

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

Takoma Park, Md, August 6, 1904.

Gentlemen: Your auditing committee, appointed by resolution of the Council on April 14, 1904, submits its report as follows:
 The committee met on July 18, 20, 21 and August 6, 1904, at 8 o'clock p.m., and examined the Treasurer's accounts for the two years ending May 31, 1904 and also for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1903 and June 30, 1904. Vouchers were carefully inspected and in three instances where the receipt of payment was lacking proper vouchers have been secured.

The accounts are found to be correct. The various accounts and books are neatly and properly kept.
 Statements of receipts and expenditures for the year ending May 31, 1903 and May 31, 1904, and a combined statement for the two years ending May 31, 1904, are herewith submitted.

Your committee makes recommendations as follows:
 That hereafter the Treasurer's accounts be audited by the fiscal year. The work of auditing will be considerably simplified thereby as all accounts are kept and all vouchers filed by the fiscal year.

That a printed form of pay roll be obtained and used.
 That all receipts by mark be witnessed.
 That the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, be printed and a copy furnished to each resident taxpayer.

Your committee gave careful attention to the question of a check on the receipts and was agreeably surprised to find that the present checks are adequate as to general taxes and may be easily made so as to permits and water rents. A comparison of the Assessor's list with the Treasurer's tax book will disclose any omission of property from the latter. The amount due from each tax payer may be definitely determined by a simple calculation, and the total amount collected as shown by the tax book is the amount for which the Treasurer is responsible for general taxes.

The notices sent by the Clerk to the Inspector of Plumbing that a permit has been issued, if carefully filed by the Inspector may be used by an auditing committee to determine the amount that should have been collected for permits. If so used, the amount of the fee paid should be noted by the Clerk on the notice.

A check on water rents may be obtained by requiring the Inspector of Plumbing to keep an independent record book containing the names of all water takers and the amount due by each. A comparison of such a record with the receipts of the Treasurer will disclose any errors or omissions from the records of the latter officer.

Respectfully submitted:
 J.H. CLARK } Auditing Committee.
 B.C. COON }

Inclousures:

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for

Year Ending May 31st, 1903.	Year Ending May 31st, 1904	Two Years Ending May 31st, 1904.
Balance on hand June 1, 1902.....\$ 201.71	Balance on hand June 1, 1903.....\$ 1476.06	Balance on hand June 1, 1902.....\$ 201.71
Receipts:	Receipts:	Receipts:
From general taxes.....\$ 6653.34	From general taxes.....\$ 6315.61	From general taxes.....\$ 12968.95
From water rents.....1028.08	From water rents.....1216.88	From water rents.....2244.96
From permits.....107.00	From permits.....92.00	From permits.....199.00
For redemption from tax sales.....607.02	Miscellaneous sources.....897.61	For redemption from tax sales.....717.95
Proceeds of bond sale.....7000.00	Interest.....42.88	Proceeds of bond sale.....7000.00
Interest.....73.05	For redemption from tax sales.....110.93	Interest.....115.93
Miscellaneous sources.....842.88		Miscellaneous sources.....1740.49
<u>16311.37</u>	<u>8675.91</u>	<u>24987.28</u>
Disbursements:	Disbursements:	Disbursements:
Pumping plant: miscellaneous.....92.50	Pumping plant: miscellaneous.....232.86	Pumping plant: miscellaneous.....325.16
gasoline.....273.74	gasoline.....490.99	gasoline.....764.73
Waterworks: miscellaneous.....231.47	Waterworks: miscellaneous.....273.87	Waterworks, miscellaneous.....505.34
Sewerage system.....87.27	Sewerage system.....1213.96	Sewerage system.....1301.23
Street work: material.....167.80	Street work: material.....358.26	Street work: material.....526.06
labor.....201.69	labor.....641.56	labor.....843.20
General expenses.....561.23	General expenses.....500.71	General expenses.....1061.94
Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer.....260.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer.....260.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer.....520.00
Lamp lighter.....577.50	Lamp lighter.....395.00	Lamp lighter.....972.50
Engineer.....531.00	Engineer.....624.00	Engineer.....1155.00
Redemption from tax sales.....607.02	Redemption from tax sales.....110.93	Redemption from tax sales.....717.95
Interest on bonds, etc.....2471.94	Interest on bonds, etc.....2355.00	Interest on bonds.....4826.94
Bonds paid.....500.00	Bonds paid.....500.00	Bonds paid.....1000.00
Street lights: oil.....214.59	Street lights: oil.....271.55	Street lights: oil.....486.14
lamps, globes, etc.....51.95	lamps, globes, etc.....130.50	lamps and globes.....182.45
Rent of log cabin and chapel.....80.50	Rent of chapel.....29.00	Rent.....109.50
Bal. due on water and sewer system.....5031.39	Deposited to credit of sinking fund.....500.00	Bal. due on water and sewer system.....5031.39
Certificate of indebtedness paid.....500.00	Balance due on new pumping plant.....519.80	Cert. of indebtedness paid.....500.00
Deposited to credit of sinking fund.....500.00	Preliminary expenses, cement walks.....34.51	Deposited to credit of sinking fund.....1000.00
Installation of new pumping plant.....1701.68		Installation of new pumping plant.....221.48
Legal services.....394.00		Legal services.....394.00
<u>15037.02</u>	<u>9442.50</u>	<u>24479.52</u>
Balance on hand.....1476.06	Balance on hand.....\$ 709.47	Balance on hand.....709.47

Without objection reference of the report to the Finance Committee was directed.

At this point the business of the Council was suspended to afford opportunity to a delegation of citizens from Baltimore Avenue to be heard relative to cement walks on that street. Messrs. Dentz, Farman, Wallace and Davidson addressed the Council, their remarks having reference to the expense involved in lowering service water pipes, made necessary by grading and also to suggested changes in such grade. After an interchange of views participated in by the gentlemen named and the Mayor and Council, the Mayor announced that the matter would be taken up and disposed of later in the evening, under the heading of new business. The delegation thereupon withdrew.

