 3. - That all telegraph and telephone wires now strung on trolley poles over any street, avenue or alley within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, shall be removed within ten days from the passage of this ordinance.

Section 4. - That any person, persons, company or corporation desiring to string, lay, hang, suspend or in any manner place wires on, over, under or across any of the highways, avenues or streets within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, shall apply to the Mayor and Council of said Town, and if the said application shall be approved by them, the Clerk of said Town shall issue a permit for the placing of wires as per said approved application; but if said application shall be disapproved by the said Mayor and Council the wires shall not be so placed; and if wires are now so placed or shall be hereafter so placed without the permission of said Mayor and Council, said wires may be cut or removed by the order of said Mayor and Council, and said person, persons, company or corporation shall be subject to a fine as hereinafter provided.

Section 5. - That any person, persons, corporation or company violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine or penalty of not less than five Dollars nor more than fifty Dollars for each offense, and in default of payment of said fine or penalty shall be imprisoned in the county jail at Rockville for a period not exceeding thirty days.

Ordinance relative to stringing of wires.

Mr. Morrison moved that the ordinance be adopted, and the same was adopted upon aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, The Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison, Scudder and Severance. Voting nay, none. Councilman Douglas excused from voting.

Mr. Severance, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the specifications for cement sidewalks, referred to said Committee, with statement that same appeared to be properly drawn. Said specifications were thereupon referred to the Finance Committee for consideration in connection with the finances of the Town for the ensuing year.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance adopting
Assessment for
1903-4.

Ordinance No. 99.

To Adopt an Assessment of Real Property Made for the Purpose of Taxation.
Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1.—That the revised assessment of real property for the purpose of taxation, made under and pursuant to the Resolution of the Council of February 2, 1903, by George A. Warren, W.M. Wood and Ben G. Davis, and reported by them April 6, 1903, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1903, the Council having set at its regular meeting on May 4, 1903, 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, all appeals and complaints having been acted upon.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the same was adopted upon the following aye and nay vote: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Morrison, from the Finance Committee, presented the following:

Finance Committee
recommends rate
of assessment,

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., June 1, 1903.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with law and rules governing the premises, your committee has examined the affairs of the town so far as its present financial condition is concerned and investigated the probable expenditures that will be required during the ensuing fiscal year, and would respectfully recommend that the present rate of taxation for the current fiscal year (75¢ for general taxation and 50¢ for water and sewer) be fixed for the year commencing July 1, 1903.

Respectfully,

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

The report was adopted and in accordance with its recommendations Mr. Derrick submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance adopting
rate of ~~the~~ tax-
ation.

Ordinance No. 100.

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 Waterworks and Sewerage System.
Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.:

Section 1.—That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed value of the real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., as shown by the assessment adopted June 1, 1903, Ordinance No. 99, be and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1903.

Section 2.—An additional tax of Fifty Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed value of the real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., for the payment of interest, the creation of a sinking fund and the operation and maintenance of a waterworks and sewerage system, is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1903.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the same was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance. Voting nay, none.

A communication was presented from Mr. H.W. Talbott, of Rockville, Md., requesting an appropriation of \$17³⁰ to cover expenses - surveying, recording, etc., in transfer of certain lots from A.M. Gould to Town of Takoma Park. Mr. Scudder moved that the desired appropriation be made and that the Clerk be directed to request of Mr. Talbott his bill for legal services in connection with the matter. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Judiciary Committee, in connection with the Clerk, be directed to take up the matter of rights of way in connection with the water and sewerage system. Carried and so ordered.

Rights of way.

A petition from Mr. Samuel Queen complaining of manner of street work, etc, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration.

Appointment of officers.

