

Monday evening, June 6th, 1904

The Council met in regular session at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Acting Mayor Morrison, who presided during the session and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas and Scudder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and with slight corrections approved.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

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| To the Mayor and Council                                                                                         |       | Takoma Park, Md. June 1, 1904. |                   |
| Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, 1904: |       |                                |                   |
| Balance on hand last report                                                                                      | ----- | \$ 2244.77                     |                   |
| Receipts:                                                                                                        |       |                                |                   |
| From water rents                                                                                                 | ----- | \$ 35.08                       |                   |
| " permits issued                                                                                                 | ----- | 9.00                           | 44.08             |
|                                                                                                                  |       |                                | <u>\$ 2288.85</u> |
| Disbursements:                                                                                                   |       |                                |                   |
| Pumping plant                                                                                                    | ----- | \$ 34.49                       |                   |
| Waterworks                                                                                                       | ----- | 124.65                         |                   |
| Sewerage system                                                                                                  | ----- | 1047.50                        |                   |
| Street work                                                                                                      | ----- | 125.93                         |                   |
| Street lighting                                                                                                  | ----- | 24.30                          |                   |
| General expenses                                                                                                 | ----- | 85.00                          |                   |
| Salaries                                                                                                         | ----- | 103.00                         |                   |
| Cement walks, preliminary expenses                                                                               | ----- | 34.51                          |                   |
|                                                                                                                  |       |                                | <u>1579.38</u>    |
|                                                                                                                  |       |                                | <u>709.47</u>     |
|                                                                                                                  |       |                                | <u>\$ 2288.85</u> |
| Respectfully submitted:                                                                                          |       |                                |                   |
| B. F. Gilbert, Clerk.                                                                                            |       |                                |                   |

Without objection the report took the usual course of reference to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

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| To the Mayor and Council,                                                                                                                                                                                       |       | June 6, 1904.                                                 |                                              |
| 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: |       |                                                               |                                              |
| Contingent expenses                                                                                                                                                                                             | ----- | \$ 1.50                                                       | E. E. Blodgett, Services, etc. ----- \$ 3.75 |
| Grand P. Telephone Co.                                                                                                                                                                                          | ----- | 2.10                                                          | " " " " ----- 3.66                           |
| Geo. F. Muth & Co., Globes and wicks                                                                                                                                                                            | ----- | 3.47                                                          |                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |                                                               | <u>\$ 14.48</u>                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       | L. MORRISON<br>CHAS. W. SCUDDER } Committee.<br>E. M. DOUGLAS |                                              |

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

The Acting Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. B. F. Gilbert inclosing a bill from the United Realty Co.

for \$100<sup>00</sup> for "services rendered and money expended in connection with the purchase of land for sewer farm,"

Without objection the bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Messrs Talbott and Prettyman, Attorneys, inclosing their written opinion as to the validity of deeds to land purchased by the Town for sewage disposal field, together with their bill for \$157<sup>00</sup> for services in connection with the matter. The Acting Mayor stated that he had returned the original opinion for signature of the attorneys, the inclosure being a copy thereof as follows:

To the Town of Takoma Park:-

We hereby report that, in our opinion, the Town of Takoma Park has a good title to the land conveyed to the said Town of Takoma Park by George C. Tower and Lizzie M. Tower, his wife, by deed dated May 16, 1904, and by Foster R. Green, Emma S. Mellen, William A. Mellen and Thomas G. Hensey, administrator c. t. s. of George F. Mellen, deceased, by deed dated May 18, 1904, both of said deeds having been recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for Prince George's County, in the state of Maryland, on May 27, 1904. This opinion is based upon the abstract of title made by Messrs Magruder & Magruder in part and in part upon our own examination. Said land is, in said deed, described as follows:-