Resuming its regular order of business the following report was submitted by the Finance Committee:

<i>To the Mayor and Council:</i>		<i>Takoma Park, August 3, 1904</i>	
<i>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 as modified:</i>			
<i>Standard Oil Co. Oil for street lamps</i>	<i>\$ 22.05</i>	<i>Town Treasurer, Contingent expenses</i>	<i>\$ 1.97</i>
<i>B. F. Schrider, Blacksmith work</i>	<i>3.60</i>	<i>L. G. Orndorff, Hardware for plow</i>	<i>1.18</i>
<i>Standard Oil Co. Gasoline for pumping engine</i>	<i>34.10</i>	<i>E. N. Jackson, For services</i>	<i>15.25</i>
<i>Rudolph, West & Co., Wrenches and cotton waste</i>	<i>5.75</i>	<i>W. S. Jenks, For drip pans, pump</i>	<i>2.00</i>
<i>C. and P. Telephone Co., Telephone rental</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>E. E. Blodgett, For services</i>	<i>6.00</i>
<i>Thos. Somerville & Sons. Supplies</i>	<i>10.08</i>		<i>104.23</i>
<i>B. & O. Ry. Co., Freight on Supplies</i>	<i>.25</i>		
		<i>L. MORRISON</i>	} <i>Committee</i>
		<i>J. H. VAN HOUTEN.</i>	

Mr. Scudder moved that the report be approved and payment of the bills directed. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee submitted the following communications and recommendations:

<i>To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.</i>	<i>Takoma Park, August 3, 1904</i>
<i>Gentlemen:—Your committee would respectfully recommend that \$500⁰⁰ be placed in the sinking fund as required by the law authorizing the issue of Water and Sewer bonds.</i>	
<i>Yours truly</i>	<i>L. MORRISON</i>
	<i>J. H. VAN HOUTEN Finance Committee.</i>

<i>To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.</i>	<i>Takoma Park, August 3, 1904</i>
<i>Gentlemen:—Your committee would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to index and arrange the Town records so as to make them available for ready inspection. If this is approved we would further recommend that the clerk be authorized to purchase a suitable document file case at a cost not exceeding \$35.00.</i>	
<i>Yours Truly,</i>	<i>L. MORRISON</i>
	<i>J. H. VAN HOUTEN, Finance Committee.</i>

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, August 3, 1904.

Gentlemen! - Your committee would call your attention to the fact that Prince George County has not paid the rebate road tax due for some time past. In view of the success that attended the efforts of our Mayor on a previous occasion in collecting moneys due from Prince George county, we recommend that he be authorized to take action on the same line, making such trips as may be necessary.

Yours truly, L. MORRISON.

J. H. VAN HOUTEN

Finance Committee.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, August 8, 1904.

Gentlemen! - We submit herewith suggested forms for blanks to be used in connection with the disbursements by the Treasurer, for the approval of the Council and directions as to having printed. You will note that the one is to cover pay roll. We have no form for this purpose and the need of such a blank is so evident that no comments are made. The other is a voucher form, with sub-voucher to be used in case purchase is made and paid for by any member of the Council and reimbursement to be made later by town. These forms are needed for the systematic disbursement of the town's funds. While your committee is not wedded to the style of blank submitted and will be glad to have suggestions looking to the adoption of the best, we believe and so recommend that a payroll form and voucher forms be adopted by the town for its use.

Yours truly, LISLE MORRISON

J. H. VAN HOUTEN, Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the recommendations relative to placing \$500 in the sinking fund; instructing the clerk to index the town records and providing a document file case therefor; and authorizing the Mayor to take necessary action to collect the road tax from Prince George county, were approved.

Mr. Derrick moved that the recommendation relative to printing of pay rolls and vouchers be approved and adopted. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee presented two sets of tax bills upon which double payment had been made, with remarks of the Treasurer and recommendation as follows:

Respectfully referred to the Finance Committee.

Takoma Park, Md., July 16, 1904

The inclosed bills were given me in person by Mr. Blair Lee, Trustee of the property designated. It will be noticed that the same bill was paid twice in 1897 and also in 1900. This was due, as will be noticed, to the fact that the same lots were entered on the tax books under two separate names. The receipts from all four bills are duly taken up in the tax books and properly credited to the funds of the Town. Mr. Lee requests reimbursement of \$3⁶⁹ and it would seem proper that such action should be taken. I deem it proper to add that the error occurred previous to my incumbency as Treasurer.

Respectfully,

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council: Reimbursement recommended.

L. MORRISON.
J. H. VAN HOUTEN.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the Treasurer was authorized to refund the amount stated as recommended by the Committee.

Mr. Scudder, from the committee on Water and Sewers requested authority for the expenditure of \$3⁰⁰ or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of a hand electric light for use in observing cut-offs etc., and on motion of Mr. Morrison the appropriation was authorized.

The bill of Lewis and Heaton, Trustees, for \$96⁰⁰ covering two years rent of the log cabin, was ordered referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Health Committee be authorized and directed to make a thorough investigation of each residence property located on a line of sewer and unconnected therewith, with a view to requiring such connection, and to report, if possible, at the next regular meeting of the Council. The motion was carried.

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

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, August 9, 1904.

