

Mr. Ralph J. Woolsey presented a verbal request for information upon what terms the present sewer<sup>farm</sup> could be leased when abandoned, and the amount of land therein. The question was referred to the Water and sewer Committee for report.

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned, at 11:00 o'clock p.m.

Approved:

BEN DAVIS Clerk

J. B. Kinnear Mayor

Monday evening, May 8th, 1905

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. with the following members present: Mayor J. B. Kinnear and Councilmen Bladgett, Derrick, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and VanHouten. In the absence of the Clerk, Mr. Morrison was selected to act in that capacity.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council were read and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council. (Through the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., April 30, 1905	
Gentlemen: - I have the honor to submit the following statement of receipts and expenditures of town funds during April, 1905:			
Balance on hand last report ----- \$ 3764.53		Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline ----- \$ 59.00	
From general taxes ----- \$ 204.21		Waterworks: repairs to dam ----- 9.15	
From water rents ----- 18.79		Street work: labor ----- 6.00	
From permits ----- 5.00		Street lighting: oil ----- 16.00	
For redemption of property sold for taxes ----- 19.00		General expenses: postage ----- \$ 10.60	
Proceeds of bond issue ----- 5000.00		telephone ----- 2.60	
Accrued interest on bonds, Feb. 1. to Apr. 1, 1905 @ 5 1/2 per cent. ----- 45.83		contingent ----- 3.95	
From cement walks special assessments ----- 367.38	5660.21	miscellaneous ----- 8.00 25.15	
	9424.74	Semi-annual interest on \$56000 water and sewer 4% bonds ----- 1120.00	
Expended on special improvements to date:		Redemption fund disbursements ----- 19.00	
Cement walks ----- \$ 15,379.19		Extension of sewer system ----- 1826.10	
Sewer extension ----- 5,699.52		Salaries: clerk and treasurer ----- 25.00	
Water main extension ----- 1,716.01		lamplighter ----- 35.00	
Total ----- \$ 22,794.72		engineer ----- 72.00 132.00	
		3212.40	
		Balance on hand ----- 6212.34	
Examined and found correct. L. MORRISON	Of balance of ----- \$ 6212.34	9424.74	
E. M. DOUGLAS	There belongs to sidewalk fund 4079.40		
J. H. VAN HOUTEN.	2132.94	BEN G. DAVIS, Treasr	

Upon motion the report was received, adopted and ordered filed.

In accordance with notice duly given the Council thereupon resolved itself into a Board of Review to hear and determine any complaints in reference to the proposed assessment of property for the fiscal year 1905-6 as submitted by the Board of Assessors.

In connection therewith the following communication was presented from the Clerk and Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., May 6, 1905

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to report that the revised assessment of property within the corporation, having been turned over to the Town Treasurer on the 10th day of April, 1905, legal public notice of the same as required by Section 16 of the charter, has been complied with, said notice having been posted in at least five conspicuous places in the Town, April 12, 1905. A copy of such public notice is herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully,

BEN G. DAVIS, Clerk and Treasurer.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE!

In accordance with Section 16, Chapter 310, of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland (known as the Charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Md.) notice is hereby given that the Revised Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905, is in the hands of the Town Treasurer at his office, Oak Ave, and is open for the inspection of the public.

The Council at its regular meeting Monday, May 8, 1905, beginning at 8 o'clock p.m., will sit in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel to hear and determine all complaints and appeals in regard thereto.

BEN G. DAVIS, Town Clerk.

Mr. W. G. Platt entered protest against the assessment upon his residence, and, as representative of Dr. R. H. P. Ellis, against the valuations placed upon that gentleman's two houses on Buffalo Ave., and requested that equitable reductions be made.

Mr. Curtis, representing The Review and Herald Publishing Association requested a reconsideration and reduction of the assessment on the lots in the Thornton subdivision recently purchased by said Association.

Messrs. B. H. Warner and E. S. Parker presented written objections to the assessment of certain lots assessed in their respective names and deemed it proper that such valuations should be considerably reduced.

No further objections being presented the Council considered at some length the general subject of assessments and taxable values. No decision was reached upon the objections presented, the Council, as a Board of Review adjourning subject to call of the Mayor.

Resuming its regular order of business, Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported that, in accordance with instructions of the Council arrangements had been completed for lamps on Carroll Avenue to the entrance of the Washington Training College and that same would be in use by May 10th.