Being parts of Blocks numbered twenty-nine (29) and forty-two (42) of Takoma Park. Beginning at a sycamore tree located South forty-six degrees, thirty minutes East, one hundred and seventy-six and seven-tenths feet from a rock standing on the East side of the Sligo Mill road, said rock being distant three hundred and twenty and seven-tenths feet on a course drawn South twenty-six degrees, thirty-nine minutes West, from a point on said side of said road opposite an old mill, and running from said sycamore tree South seventy degrees thirty-five minutes East, five hundred and eight and eight-tenths feet; South fifty-eight degrees, five minutes East, one hundred and twenty-one feet; South thirty-nine degrees, twenty-five minutes West, ninety-five feet; South sixty-seven degrees, forty minutes West, two hundred and three feet to or near a spring branch; South thirty-two degrees, twenty-five minutes West, one hundred and thirty-six feet; South eighty-five degrees, thirty-five minutes East, two hundred and thirty six feet to a rock; South fifty-nine degrees, thirty minutes East, two hundred and eighty-two feet to a peg near a beech tree; North sixty-five degrees, twenty-five minutes East, two hundred and one feet to a peg and pile of stones; North twenty-nine degrees, thirty minutes West, one hundred and seventy feet to a stake and stones; North fifteen degrees, thirty minutes East, three hundred and seventy-five feet; North seventy-four degrees, thirty minutes West, eight hundred and eighty feet; South twenty-six degrees West, one hundred and seventy-five feet to the sycamore tree at the place of beginning. Containing seven acres of land, more or less. Designated on the plat filed with the deed as parcel "A."

Also the right and privilege to build, construct and lay out and maintain upon and across a parcel of land contiguous to the above described land and lying between the last line of the above description and the said Sligo Mill road, said parcel of land being also laid down and described upon said plat, embraced within red lines drawn thereon and designated by the letter "H," such line or lines of water or sewer pipes or mains as may be found by said Town of Takoma Park convenient, necessary or proper for the use of said Town and, for said purpose, to dig or lay trenches or conduits upon said land and to enter upon and pass over said parcel of land, with all tools and appliances, workmen and conveyances that may be necessary for that purpose.

On May 31, 1904, an order was passed by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, sitting as a Court of equity, directing the receiver, Mr. James C. Rogers, appointed by said Court, to deliver the possession of the said property to the Town of Takoma Park, so that the title and the right of possession are both in said Town.

The state and county taxes for 1902, 1903 and 1904 upon said property have not been paid and the property was sold for taxes due for 1902 and 1903 and bought in by the Treasurer of said County. The time for redemption has not passed and upon payment to the

Treasurer of Prince George's County of the amounts due, this trouble will be eliminated. The tax bills showing the amounts due were left by us with the United Realty Company some days ago to be used in adjusting the purchase money for said land.  
 We make no report upon taxes due to the town of Takoma Park,  
 Rockville, Md., June 2, 1904.

Mr. Douglas moved that the bill of Messrs. Talbott and Prettyman for \$157<sup>00</sup> for services in connection with the purchase of sewage disposal field, be approved and payment authorized. Carried and so ordered.

The Clerk was instructed to confer with the United Realty Company and the Treasurer of Prince George Co. relative to delinquent taxes due upon the property purchased and to arrange for settlement of the same.

There being no further business, the Council, upon motion of Mr. Derrick at 9:30 P.M. adjourned "without date."

Approved:

*J. B. Derrick*  
 Mayor.

*Ben G. Davis* Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 6, 1904.

Immediately following the adjournment, "without date" of the Council, as above recorded, the new Council, the members of which had subscribed to the oath of office as stated in the minutes of the meeting of May 31, 1904, was called to order by the Clerk, the following members answering to their names: E. E. Blodgett, J. B. Derrick, E. M. Douglas, Lisle Morrison, E. W. Scudder and J. H. Van Houten.

In the absence of the Mayor-elect, Mr. Douglas moved that Mr. Morrison be elected <sup>Acting</sup> Mayor to serve in the absence of the Mayor. The motion was unanimously carried and Mr. Morrison presided during the session.

Mr. Douglas moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be appointed Clerk for the ensuing year. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Scudder moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be also appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried and so ordered.

The oath of office was thereupon administered by the Acting Mayor and Mr. Davis continued in the exercise of his duties.

Mr. Scudder moved that George M. Day be appointed Bailiff. Carried and so ordered.

Appointment of deputy bailiffs and other officials was deferred until a future meeting.

Mr. Douglas, moved, in view of the probable disbursement of large sums during the coming year that the bond of the Treasurer be increased to \$5000<sup>00</sup> and that the necessary appropriation for increased premium thereon be authorized. The motion was carried.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Douglas and Mr. Scudder:

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md. June 1, 1904.