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit the following report relative to street work: Sligo Mill road and Ethan Allen Ave., gutters plowed out and streets rounded up with scraper; rock blasted out to form gutter; pipe put under street to drain gutter and pipe charged to appropriation for above streets which was \$100. The amount expended for this work was \$65.13. Beech Avenue: Gutters plowed out and street rounded up with scraper. The appropriation for this work was \$10.00 and the amount expended \$9.36. Harris Avenue: Three new lamps placed on this Avenue and the street cleaned out by cutting and burning brush. Carroll Avenue: Pond near Carroll Avenue drained by cutting out deep gutters and filling pond with earth and rounding up with scraper. The appropriation for this work and for new lamps was \$25.00 and the amount expended was \$24.73, leaving a balance of 27¢. The balances remaining unexpended from the several sums authorized for the above mentioned are as follows: Ethan Allen Avenue and Sligo Mill Road, \$34.87; Harris Avenue and Carroll Avenue \$.27; Beech Avenue, \$0.64; Total \$35.78. There was appropriated for the purpose of scraping streets the sum of \$150.00 but owing to the scarcity of teams it was impossible to do all the work contemplated during the spring season. Perhaps this is just as well as your Street Committee finds that since the streets have been surveyed and points thoroughly established had the work contemplated been completed gutters would have been formed where the sidewalks would have to be laid, thus adding to the cost of laying the walks.

STREET LAMPS AND LIGHTING: During the month of June expenditures under above item were as follows: Lamplighter, \$35.00; Oil, 265 gals. \$27.84; Lamp globes, \$2.17; Lamp wicks, \$1.30. Total, \$66.31. During the month of July: Lamp lighter, \$35.00; Oil, 210 gallons, \$22.05; labor repairing lamps, \$1.50. Total, \$58.55. There is an average of five broken globes per month. Some are broken with a bean shooter. This leaves a small hole in globe. Some are broken with canes and some with large stones which latter not only breaks the globe but also damages the frames which have to be repaired. It is almost if not altogether impossible to find out who does this breaking but should we ascertain the persons engaged in it, they will be brought before the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted:

E. E. BLODGETT, for the Street Committee, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the report was received.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, called attention to bad condition of gutter in street near Mr. Jackson's and estimated that about \$100.00 would be required to properly repair it. On motion of Mr. Scudder an appropriation of \$12.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary was authorized for the purpose indicated.

On motion of Mr. Scudder an appropriation of \$6.00 was authorized for inserting braces in the Carroll Ave. bridge across the Sligo.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Chairman of the street committee be directed to make a thorough examination of the Carroll Avenue bridge and report to the Council the probable cost of putting it in proper condition to support the water main it is proposed to carry across the stream. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Scudder an appropriation of \$100⁰⁰ was authorized for the repair of Carroll Avenue where washed out by the recent heavy rains.

Mr. Scudder, from the committee on Water and Sewers reported that the work of aligning the pump and engine at the pumping station was practically completed and that the duplicate plant was now in first class running order.

The committee also requested instructions as to the proper annual water rent to be charged Dr. A. J. Cory for an additional fixture for green house use. On motion of Mr. Morrison such rate was fixed at \$1⁰⁰ per annum.

The committee reported further that the sewer fields had been cleared of weeds and otherwise improved.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Water and Sewer Committee was directed to confer with the Seventh Day Adventists relative to the permits granted them for the use of water in their new buildings in block 51, for building purposes, the Council not understanding that these buildings were to be entirely of cement construction, necessitating an excessive supply of water.

Mr. Scudder from the special committee in charge of the construction of cement walks, submitted the following report:

The Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, August 8, 1904.

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to report that owing to the very rainy weather experienced since the signing of the contract for laying cement walks, but 1618 square yards have been laid. This was all laid in North Takoma, as it presented in general the least difficulties and I wished to personally superintend the work in the initiative. It is believed that if we have a few weeks of clear weather 300 yards of sidewalk per day will be laid.

*Respectfully,
C. W. SCUDDER, Engineer.*

The council considered at some length the question of street crossings in connection with the new walks upon conclusion of which Mr. Morrison moved that the special committee be authorized to expend not exceeding \$17⁰⁰ for the construction of an experimental cement crossing at the intersection of Takoma and Baltimore Avenues. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Street Committee be authorized and directed, in conjunction with the Engineer in charge of cement walks to place a railing along the recently constructed walks on Takoma Avenue, at the point where contiguous to ravine. The motion was carried.

The Council, after thoroughly considering the questions presented earlier in the evening by the gentlemen residing on Baltimore Avenue, upon motion of Mr. Morrison, directed the clerk to inform the gentlemen that the expense incident to lowering of water-ser-

vice pipes incident to establishment of grades for the cement walks, must be borne by the property owner; and that in the judgment of the Council the grades as established on Baltimore Avenue are the best for all parties concerned and are approved.

The Mayor reported relative to his efforts to secure donations of land on south side of Tulip Ave, east of Maple, for the laying of cement walks. Mr. Morrison moved that the Mayor be commended for such efforts and be authorized to proceed in the matter. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Morrison moved that the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer be compensated at the rate of \$10.00 each. For want of a second the Mayor declared the motion lost.

The Mayor announced that Mr. Thomas Rhines, recently appointed deputy bailiff, had appeared before him on the 15th ultimo taken the oath of office and duly qualified to discharge the duties of the position.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. D. Kimmer

Mayor.

Ben B. Davis Clerk.

Friday Evening, August 19th, 1904.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Town Clerk at 8:30 o'clock.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Derrick, Scudder and Van Houten.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting upon request of the Engineer in charge of the construction of cement walks, who had received a communication from the contractors giving measurements and cost of work to date, with request for a payment thereon.

The communication was presented to the Council with the following report thereon:

The Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., August 19, 1904.

Gentlemen: - I have the honor to submit herewith a request from the Brennan Construction Company for a payment of \$3562.62 for laying 3045 square yards of cement sidewalk and \$85.16 for extra work, making a total of \$3647.81.

It has been impracticable to make an accurate measurement today and I recommend that \$3000⁰⁰ be paid them on account pending an accurate measurement.

Respectfully,

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, Engineer.

Mr. Van Houten moved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and the payment of \$3000 on account be directed.

The motion was carried.