The terms of the appointive officers of the Council having expired, nominations for the same were submitted as follows:

Mr. Scudder moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be appointed as Town Clerk and as Treasurer. Carried and so ordered. Mr. Davis was thereupon administered the oath by the Mayor and continued in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Douglas moved that Mr. E.E. Blodgett be appointed Plumbing Inspector and Building Inspector. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Morrison moved the appointment of Mr. C.W. Scudder as Assistant Plumbing and Building Inspector. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Morrison moved the appointment of Mr. O.M. Judd as Fire Chief. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Severance moved that Mr. George Day be appointed Chief Bailiff. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Scudder moved that all the present Deputy Bailiffs be reappointed. Carried and so ordered.

The street committee was directed to investigate and report upon matter of street water flowing into lots of Mr. Gould on Oak Avenue.

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned.

Approved:

J.R. Linnear Mayor

Ben G. Davis
Clerk

Tuesday evening, June 9, 1903

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Mayor this date at 7:00 o'clock P.M. There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison and Scudder. In the absence of the Clerk, Mr. Morrison was designated to act in that capacity.

The Mayor stated that he had called the Council together to consider conditions as relating to the Wildwood resort, the enforcement of Ordinance No. 98 and the appointment of deputy bailiffs.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Mayor be authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of Ordinance No. 98 relative to the stringing of wires within the limits of the Town. Seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Upon discussion of the matter and consideration of the steps involved the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Appointment of special bailiffs. Mr. Scudder moved that Messrs. Thomas R. Ryan and William Thomas be appointed deputy bailiffs for a period of one year and that Messrs. Edgar Morris, Mac Beach, James F. Phillips and Elmer Collins be appointed special deputy bailiffs to serve for a period of thirty (30) days from date of taking the oath of office.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Douglas moved that the Water and Sewer Committee be authorized to purchase three hydrant wrenches - two for the use of the Brightwood Engine Company and one for use of the Town. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Scudder moved that the action of the Water Committee in authorizing Mr. M. E. Rose to use city water from the residence of Mr. Bailey during the summer, for the sum of \$1⁰⁰, be approved. Carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 8 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

J. B. Kinnear

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Tuesday Evening, June 16, 1903.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Town Clerk, at 8 o'clock P.M. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Derrick, Douglas, Morrison and Scudder.

The Mayor stated that he had called the Council together to consider the matter of legal procedure in the injunction proceedings brought against the Town by the lessees of the Wildwood resort. The Mayor further stated that he had been in correspondence with Attorney Edward C. Peter, of Rockville, recommended as one of the leading members of the Rockville bar, with a view of engaging him to look after the interests of the Town, and that on Sunday evening, the 14th inst, in company with the Town Clerk and Councilman Severance, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, he had visited Mr. Peter at Rockville and consulted with him regarding the case. The Mayor thereupon read a letter from Mr. Peter, received today, requesting certain information and stating that he deemed it advisable to associate with himself in the case Mr. C.W. Prettyman and suggested, in view of the probability of the case being hotly contested, a retainer fee of \$100.00.

Mr. Douglas moved that Messrs. Peter and Prettyman be engaged as counsel for the Town and directed to immediately proceed with an answer to the restraining order issued against the Town and that an appropriation of \$100.00 be authorized as a retainer fee.

The motion carried and it was so ordered.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company requesting permission to string one pair of wires from the railroad tracks along Baltimore Avenue, to pole #6, in order to furnish telephone service to Messrs. Miller and Waters. On motion of Mr. Douglas such permission was granted.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Ordinance Committee was directed to prepare for consideration of the Council an Ordinance relating to licenses for various forms of amusements, regulation of pleasure resorts, etc.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Kinnear Mayor

B. G. Davis

Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., Thursday Evening, June 18th. 1903.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Town Clerk at 8 o'clock this evening to consider proposed Ordinance to regulate and license various forms of amusements, etc. There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee thereupon presented the following:

Ordinance No. 101.