Sirs:- We have the honor to submit the following estimate of expenses on account of water and sewers for the fiscal year, 1904:

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| Engineers salary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 600.00  |
| Oil, gasoline, cotton waste and packing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 475.00     |
| Repairs to pumping plant, water mains, sewers, filter, and sundry expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |            |
| Expenses on account of change in location of sewer farm, estimated total cost, \$5200, of which the Adventists will pay \$1200 and abutting property owners about \$1200, leaving \$2800. for the Town to pay. It is proposed to pay this in five installments, \$700 the first year, \$500 plus interest each succeeding year until the fifth, when \$600 will be paid. Payment for 1904 | 700.00     |
| Extension of water main Carroll Avenue, less payments by abutting property owners                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 200.00     |
| Interest on \$60000 water and sewer bonds at 4 per cent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2400.00    |
| Sinking fund                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 500.00     |
| Total liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 5300.00 |

Estimated income:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Water rents   | \$ 1300.00 |
| Tapping mains | 100.00     |
| Total income  | 1400.00    |

Balance to be raised by taxation \$ 3900.00  
or 75 cents on each \$100<sup>00</sup> of assessed valuation

The committee recommends that the tapping of water mains and the inspection of plumbing be placed under the charge of the Water and Sewer Committee, it being the belief of the committee that the Town should receive the benefit of any income derived from those sources.

Respectfully submitted.

E.M. DOUGLAS  
CHAS. W. SCUDDER.

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be received and that the recommendation relative to tapping and inspection be approved. Carried.

The Clerk laid before the Council an application from Mr. Lee R. Grabill for the position of Engineer in charge of contemplated municipal improvements. Without objection the same was referred to Mr. C. W. Scudder, already appointed to that position, for consideration and reply.

The Council thereupon proceeded to consideration of the rate of tax assessment for the ensuing year. After extended discussion Mr. Douglas moved that the tax rate for general purposes be fixed at 75 cents per \$100<sup>00</sup> and that a special tax for waterworks and sewer purposes at 75 cents per \$100 be fixed for the fiscal year 1904-5. The motion was carried and embodied in ordinance as follows:

Ordinance No. 107.

*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, Maryland.*

*Section 1. That a general tax of Seventy-five (75) cents on each one hundred (100) dollars of assessed value of the real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as shown by the assessment adopted May 2, 1904, Ordinance No. 104, be and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904.*

*Section 2. An additional tax of Seventy-five (75) cents on each one hundred (100) dollars of assessed value of the real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, for the payment of interest, the creation of a sinking fund and the operation and maintenance of a waterworks and sewerage system, is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904.*

Mr. Douglas moved the adoption of the ordinance and a ye and nay vote thereon resulted as follows: Voting ye Messrs. Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Van Houten. Voting nay, Mr. Blodgett. So the ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to prepare blank vouchers and other blank forms used in the payment of moneys. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Council, at 10:30 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Scudder, adjourned.

Approved:

*J. H. Kinnear*

Mayor.

*Ben D. Davis* Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 20. 1904.

Pursuant to public notice a meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel this date for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of 10000 square yards, more or less, of cement sidewalks.

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

The Council convened at 7:30 o'clock and previous to opening of the bids, transacted the following business:

The Mayor announced standing committees of the Council for the ensuing term as follows:

Finance. - L. Morrison, Chairman; E. M. Douglas; J. H. Van Houten.

Health and Sanitation. - J. H. Van Houten, Chairman; L. Morrison; E. E. Blodgett.

Streets and Street Lighting - E. E. Blodgett, Chairman; L. Morrison; J. H. Van Houten.

Water and Sewer. - C. W. Scudder, Chairman; E. M. Douglas; J. B. Derrick.

Judiciary and Ordinance. - J. B. Derrick, Chairman; C. W. Scudder, E. M. Douglas.

Mr. Douglas moved that Mr. Scudder be appointed Engineer in charge of cement walks and sewerage system improvements with similar authority conferred upon him by resolution of the previous council under date of May 31. 1904. Carried.

Mr. Douglas, from the Water and Sewer committee submitted the following report:

June 20. 1904

The Sewer and Water Committee wishes to again recommend the removal of the stone crusher house from its present site to a point about 80 feet north of the gasoline tanks. Mr. Blodgett estimates that this work can be done for \$50<sup>00</sup> which includes the boxing of the stone crusher after it is moved into the street, also the boarding up of the open end of the crusher house.