The Council considered the advisability of constructing several additional cement crossings and on motion of Mr. Van Houten the Engineer was authorized to have three constructed at such points and under such conditions as he might deem advisable.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from himself to Mr. C. W. Smiley relative to a donation of a 7/2 foot strip ^{Mr. Smiley's} from his lot corner of Tulip and Maple Avenues for a sidewalk, together with Mr. Smiley's indorsement agreeing thereto if the matter involved no expense to him. On motion of Mr. Scudder the Mayor's action was approved, instructions given to construct the walk on the strip of land donated and the Clerk instructed to prepare deed and forward to Mr. Smiley.

There being no further business, the Council, at 9:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. K. Smiley

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Saturday Evening, August 27, 1904

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the residence of the Town Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Scudder, Derrick and Van Houten.

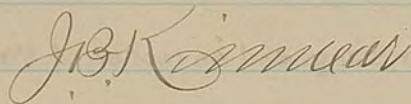
The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of examining the plans for the new sewerage disposal system and of consulting with the engineer who had prepared them.

The plans were thereupon presented by Mr. R. F. Proctor, representative of the firm of Williams and Whitman, Civil and Sanitary Engineers, of New York, who explained them minutely and in detail. Mr. Proctor was questioned thoroughly by members of the Council and explained clearly and lucidly each point involved.

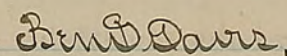
At the conclusion of the examination the plans were duly turned over to the Town, together with 5 sets of blue prints of the same and three sets of specifications and instructions complete.

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

Approved:



Mayor.



Clerk

Tuesday evening, September 6, 1904.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, upon call of the Mayor, at the Mayor's residence, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison, Scudder and Van Houten. In the unavoidable absence of the Clerk, the minutes were recorded by Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee on naming of Streets submitted the following report:

The Mayor and Council, Takoma Park.

Takoma Park, September 6, 1904.

Gentlemen: The special committee on naming streets respectfully submit herewith a map of Takoma Park with the unnamed streets numbered and recommend that the names on the attached list be assigned to the streets bearing corresponding numbers. Respectfully

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, Chairman

The names and numbers submitted with the report are as follows:

1. Wabash Ave	5. Kennebec "	9. Mississippi "	13. Chesapeake "	17. Oswego. "	21. Cherry "	25. Linden. "	29. Orange "	33. Ash "
2. Hudson "	6. Albemarle "	10. Saratoga. "	14. Niagara "	18. Jefferson "	22. Circle "	26. Myrtle "	30. Catalpa "	34. Hazel "
3. Roanoke "	7. Erie. "	11. Potomac "	15. Cumberland "	19. Jackson "	23. Locust "	27. Cypress. "	31. Bitternut "	
4. Holston "	8. Geneva. "	12. Merrimac "	16. Lincoln "	20. Aspen. "	24. Larch "	28. Juniper "	32. Spruce "	

Mr. Blodgett moved that the report be received and adopted. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Clerk be directed to file plat and list of names with the Clerk of the Circuit Courts of Montgomery and Prince George counties. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

The committee on water and sewers submitted the following letter and indorsements thereon:

Mr. J. B. Kinnear, Mayor, Takoma Park.

Lanond, D.C., July 22, 1904.

Dear Sir:- I would like to have a Water Metre in my flats in Takoma Park. Will you kindly inform me what the price will be per thousand gallons. A reply at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. I will furnish the metre myself.

Very truly yours,

ANGUS LAMOND.

[1st Indorsement]. Respectfully referred to the Water and Sewer committee for such action as may be proper.

J. B. KINNEAR, Mayor.

[2nd Indorsement] August 10, 1904.- Respectfully recommended that if Mr. Lamond uses a water meter it be of a pattern approved by the inspector of plumbing; that it be furnished, installed, and maintained by the owner of the property; that the owner of the property guarantee payment for water consumed, or the consumer deposit \$5.00 with the Treasurer as a guarantee; that the reading of the meter be taken at the end of each month, and if the bill is not paid by the 15th of the succeeding month the water to be turned off at the expense of the consumer and not turned on again till the water rent and expenses of turning off and on are paid. It is recommended that not less than 15 cents per 1000 gallons be charged the consumer for water furnished by meter.

CHAS. W. SCUDDER.

Mr. Morrison moved that the report and recommendations of the committee be adopted. Motion seconded and duly carried.

Mr. Scudder, Engineer in charge of construction of cement walks, submitted the following report:

The Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Takoma Park, Sept. 2, 1904.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the work completed by the Brennan Construction Company in accordance with their request of August 19, 1904. The delay in making this report is due to the contractor not completing the walk by plaster finishing the edges and protecting the sides with dirt, as required by the specifications:

Amount of work completed	\$ 3707.07
Amount paid August 19,	\$3000.00
Less 10% of \$3707.07	370.70
Amount due	<u>336.37</u>
	\$ 3707.07

It is recommended that \$336.37 be paid the Brennan Construction Company,

Respectfully,

CHAS. W. SCUDDER, Engineer.

[Inclosure]

Avenue	Location		Cu. Yds cut	Cu. Yds Fill	Extra Grading		Cement Walks		Extra Work	Total cost
	From	To			Sq. Yds	Cost	Sq. Yds	Cost		
Takoma, N. and E. side	Chestnut	Philadelphia	119	204		\$	1118.84	\$ 1309.04		\$ 1309.04
" W. side	Brick walk	"	63	101	16	5.60	313.29	366.55	\$8.75	380.90
New York	Takoma	Chicago	24	32			361.51	422.97		422.97
Albany	"	Buffalo	54				183.04	214.16		214.16
Buffalo	"	New York	112	376	240	84.00	302.29	353.68	14.00	451.68
Baltimore E. side	"	Northward	32	140	26	9.10	231.33	270.65	33.00	500.73
" W. "	"	"	59	16			160.66	187.97		
Holly	Magnolia	"	56	10			352.19	412.06		412.06
	Concrete crossing on Takoma at Baltimore								15.53	15.53
Totals			519	879	282	\$98.70	3023.15	\$ 3537.09	\$71.28	\$3707.07

Mr. Morrison moved that the allowance recommended by the Engineer be paid and that the contractor be furnished with a copy of the Engineer's statement showing the work done and on which the payment is based. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder, as Engineer in charge of proposed extension of water main on Carroll Avenue and proposed extension of sewer line from present sewer field to new field, submitted copies of required notices and ordinances for the consideration of the Council. These were fully discussed by the Council and upon motion of Mr. Morrison and upon a ye and nay vote upon each notice and ordinance, both were duly adopted as follows: Voting ye Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison, Scudder and VanHouten. Voting nay, none.