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

Section 1.—That no person, persons, company or corporation shall open, keep, run, operate or maintain any place of public amusement, club house, pool room, base ball park, picnic grounds, camp meeting, theatrical shows, or any other like plays, games, shows, etc., within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, without obtaining a special license for the same from the Mayor and Council of the said Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Section 2.—That any person, persons, company or corporation desiring to open, keep, run, operate or maintain any place of public amusement, club house, pool room, base ball park, camp meeting, picnic grounds, theatrical shows, or any like plays, games, shows, etc., within the corporate limits of the said Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, shall make application to the said Mayor and Council of the said Town for a license for the same, and if said application shall be approved by the said Mayor and Council, the Clerk of the said Town shall issue the license according to the application as approved by the said Mayor and Council, upon the payment of the specified sum as fixed by the said Mayor and Council upon each and every application separately.

Section 3.—That there shall be no stipulated or general fixed sum for said licenses, but that each application shall be considered, and license granted, separately; and that the special sum charged on each particular application shall be fixed as deemed proper by the said Mayor and Council.

Section 4.—That any person, persons, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding Fifty (\$50⁰⁰) Dollars for each offense, and in default of the payment of the fine or fines imposed, shall be imprisoned for a period of not exceeding thirty days, or until such fine or fines shall have been paid.

Mr. Scudder moved the adoption of the Ordinance and the same was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance. Voting nay, Mr. Blodgett.

The Mayor laid before the Council a request from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for permission to string wires from telephone pole to residence of Rev. Wm. Hart Dexter. Mr. Douglas moved that the requested permission be granted. Carried and so ordered.

The being no further business the Council thereupon at 9:10 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

B. W. Davis

Clerk

Approved:

J. Kinnear

Mayor

repealed by No. 1269 (2-1-20)

Monday Evening, June 22, 1903.

Upon call of the Mayor the Council assembled in special session at the residence of the Town Clerk at 7:30 o'clock P.M. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Scudder and Severance.

The Mayor announced that he had called the Council together to meet Mr. H.W. Talbott, of the law firm of Talbott and Prettyman, who would talk with the Council regarding proposed action upon the part of the town in the Wildwood case.

Mr. Talbott thereupon discussed with the Council in an informal manner the status of the injunction proceedings and recommended as the advice of the attorneys of the Town that an appeal be at once taken to the Court of Appeals, explaining that such appeal, if granted, accompanied by a bond of \$2000.00, would set aside the pending injunction and restore the status existing before the grant of said injunction.

In view of the proceedings in the District of Columbia, the Council deemed it unnecessary to take immediate action upon the necessary bond and after further conference with Mr. Talbott, at 9:15 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

J. P. Zimmar Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Thursday Evening, June 25, 1903

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Town Clerk at 8:00 o'clock, P.M., there being present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Severance.

Mr. C.W. Prettyman, of the Rockville bar, one of the attorneys of the Town in the Wildwood case was present and discussed at some length the proposed appeal to the Court of Appeals in the case mentioned and the effect of the proposed action. The matter was thoroughly considered by the Council and its attorney, at the conclusion of which Mr. Morrison offered the following resolution:

That the Attorneys for the Town of Takoma Park in the injunction proceedings instituted against said town by Robert S. Turner, lessee of the "Wildwood" resort, be instructed to take an appeal to the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland and that the proper officers of said Town are hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary bond required by the Court.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and the necessary bond in the sum of \$2000 was prepared, Messrs. J. B. Kinnear, E. M. Douglas, Ben G. Davis and J. Vance Lewis qualifying as bondsmen.

Mr. Douglas moved a reconsideration of Ordinance No. 101, passed and approved June 18, 1903. The motion carried.

Mr. Douglas moved that the Ordinance be referred back to the Ordinance Committee for further consideration. Carried.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Ordinance Committee be instructed to prepare and present for the consideration of the Council an Ordinance embodying the essential features of Ordinance No. 101 and an additional ordinance for the prohibition of gambling, etc.

The motion was carried and so ordered.

On motion the Judiciary Committee was instructed to prepare a communication to Messrs. Peter and Prettyman, Attorneys, requesting an opinion as to the powers of the Council under the several ordinances relating to the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company.

The Council thereupon adjourned.

Ben G. Davis

Clerk.

Approved:

J. B. Kinnear

Mayor.