E. M. DOUGLAS.  
CHAS. W. SCUDDER.

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be adopted and its recommendations approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morrison moved that the special committee consisting of Messrs. Scudder, Douglas and Derrick, having in charge matters pertaining to the construction of cement sidewalks, be reappointed and that said committee be given jurisdiction over the proposed extension of the sewerage system and the construction of the new <sup>sewerage</sup> disposal plant. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Treasurer was authorized to pay to Mr. R. G. Hilton, Clerk to the County Commissioners, the sum of Three Dollars for furnishing list of real estate transfers for the past year to the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee on cement walks, submitted bill of Mr. Norman Jackson, amounting to \$64<sup>50</sup>, for surveying in connection with that work and recommended its payment.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the bill was approved and payment ordered.

The hour of eight o'clock having arrived the Mayor announced that the time for the receiving of bids for the construction of 10000, more or less, square yards, of cement walks, had expired, and laid before the Council seven (7) sealed proposals for the work. The bids were thereupon opened in the presence of the Council and of representatives of the firms interested and were, in detail, as follows:

|                                                                                                                                                                                 | Rosser & Castoe Company | The Brennan Construction Co. | Warren Bros. Company | Cranford Paving Co. | J. B. Stubbs. | Fred Drew | Lyon Bros. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| For sidewalks, including cut or fill of one (1) foot, with guarantee for five years accompanied by bond for that period per sq. yd                                              | \$ 1.12 1/2             | \$ 1.17                      | \$ 1.21 1/2          | \$ 1.29             | \$ 1.33       | \$ 1.46   | \$ 1.59    |
| For sidewalks, including cut or fill of one (1) foot with guarantee for five years, ten per cent (10%) of the cost of the entire work being withheld for that period per sq. yd | 1.14                    | 1.24                         | -----                | 1.35                | 1.33          | 1.48      | 1.66       |
| For extra grading, including haul per cu. yd                                                                                                                                    | 0.44                    | 0.35                         | 0.50                 | 0.40                | 0.45          | 0.35      | 0.75       |
| For cement steps per lin. ft.                                                                                                                                                   | 0.90                    | 0.50                         | 0.75                 | 0.55                | 0.75          | 0.60      | 1.25       |
| For extra concrete per cu. yd                                                                                                                                                   | 7.25                    | 5.50                         | 5.50                 | 5.00                | 6.50          | 6.00      | 8.00       |

Mr. Morrison moved that all bids be referred to the special committee having in charge the sidewalk improvements for consideration, with instructions to report to a special meeting of the Council, as early as practicable, The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Council thereupon, at 9:20 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved: *J. B. Keim*

Mayor.

*Bruce Davis* Clerk

Thursday Evening June 23, 1904.

A special meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel at 8 o'clock p.m. this date. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Van Houten,

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called to consider the report of the special committee on cement walks relative to the award of the contract for that work. Thereupon Mr. Scudder, Chairman of said Committee, submitted the following report:

| Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          | Takoma Park, Md., June 23, 1904 |                 |                          |              |           |             |
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| Gentlemen:- The special committee on the construction of Sidewalks and Sewers to which was referred the bids for the construction of cement sidewalks, respectfully report that the seven bids received are as follows:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                 |                 |                          |              |           |             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Roser and Caste Company. | The Brennan Construction Co.    | Warren Bros. Co | Cranford Paving Company. | J. B. Stubbs | Fred Drew | Lyons Bros. |
| For sidewalks, including cut or fill of one (1) foot, with guarantee for five years, accompanied by bond for that period per sq. yd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$ 1.12 1/2              | \$ 1.17                         | \$ 1.21 1/2     | \$ 1.29                  | \$ 1.33      | \$ 1.46   | \$ 1.59     |
| For sidewalks, including cut or fill of one (1) foot, with guarantee for five years, ten per cent (10%) of the cost of the entire work being withheld for that period - per sq. yd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1.14                     | 1.24                            |                 | 1.35                     | 1.33         | 1.48      | 1.66        |
| For extra grading, including haul - per cu. yd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0.44                     | 0.35                            | 0.50            | 0.40                     | 0.45         | 0.35      | 0.75        |
| For cement steps per lin. ft.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0.90                     | 0.50                            | 0.75            | 0.55                     | 0.75         | 0.60      | 1.25        |
| For extra concrete per cu. yd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7.25                     | 5.50                            | 5.50            | 5.00                     | 6.50         | 6.00      | 8.00        |
| <p>Upon inquiry it has been found that the Brennan Construction Company of Washington, D.C., have for years done satisfactory work of this character in the District of Columbia, and although each item in their bid is not the lowest, yet in many of them they are the lowest, and as we are advised that the work done by this firm for the District Government has always been entirely satisfactory, it is believed to be for the best interest of the town to accept their bid for constructing the walks, with guarantee for five years accompanied by bond for that period, for \$1.<sup>17</sup> per sq. yd.; for extra grading, including haul, \$.35 per cu. yd.; for cement steps, \$ 0.50 per lin. ft.; for extra concrete \$5.<sup>50</sup> per cu. yd.</p> <p>It is recommended that a contract be entered into with The Brennan Construction Company for the work indicated above.</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>           CHAS. W. SCUDDER.<br/>           E. M. DOUGLAS.<br/>           J. B. DERRICK Committee.</p> |                          |                                 |                 |                          |              |           |             |