The notices and ordinances as passed and approved are as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL,
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.

September 7, 1904.

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Notice is hereby given that in the judgment of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, the public health and comfort require that additional water mains be laid along Carroll Avenue in said town, and that said Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in said Town on the 26th day of September, 1904, at 8 o'clock P. M., when and where the owners of the property described in the following Ordinance, passed September 6, 1904, may be heard in regard to the improvement therein proposed:

ORDINANCE No. 110.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town 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 lay water mains in the streets of said town, a cast-iron water main 4" in diameter be laid along Carroll Avenue, commencing at the end of the present main near the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 50, and extending

along said avenue to the corner of Flower Avenue, near the north corner of Lot 1, Block 49.

Section 2. That the real property deemed to be specially benefited by laying of said main and which will be assessed to pay the entire cost of such improvements, and the approximate cost thereof which each of said parcels of real property may be assessed therefor, are as follows:

In Block No. 37: Lots No. 1, \$64; No. 4, \$63; No. 5, \$43; No. 6, \$50; No. 7, \$51; No. 8, \$56; No. 9, \$75; No. 10, \$58.

In Block No. 49: Lots No. 1, \$82; No. 2, \$83; No. 3, \$165; No. 5, \$5; No. 9, \$84.

In Block No. 50: Lots No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3, \$30; No. 4, \$26; No. 5, \$40; No. 6, \$43; No. 7, \$47; No. 8, \$65.

Block No. 51: \$625.

That the total cost of the improvement herein provided is estimated to be \$2,000.

Section 3. That the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in said town on the 26th day of September, 1904, at 8 o'clock P. M., when and where the owners of the property hereinbefore described may be heard in regard to the improvements heretofore proposed.

J. B. KINNEAR.
Mayor.

Attest:
BEN G. DAVIS,
Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL,
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.

September 7, 1904.

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Notice is hereby given that in the judgment of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, the public health and comfort require that certain sewers be constructed in said Town, and said Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in said Town on the 26th day of September, 1904, at 8 o'clock P. M., when and where the owners of the property described in the following Ordinance, passed September 6, 1904, may be heard in regard to the improvements therein proposed:

ORDINANCE No. 111.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town 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 lay sewers in the streets of said Town, sewers 10" in diameter with the necessary manholes, syphons, and accessories be constructed on the following streets and avenues of said Town:

Niagara Avenue from its intersection with Cumberland Avenue to Sligo Avenue.

Sligo Avenue from Niagara Avenue to Carroll Avenue bridge; thence across Sligo Branch to Sligo Avenue on the west side of Sligo Branch; thence to and including that portion of lot 13 in block 32 which abuts on Sligo Avenue.

Section 2. That said sewer be composed of vitrified glazed pipe, cast-iron pipe, brick, and concrete, and that it be carried over Sligo Branch on an iron bridge; that the necessary manholes be constructed of brick, cement, sand and gravel or stone, and have cast-iron tops.

Section 3. That the real property deemed to be specially benefited by the said improvements, and which will be assessed to pay one-half the entire cost of such improvements, and the approximate cost thereof, which each of said parcels of real property may be assessed therefor, are as follows:

In block No. 32: Lots No. 2, \$25; No. 3, \$25; No. 4, \$70; No. 5, \$113; No. 6, \$124; No. 7, \$44; No. 8, \$53; No. 9, \$50; No. 10, \$50; No. 11, \$75; No. 12, \$63; No. 13, \$100; No. 14, \$88.

In Block No. 34: Lots No. 15, \$106; No. 17A, \$32; No. 17 B, \$31; No. 18, \$58; No. 19, \$50; No. 20, \$46.

In Block No. 35: Lots No. 1, \$53; No. 2, \$60; No. 3, \$50.

In Block No. 36: Lots No. 1, \$50; No. 2, \$50; No. 3, \$50; No. 4, \$70.

In Block No. 37: Lots No. 10, \$50; No. 11, \$42.

Block No. 51, \$1,200.

In Block No. 59: Lots No. 9, \$50; No. 10, \$50; No. 11, \$50; No. 12, \$92; No. 19, \$32; No. 20, \$52; No. 21, \$52; No. 22, \$52.

In Block No. 60: Lots No. 9, \$46; No. 10, \$58; No. 12, \$176.

That the total cost of the improvements herein provided is estimated to be \$5,000.

Section 4. That the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, in said town, on the 26th day of September, 1904, at 8 o'clock P. M., when and where the owners of the property hereinbefore described may be heard in regard to the improvements heretofore proposed.

J. B. KINNEAR,
Mayor.

Attest:

BEN G. DAVIS,
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that the within notice is a true copy of the original notice of work to be done in laying water mains in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, and that said original notice was served by me on the.....day of1904, in the following man-

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This certificate was attached to both the foregoing notices.

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Bailiff.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....
day of....., 1904.

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Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Scudder was authorized and instructed to have the necessary notices inserted in the newspapers as required by law.

There being no further business the Council at 9:30 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Morrison, adjourned.

Approved.

J. Kinnear

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Monday evening, September 12, 1904.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., Mayor Kinnear presiding and the following members present: Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Scudder and Van Houten.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the several subsequent special meetings were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council, thro' the Finance Committee.

Takoma Park, Md., September 1, 1904

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and expenditures for the month of August, 1904:

Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 2509.48
Receipts:		
From general taxes	-----	\$555.85
" water rents	-----	19.50
From permits	-----	15.00
For redemption from tax sales	-----	48.45
Partial proceeds of bond sale	-----	6800.00
		<u>7438.80</u>
		9948.28

Disbursements:		
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	-----	\$ 7.75
gasoline	-----	34.10
		\$ 41.85
Waterworks	-----	11.83
Sewer system, legal expenses, new fields	-----	75.00
Street work: material	-----	4.78
labor	-----	6.00
		10.78
Street lighting: oil	-----	22.05
General expenses: telephone	-----	2.00
contingent	-----	1.97
		3.97
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	-----	20.00
engineer	-----	48.00
lamplighter	-----	35.00
		103.00
Sinking fund	-----	500.00
Paid from redemption fund	-----	48.45
Disbursements, cement walks	-----	3239.72
		<u>4056.65</u>
Balance on hand	-----	5891.63
		9948.28

Examined and found correct
 LISLE MORRISON
 J. H. VAN HOUTEN.

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be received and placed upon the records. The motion was carried,

The Mayor submitted to the Council the following communication and indorsement thereon:

Takoma Park Corporation (Maryland) to A.W. Brinck

Washington, D.C. Sept. 9, 1904

To two months salary @ \$125.00 a month under contract made in July, 1904. ----- \$250.00

By the terms of the contract referred to, I was engaged for three (3) months by the Takoma Park Corporation (Maryland) acting through its agent, Charles W. Scudder, Engineer-in-charge, at the salary mentioned; and in order to accept the position I gave up my place under the District of Columbia for the said three months. After working under the contract for one month and three days, I was laid off, and am now out of employment, and in all probability will be unable to obtain employment till the end of the period for which I gave up my position under the District. I have received no salary from the corporation since August 15th past and have been unemployed since that time. I received salary for one month only. Respectfully submitted,

A. Wm. BRINCK. Address 339 C St. N.W.

[Indorsement]

Sept. 12, 1904. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council, Mr. Brinck was not employed for three months, but for such time as his services were satisfactory and needed. His services were not satisfactory, and upon being notified on August 16th that his employment would terminate on August 18th he made no protest but expressed himself as being satisfied. There is now due him pay for services rendered on August 16th and 17th at \$125.00 per month, and it is recommended that he be paid for these two days and no more.

CHAS. W. SCUDDER.

Mr. Van Houten moved that the report of the Engineer on Mr. Brinck's communication be adopted. The motion was carried.

The Mayor presented a communication from Dr. R.H.P. Ellis requesting construction of a board foot way across street and over to the B. & O. platform at North Takoma. Accompanying the communication was a report from Mr. Blodgett, Chr. of Committee on Streets and Lights to the effect that the limited travel over the route in question would not justify compliance with Dr. Ellis' request. On motion of Mr. Derrick the report of the Street Committee was adopted.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

September 12, 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., 250 gals gasoline -----	\$ 27.50	Geo. F. Muth & Co., Burners and wicks -----	\$ 8.60
" " " 290 " oil -----	28.10	Sudwarth Printing Co., 500 letter heads -----	2.75
Rudolph, West & Co., 1 Hammer -----	.60	Angus Lomond, T.C. pipe -----	2.25
Thos. Somerville & Sons, T.C. pipe ^{7.10} freight ^{.65} -----	7.75	C. & P. Telephone Co. Rental for Sept. -----	2.00
Chas. W. Scudder, Sundries -----	4.35		83.90

In the matter of the account of Thos. Somerville & Sons for lead, etc., John F. Sheiry for printing and C. & P. telephone Co for foreign messages, we have withheld approval pending approval by persons incurring the indebtedness.

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

Mr. Scudder moved that the bills be paid as recommended by the Committee. The motion was carried,

The following report of Mr. Morrison, Chairman Finance Committee, was submitted.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., Sept. 12, 1904

Gentlemen:- I attach three bills which we have had to cut out of this month's report for the reason that they are without O.K. by any person. Kindly have proper persons certify and return to Finance Committee. It seems to your committee that members of the Council having work done or materials furnished should see to it that the bills while made out against the town should be sent to them, or that their names should appear somewhere for purpose of identification. Again persons using long distance phones for town purposes should report it, or pay the charge and seek reimbursement.

Yours truly LISLE MORRISON.

Mr. Blodgett moved, in view of the fact that the bills of Messrs Somerville Sons and John F. Sheiry were of a semi-emergent nature and had now been O. K'd by the engineer in charge of cement walks, who had incurred them, that payment of these two bills be authorized. The motion was carried.

The following report was submitted by the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Sept. 12, 1904.

Gentlemen:- I attach hereto a rough memorandum showing the expenditures during the two months reported by the Treasurer for the current fiscal year. This statement does not include the bills reported tonight for payment.

Yours truly,

LISLE MORRISON

J. H. VAN HOUTEN Finance Com.

Expenditures during fiscal year 1904-1905. July and August, 1904:

Water and sewer	\$ 173.05	Interest	\$ 4.50
Streets and street work	60.67	General bond	500.00
General expenses	58.67	Cement walks	3558.34
Salaries	206.00	Sinking fund	500.00
			<u>5061.23</u>

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be received and recorded. Carried and so ordered.

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

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Sept. 12, 1904.

Gentlemen:- At regular meeting of Council in April Mr. John Hodges submitted a proposal to do certain work on what is known as Potomac street as follows: cut ditch on side of street to turn water; fill in ravine so as to make passable for teams and wagons for sum of \$25.00. Some weeks after Mr. Hodges notified me that the work was completed and ready for inspection. I looked over the street and found as near as I could tell that the roadway encroached on private ground and that I could not accept the work until the line was surveyed. Mr. Hodges had the line run and found the street was on private property; he then changed it, put in more filling and completed work. I therefore recommend that Mr. Hodges be paid in full the amount of bill, \$25.00.