Mr. Morrison Moved that the reported be accepted and its recommendations approved.

The merits of the respective bids were thoroughly discussed, each member of the Council participating, upon conclusion of which Mr. Morrison's motion was put and carried and the contract awarded to the Brennan Construction Company, as recommended, as hereinafter recorded, by ordinance.

Mr. Derrick presented the following Ordinance:

### Ordinance No. 108

Ordering the Construction of Cement Sidewalks on Certain Streets and Avenues.

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

Section 1. - That in pursuance of, and in accordance with, the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, to improve the streets of said town, cement sidewalks be and the same are hereby adjudged to be necessary, and it is ~~therefore~~ ordered to be, constructed on the streets or parts of streets prescribed in Section 1, of Ordinance No. 105, which is hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. - That the whole cost of construction, including ~~the~~ interest on deferred payments at the rate of 6% per annum, shall be assessed against the property adjudged by the said Mayor and Council to be specially benefitted, except as provided in the said Act exempting 100 feet on corner lots.

Section 3. - That the taxes or payments on the special assessment herein provided for shall become due and payable on the first day of July of each year - the same time and in the same manner as the other taxes due the said town - excepting that there shall be no discount allowed; and provided further, that the date on which said taxes for the year 1904 shall be due is hereby fixed as January 1, 1905, instead of July 1, 1904, as herein before provided.

Section 4. - That the total cost of the special assessment herein provided may be divided into and made payable in five equal installments, due and payable in one, two, three, four and five years, with interest at 6% per annum, or if desired, the whole cost or any annual payment may be made on or after January 1, 1905, when the first installment shall have become due.

Mr. Morrison moved that the ordinance be passed and upon an aye and nay vote the motion was carried as follows: Voting aye, Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Seudder and Van Houten. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Derrick also presented the following ordinance:

### Ordinance No. 109

Awarding Contract for the Construction of Cement Sidewalks.

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

Section 1. - That in pursuance of, and in accordance with, the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, to improve the streets of the said town, and in accordance with the specifications dated May 28, 1904, made and submitted in pursuance of the provisions of Ordinance No. 105, the contract for such work therein provided be, and the same is hereby awarded to THE BRENNAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, whose principal office is in the city of Washington, for the prices following: \$1.17 per square yard; for extra grading, including haul, \$0.35 per cubic yard; for cement steps, \$0.50 per linear foot; and for extra concrete, \$5<sup>00</sup> per cubic yard, as per their bid dated June 20, 1904.

Section 2. - That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign said contract for, and in the name of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, with the said Brennan Construction Company for the construction of the said sidewalks.

Mr. Morrison moved that the ordinance be passed. An aye and nay vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Voting Aye, Messrs. Derrick, Douglas, Morrison and Seudder. Voting nay, Messrs Blodgett and VanHouten, so the motion was carried and the ordinance passed and approved.

The special committee on cement sidewalks submitted a proposed form of contract to be entered into with the Brennan Con-

pany. After consideration of the matter and upon motion of Mr. Morrison the form of contract submitted was approved and its execution authorized and directed.

The following petition was presented:

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Maryland.

June 22, 1904

Sirs: - We, the undersigned, having full authority to act for the owner of Lots 6, 7, 8 and 10, Block A, Fifield Tract, do respectfully request that you order the laying of a concrete walk, four feet in width adjoining said lots and parallel with the District line along Magnolia Avenue, deeds for a 5-foot strip of land along front or sides of said lots having been given to the town for sidewalk purposes.

We hereby agree when called on to do so to deposit with the town treasurer the full estimated cost of laying said sidewalk less cost of 100 feet of sidewalk on side of lot 10, which according to the usual rule we request the town to lay at its own expense. We also request that the sidewalks be continued across the front of lot 9, as per agreement made by the town with Mr. Asa Phillips, the owner.

E.M. DOUGLAS, Owner of lot 6 and part of 7.

J. VANCE LEWIS, Attorney for owners of Lots 10, 8 and part of 7.

Approved: C.M. HEATON.

Mr. Morrison moved that the request of the petitioners be granted upon the terms mentioned in the petition. The motion was carried.

The petition of C. L. Shear and others for a cement walk on Elm Ave., which petition had been referred to the Special Committee in charge of the matter, was returned from said committee by indorsement as follows:

June 22, 1904. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the statement that no work can be done on this street at present as it was not included in the advertisement of May 3, 1904, and would require either advertising or the consent of the owners of abutting property and this Committee is advised that some of the owners of this property would object to laying the walk as requested. CHAS. W. SCUDDER, Chr. Special Com.

Mr. Douglas moved that the report of the Committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

The petition of Miss Julia Corse requesting that no walk be laid in front of her residence on Maple Avenue was also returned by the special committee indorsed as follows:

June 22, 1904. - Respectfully referred to the Mayor and Council with the unanimous recommendation of the Committee that the sidewalk on Maple Avenue be laid as originally recommended by the street committee in report dated March 12, 1904, which recommendation was concurred in by this Committee and incorporated in Ordinance No. 105. CHAS. W. SCUDDER, Chr. Special Com.

Mr. Douglas moved, in view of the fact that the work in question has now been ordered by ordinance, that the petition and report of the committee thereon, be laid upon the table. The motion was carried.

Mr. W. G. Platt, of North Takoma, addressed the Council briefly urging that steps be taken to secure for citizens of the Town, from the contractors for the cement walks, the same prices for private walks as called for in the contract for public work.

Mr. Platt was assured by the Mayor that such action had been contemplated by the Council and that without doubt the contractors would readily agree to the same.

There being no further business, the Council thereupon, at 9:45 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

*J. Kinnear*

Mayor.

*Ben D. Davis*, Clerk

Tuesday evening, July 5th, 1904

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held on this date having been postponed from Monday evening, July 4, on account of the National holiday. The Council was called to order by Mayor Kinnear at 8:40 o'clock p.m., the following members answering to roll call: Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Scudder and Van Houten. Mr. Morrison was present later in the evening.

The minutes of the regular and special meetings held since June 6th were read by the clerk and duly approved.

Previous to the transaction of further business the Mayor, noting the presence of Mesdames Morris Bien and H.C. Bursley, stated that if the ladies desired to bring any matter before the Council, they might do so at this time.

Mrs. Bien thereupon addressed the Council, requesting a reconsideration of the action on the petition of Miss Julia Corse that no sidewalk be placed in front of Miss Corse's residence on Maple Avenue. Mrs. Bien stated that she had personally investigated the condition of affairs on that part of Maple Avenue and no real necessity existed for that walk - that if the money thus expended could be saved and used for a walk on Elm Avenue, many citizens of the Park would be benefitted and inconvenienced. Mrs. Bien also requested that a proposed angle in the walk contemplated on Pine Ave., be changed to a curve. Mrs. Bien stated in conclusion that she would see to the presentation of a new petition for a walk on Elm Avenue.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report as follows:

Annual report  
of Treasurer for  
fiscal year end-  
ing June 30, 04.

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

Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1904.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904:

|                                                                         |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance on hand at beginning of year                                    |            | \$ 515.74  |
| Receipts: From general taxes                                            | \$ 6315.61 |            |
| From water rents                                                        | 1150.26    |            |
| Road tax rebate, Montgomery Co.                                         | 627.42     |            |
| Road tax rebate, Prince George Co.                                      | 232.56     |            |
| From miscellaneous sources                                              | 14.63      |            |
| Permits issued                                                          | 81.00      |            |
| Interest on deposits in bank                                            | 42.88      |            |
| Received for redemption of property sold at tax sales (redemption fund) | 138.85     | 8603.21    |
| Total                                                                   |            | \$ 9118.95 |