E. E. BLODGETT, Chairman, Street Committee.

Mr. Scudder moved that the report and recommendations of the committee be approved and payment of the bill directed. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett called the attention of the Council to the necessity for providing for crossings for the new cement walks and recommended that an appropriation of \$100 be authorized for that purpose. On motion of Mr. Scudder the recommendation was approved and the appropriation authorized.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the Chairman of the Street Committee was directed to investigate and submit an estimate of the amount and cost of lumber necessary to protect the lot crossings along the lines of the new cement walks.

The Finance Committee returned the bill of Heaton and Lewis, Trustees, for \$96⁰⁰ 2 years rent of log cabin, bearing following indorsements:

[1st indorsement]. Aug. 9, 1904. Respectfully referred to the Finance Committee, by direction of the Mayor and Council, inviting attention to the following extract from the minutes of the Council of meeting of July 7, 1902: "The Mayor announced that the rent of the log cabin had been reduced from \$48⁰⁰ to \$24⁰⁰ per annum, the Town to make slight necessary repairs." Mr. Heaton now states that he does not remember any such agreement and submits the inclosed bill for 2 years rental at the old rate of \$48⁰⁰ per annum.
BEN G. DAVIS, Clerk.

[2nd indorsement.] - Respectfully referred to the Mayor and Council inviting attention to the within bill from Mr. Heaton for use of the "log cabin" and to the extract from the records of the July meeting as given by the clerk. The Mayor has informed us verbally that his understanding is in accordance with the records but that Mr. Heaton cannot recall any such understanding. It should also be remembered that we have made no repairs to the "log cabin," which was a part of the understanding, and as we have used it and are now using it, your committee sees no other way thing to do than to pay the bill as rendered and so recommends. Your committee would further recommend that the matter of rental of the log cabin be taken up officially in writing and the rate determined on for the current year so as to set at rest any question on this point.

LISLE MORRISON } Finance Committee.
J. H. VAN HOUTEN }

Mr. Scudder moved that the bill be paid as recommended and that the Mayor be requested to consult with Mr. Heaton and enter into an agreement for the current fiscal year. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder, Engineer in charge of cement walks, reported verbally that about 2300 square yards had been completed since last report.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:05 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Van Houten, adjourned.

Approved:

J. H. Van Houten

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, September 26th. 1904.

In accordance with public notice duly given as required by law, a special meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison, Scudder and Van Houten.

The Mayor announced the purpose of the meeting namely: To hear from owners of property in regard to certain public improvements as contemplated in Ordinances No. 110 and 111, being the construction of water main and extension of sewerage system.

Mr. George W. Jackson, owner of lot 8 in block 50 entered protest against proposed water main, asserting that it would be of no benefit to his property, he having access at present to a main much nearer his property than the one proposed on Carroll Ave.

Mr. Thomas Waters of S, representing lot 5, in block 50, while not objecting to the proposed water main, deemed it proper that the Council, in view of the fact that the improvement is contemplated mostly for the benefit of the Adventists, should insist upon the principle of reciprocity and require concessions from them in regard to streets, especially a definite settlement of the boundaries of Flower Avenue.

Mr. Charles Rey and Mrs. Bushby, representing lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 50; Mr. F. W. Longley, representing lot 8 in block 37 and Mr. Fred W. Thomas, representing lot 1, in block 37, protested against the proposed improvement on the general principle that inasmuch as water mains and sewers heretofore laid had been done at the public expense, in which they had borne their proportionate share, it was unjust discrimination to compel them to bear the entire expense of the work. Mr. Thomas stated that in addition to this principle he was already provided with water from the Carroll Avenue main; that an additional main would not benefit his property in any way and that he had an ample water supply at present. Mr. Rey also announced that, at his own expense, he had expended \$125⁰⁰ in putting in a private pipe line connecting with the Carroll Ave. main and, being thus supplied, the proposed improvement would be of no benefit to him.

Mr. Johnson of firm of J. Harrison Johnson and Son, representing the Farmers Trust, Banking and Deposit Company of Baltimore, Md., owners of lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, in block 37, protested against proposed water main on the ground that no necessity exists for it at this time and also because the installation of water without sewer facilities would not add to the public health and comfort. Mr. Johnson filed with the Council a written protest in line with his remarks.

Mr. Thomas Waters, of S, entered emphatic protest against the assessment of \$176⁰⁰ for sewer against lot 12 in block 60, of which he is owner, asserting that the assessment is equal to the value of the lot.

There being no further protests or remarks upon the subject the Mayor announced that in the final consideration of the matter by the Council due weight would be given to the protests recorded, the Council being only desirous of subserving the interests of all the people.

Having disposed of this matter, further business was considered by the Council as follows:

The Mayor submitted a proposed form for indemnity bond covering the five years repair clause in the sidewalk contract with the Brennan Construction Company. Upon motion of Mr. Morrison the form was referred to the Committee on Ordinance and Judiciary for consideration and recommendation.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee on construction of cement walks, reported relative to walk on Poplar Avenue, recommending that it be constructed with six inches of extra concrete on each side and unglazed tiling through center, involving a total extra expense of \$75⁰⁰.

Mr. Morrison moved that the recommendation be adopted and the walk continued to Elm Ave. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morris Bien presented a petition signed by Miss Grace B. Holmes and himself requesting a cement walk on Elm Ave. Mr. Bien addressed the Council relative thereto, stating that the petitioners represented about one-half of the 1200 feet length of the street. That Elm Ave. was the only direct outlet for a number of families and that without the walk the street, especially in winter and bad weather, was dangerous and impassable. Mr. Bien submitted with the petition a letter reciting the necessity for the walk as requested.

Mr. Morrison moved that in view of the fact that this walk could scarcely be constructed during the present season, that the petitioners be advised that it would be taken up for consideration in the early spring and that reasonable assurance could be given that it would be constructed at that time. The motion was carried.

Mr. Bien again addressed the Council urging that the walk be constructed at the present time - that it would be an absolute necessity for the coming winter and that with diligent effort it could be completed before danger of frosts.

Mr. Morrison moved a reconsideration of his motion and the same was ordered

In lieu of the original motion Mr. Morrison moved that the petition be referred to the special committee on cement walks for consideration and that if, in the judgment of the committee, favorable action is desirable, that the necessary steps be immediately taken for the early construction of the walk. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder, from the Committee on Water and Sewers requested an appropriation of \$45⁰⁰ for cleaning sewer farm tanks.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the appropriation was authorized.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee on cement walks submitted the following statement of the Engineer and Inspector and recommended that payment be made to the contractors for the amount specified, less 10 per cent:

Recapitulation of work done by the Brennan Construction Co. for the Town of Takoma, Md, from August 18th to September 24th, 1904:

Location			Cement Sidewalk		Extra Grading		Extra Concrete		Total
Avenue	From	To	Sq. Yards	Cost	cu. Yds.	Cost	cu. Yds.	Cost	Cost
Takoma	Chestnut	Philadelphia	3.11	\$ *3.82					\$ 3.82
Holly	D.C. Line	Point North	9.24	10.81					10.81
Tulip	Holly	Maple	321.37	376.00	92.00	\$ 32.20			408.20
Tulip	Maple	Carroll	359.42	420.52	180.00	63.00			483.52
Maple	D.C. Line	Tulip	279.93	327.52					327.52
Carroll	D.C. Line	Laurel	475.25	556.04					556.04
Laurel	Magnolia	Elm	103.00	120.51					120.51
Magnolia	Laurel	Point East	1.65	1.93					1.93
Carroll	Elm	Columbia	297.69	348.30					348.30
Carroll	Columbia	Ethan Allen	655.42	766.84					766.84
Ethan Allen	Carroll	Sycamore	268.46	314.10					314.10
Columbia	Carroll	Hickory	268.46	314.10					314.10
Columbia	Carroll	Poplar	488.84	571.94	37.00	12.95	3.70	\$ 20.35	605.24
Poplar	Columbia	Elm	518.89	607.10	10.20	3.57	10.20	56.10	666.77
Poplar	Columbia	Point south	237.69	278.10			4.90	26.95	305.40
Totals			4019.96	\$ 4703.53	319.20	\$ 111.72	18.80	\$ 103.40	\$ 4918.65
Less 10 per cent.									491.87
									4426.78

* Includes 0.44 cu. yds old cement walk removed. (778 bbls. cement used.)

I hereby certify that I have inspected this work during its progress and that it conforms to the specifications of the contract and that the quantities here given are correct.

September 26th, 1904.

(Sgd) GEO. C. BURNS.

Mr. Morrison moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved and payment of \$4926.78 to The Brennan Construction Company authorized and directed. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder, from the same committee reported that he had held up construction of sections of walk as follows: On Elm Avenue from Hickory to Poplar and on Maple Ave., from Tulip to residence of Miss Corse and requested definite instructions relative thereto.

Mr. Morrison moved that ^{proposed} a walk on Elm Avenue from Hickory to Poplar be not constructed. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morrison moved that the walk proposed for Maple Ave., from Tulip to residence of Miss Corse be not constructed. Mr. Derrick requested a division on the vote and the motion was lost on roll call as follows: voting yes, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Van Houten; voting no, Mr. Blodgett, Mr. Derrick and Mr. Scudder.

The Mayor presented a communication from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. requesting permission to erect a pole on Pine Ave to furnish telephone service to Mr. Morris Bien.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the desired permission was granted, the exact location of the pole to be decided by the street committee.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the Mayor was authorized to grant the telephone company permission to erect pole on Chestnut Ave and to string wires thereon, if such permission were requested, to furnish telephone service to Mr. West.

The Mayor laid before the Council the bill of the United Realty Co. for \$100.00 for services in connection with purchase of land for sewage disposal plant, together with report of the Finance Committee thereon as follows:

Takoma Park, Md., July 5, 1904.

Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the information that inquiry of the Mayor reveals the fact that Mr. Gilbert was of considerable service to him and expended time and effort in aiding him to complete the purchase of the land for the new sewer farm. In view of this your committee recommends that an allowance be made his Company as compensation for services rendered of a sum not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$50.00, the exact amount to be fixed by the Council. In this connection, it is understood that the United Realty Co. failed to have the back taxes—the State, County and municipal—paid on the sewer farm property before turning over the purchase money to the late owners, as said Company had been directed to do by the Mayor. This will probably result in the town having to assume these taxes, which should be taken into consideration in settlement of the attached bill.

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

In regard to the taxes the Mayor stated that the back state and county taxes had been settled within the past few days by the Receiver of the property and that receipted bills therefor were in possession of the Town Treasurer.

Mr. Morrison moved that an appropriation of \$40⁰⁰ be authorized in full payment of services rendered by the United Realty Co. in purchase of sewer farm. The motion was lost.

Mr. Scudder moved that an appropriation of \$50⁰⁰, being 5% of the purchase price, ~~and~~ the usual commission allowed in such cases, be authorized in full payment of services rendered by the United Realty Co. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder submitted the bill of Messrs. Williams & Whitman, Civil and Sanitary Engineers, for \$190⁰⁰ for complete plans, specifications, etc., for Out-fall Sewer and Septic Tank, as per previous authority of the Council.

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

Mr. Derrick from committee on Ordinance and Judiciary submitted communication from the District Commissioners relative to proposed use of the town sewerage system by certain residences on Oak and Magnolia Aves., in the District of Columbia - together with report thereon. Without objection the communication and report were referred to the Water and Sewer committee for consideration.

There being no further business, the Council, at 11:45 p.m., on motion of Mr. Van Houten, adjourned

Approved:

J. S. Kimean

Mayor

Benjamin Davis Clerk