Disbursements:

Pumping plant, maintenance:

|                         |           |        |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Miscellaneous           | \$ 247.91 |        |
| Gasoline (3545 gallons) | 429.57    | 677.48 |

Waterworks, Miscellaneous expenses:

|                            |       |        |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Tapping fees               | 72.00 |        |
| Cleaning dam               | 86.10 |        |
| Painting water tower       | 75.00 |        |
| Pipe for emergency repairs | 84.82 |        |
| Miscellaneous              | 58.85 | 326.77 |

Sewerage System:

|                                         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Purchase of land for new disposal field | 1000.00 |         |
| Completion of sewer, Takoma Avenue      | 57.26   |         |
| Cleaning out sewage tanks               | 89.70   |         |
| Miscellaneous                           | 17.25   | 1164.21 |

Street Work:

|          |        |        |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Material | 345.92 |        |
| Labor    | 588.58 | 934.50 |

Street Lighting:

|                            |        |        |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Oil (2510 gallons)         | 252.85 |        |
| Lamps, wicks, globes, etc. | 138.72 | 391.57 |

General Expenses:

|                               |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Printing and advertising      | 23.00  |        |
| Postage                       | 31.80  |        |
| Telephone rental and messages | 26.20  |        |
| Contingent expenses           | 13.15  |        |
| Miscellaneous                 | 184.65 |        |
| Legal expenses                | 123.46 | 402.26 |

Salaries:

|                     |           |         |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| Clerk and Treasurer | \$ 280.00 |         |
| Lampighter          | 380.00    |         |
| Engineer            | 624.00    | 1284.00 |

Interest:

|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| On \$57000 4% water and sewer bonds | 2280.00 |         |
| On \$1000 6% general bonds          | 60.00   | 2340.00 |

Balance paid on new pumping plant 500.00

Preliminary expenses, cement walks 106.75

Deposited to credit of sinking fund 500.00

Paid for redemption of property sold at tax sales (redemption fund) 138.85

Total Disbursements \$ 8766.39

Recapitulation:

Total receipts, with balance on hand July 1, 1903 \$ 9118.95

Total disbursements to July 1, 1904 8766.39

Balance on hand 352.56

Following is a statement of outstanding liabilities, bonded indebtedness and condition of the sinking fund:

Outstanding liabilities:

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| General bond due June 1, 1904      | \$ 500.00 |
| Withheld from salary of lampighter | 10.00     |
|                                    | 510.00    |

Bonded Indebtedness:

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| First issue, water and sewer 4% bonds  | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Second issue, water and sewer 4% bonds | 10,000.00    |
| Third issue, water and sewer 4% bonds  | 7,000.00     |
| General 6% bonds                       | 1,000.00     |
|                                        | 58,000.00    |

Sinking Fund:

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand       | 51.88    |
| Six per cent bonds | 1,000.00 |
|                    | 1,051.88 |

Respectfully submitted:

Ben B. Davis  
Treasurer

Reference of the report to the Finance committee was directed.

Mr. Van Houten, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

July 5, 1904

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, 265 gals coal oil @ 10 1/2¢ ----- | \$ 27.84 | Talbot and Prettyman, Attys, Opinion on paving law ----- | \$ 25.00 |
| " " " 250 " gasoline " 11 1/2¢ -----               | 28.75    | John F. Shirey, Printing -----                           | 19.15    |
| C. and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages -----  | 2.20     | Engineering News, Advertising -----                      | 4.20     |
| William Watkins, Use of carriage -----             | 2.75     | Evening Star " -----                                     | 104.40   |
| Wm. E. Stockett & Co., Tax book for 1904-5 -----   | 10.00    | " " " -----                                              | 3.30     |
| Walter W. Waters, Miscellaneous -----              | 2.40     | Thomas Redman, jr., hauling pipe -----                   | 1.25     |
| E.T. Kauffman, Plumbing and material -----         | 3.35     | Thomas Redman, sr., digging -----                        | 1.50     |
| Sudwarth Printing Co. 1000 tax bills -----         | 4.50     | E.E. Blodgett, Tapping fees -----                        | 3.00     |
| " " " Printing bonds -----                         | 25.00    |                                                          | 306.59   |
| Presbyterian church, Rent of chapel 1903-4 -----   | 38.00    |                                                          |          |

L. MORRISON.  
J. H. VAN HOUTEN, } Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the report of the Committee was approved and payment of the bills directed.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Messrs. Talbot and Prettyman, Attorneys, disclaiming any responsibility for failure to adjust taxes to date of sale in the recent purchase of land for sewage disposal field, asserting that their services were in relation to the legal phases of the matter entirely and that they had secured and filed with the United Realty Co. bills for unpaid back taxes.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the Mayor was requested to write the United Realty Co. in regard to the matter and to fix, if possible, the responsibility for failure to adjust these back taxes in accordance with the agreement with the owners of the land.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee in charge of construction of cement walks reported having engaged Messrs. Bailey and Burns as engineers to establish proper grades for the walks and that the committee was now engaged upon the matter of tests for the cement.

Mr. Derrick moved the appointment of a committee of three to consider and report relative to naming of the unnamed streets in the corporation limits. The motion was carried and the Mayor appointed Messrs. Scudder, Morrison and Van Houten as such committee.

Mr. Scudder reported for the Water and Sewer committee, relative to proper alignment of <sup>one of</sup> the pumps and engines at the pumping station and stated that the workman engaged thereon would be directed to complete the work immediately or someone else would be engaged to do so. Such action was approved.

Bridge across Sligo. A communication to Mr. E.M. Douglas from the Concrete-steel Engineering Co., of New York, inclosing plans and estimate of cost of a steel-concrete bridge over the Sligo, was laid before the Council, briefly discussed, and, upon motion of Mr. Blodgett, laid upon the table.

Appointment of C.W. Scudder as Plumbing Inspect. Mr. Morrison moved that the Chairman of the Water and Sewer committee, Mr. C.W. Scudder be appointed Plumbing Inspector. The motion was carried.

The Mayor reported having secured deeds for sidewalk rights of way on Magnolia Ave. Also that he had been unable to secure donations for widening of Tulip Ave. and had dropped the matter.

Adoption of rules Mr. Scudder moved that the rules of the previous council be adopted for the guidance of the present Council, with the exception that the standing committees on Judiciary and Ordinance be constituted one committee to be known as the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinance. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morrison, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following.

Report of Finance Com. To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland. Takoma Park, July 5, 1904.  
Gentlemen:- With a view to properly expediting the work of the town which comes within the scope of your committee, the following recommendations are submitted for your consideration and action:

- 1st. That the regular meeting of the Council be the second Monday of each month instead of the first as at present.
- 2nd. That all bills for the month preceding each regular meeting of the Council be in the possession of the Clerk and Treasurer or Chairman of the Finance Committee on or before the first Wednesday of each month, at which time this committee will meet at the office of the Clerk and Treasurer to examine and pass on bills, with a view to recommending to the Council for payment such as they consider proper. All bills to be O.K'd by the Chairman of the committee having the service rendered or the materials furnished.
- 3rd. That the Treasurers report be submitted to the Council through the Finance Committee and that the same be ready for examination on the first Wednesday of each month.
- 4th. That the rules adopted for the government of the Council be more generally adhered to than seems to be the case now.

It is hardly necessary to make an extended explanation why these recommendations are submitted. The reasons are apparent to any one giving the matter a moment's thought and their need is even more apparent. Yours truly,  
L. MORRISON.  
J. H. VAN HOUTEN } Finance Com.

After due consideration the recommendations of the committee, No's. 1 and 4, were, upon motion of Mr. Scudder, duly approved; and No's. 2 and 3, upon motion also of Mr. Scudder, approved with amendment that the Finance Committee meet on the ~~first~~ Wednesday after the first Monday of each month for consideration and approval of bills, at which time the monthly report of the Treasurer shall be ready for submission to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Water and Sewer Committee be directed to investigate the probable cost of securing a site and erecting a dwelling thereon, in the vicinity of the pump house, for the use of the Engineer. The motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick moved that Mr. E. E. Blodgett be reappointed Building Inspector. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder moved that Mr. Thomas Rhines be reappointed deputy bailiff. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee reported relative to damage on Sligo Avenue caused by uprooting of a tree and subsequent washing out of the street, rendering travel dangerous, and on motion of Mr. Scudder an appropriation of \$75<sup>00</sup> or so much thereof as may be necessary, was authorized for repair of the same.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:55 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*J. K. Kinnear*

Mayor.

*Ben D. Davis*

Clerk.