Mr. Scudder, to whom had been referred the petition of the Adventist Associations relative to a bridge across the Sligo in the vicinity of the present

Carroll Avenue bridge, reported verbally that the plans for said bridge had not been referred to him in connection with the petition. Mayor Kinnear stated that through error the plans had gone to the Street Committee. Mr. Scudder reported further that a suitable bridge could not be built for less than \$12,000.00, the figures submitted with the plans being merely estimates and not careful computations. Upon motion the petition and papers relating thereto were laid upon the table.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, returned the petition of the Adventist Associations for grading of Willow Ave. and construction of cement walks thereon without recommendation but with correspondence conducted by the Committee on Ordinance and Judiciary with the conclusion that "Willow Avenue has been dedicated as a public highway and as such is under the control of the Mayor and Council."

Mr. Scudder, from the Water and Sewer Committee, returned the petition of the Adventist Associations, relative to the extension of water mains and sewers on Carroll and Willow Avenue with the recommendation that "this work be done in the regular way, charging the cost to abutting property."

These two petitions were then conjointly considered by the Council at length and the entire matter, including the grading of Willow Avenue, the construction of cement walks thereon and the extension of the water and sewer systems as desired, was referred to the special committee in charge of the present pending public improvements, with instructions to prepare the necessary plans, notices and ordinances, together with estimate of cost thereof, for early submission to the council.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, returned the petition of the Adventists Associations, in which request was made for loan of lumber to construct temporary board walk, with report that the request had been granted insofar as was possible from stock of lumber on hand. On motion of Mr. Douglas the action of the committee was approved.

Mr. W. G. Platt, of Takoma Ave., requested the Council verbally, that the old board walk, formerly in front of his property, be placed along the New York Avenue side of his lot, so far as the material would allow. There being no objections the street committee was directed to comply with the request.

The finance committee submitted the following report which was duly considered and recommendation approved. Payment of all bills was directed except that of the H. Mueller Manufacturing Co. for \$16<sup>20</sup>, it appearing that the drills included in said bill were not of the proper size, exchange thereof being directed.

The committee's report was as follows:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

May 3, 1905

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:

H. Mueller Mfg. Co., Bends. etc. -----	\$ 16.20	C. J. Maddox, for services -----	\$ 29.25
Standard Oil Co. Oil for St. Lighting -----	20.80	Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamps and globes -----	31.02
Geo. W. Jackson, for services -----	10.00	Martin McNamara & Co. Balance due on water main -----	236.35
C. and P. Telephone Co. Telephone rental, etc. -----	29.25		<hr/>
			346.12

LISLE MORRISON  
E. M. DOUGLAS  
J. H. VAN HOUTEN } Committee.

The following communication from the County Surveyor relative to survey of Ridge Ave. was presented and read:

Benj. Davis, Esq.

Rockville, Md., April 18, 1905

Dear Sir: Mr. Jackson and myself have made a careful survey of the outlines of Block 64 and part of 65 in the subdivision of Takoma Park which is a part of the same land conveyed by H. W. Talbott, trustee, to Benj. F. Gilbert the 2nd day of January, 1889, and recorded in liber J. A. No. 11, folios 495 + c. one of the land records of Montgomery County, Md., and from them have located Ridge Avenue, and we have agreed that the location is now established by us to be correct and in conformity with the original survey. We have placed gas pipe at the intersection of the east and west lines of Ridge Avenue with the south line of Blair Road, and stakes at the angle made in said Avenue at the N.W. corner of lot 30 in Block 64 and at the point of angle in the east line of Ridge Avenue, and would suggest that stones be planted at the points mentioned. We find that the parties occupying lots 24 and 25 in Block 64, have fenced in the full width of Ridge Avenue and part of lots 15 and 16 in Block 65 by the entire frontage of the said lots 24 and 25; We also find that all the lots have their full quantity of land with the exception of the lots fronting on Blair Road, which are short for the reason that they were calculated from the north line of Blair Road and the width of the road is included in the lots. I inclose herewith bill for services.

Very Truly Yrs.

C. J. MADDOX, Surveyor of Montgomery Co., Md.

I indorse the above statement.

Geo. W. JACKSON, C. E.

The report was adopted.

The following communication was presented and read:

To the Mayor and Council:-

Takoma Park, Md., April 25, 1905

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the sale for delinquent corporation taxes which was held at the "log cabin" on Thursday, Apr. 18 '05. On the first day of March, 1905, there was due on unpaid general taxes slightly less than \$1700.00 and a very considerable sum on unpaid special assessment for cement sidewalks. On that day a circular was mailed to each delinquent stating that unless taxes were paid on or before March 21, 1905, their property would be advertised. This circular, in connection with a large number of personal letters to taxpayers, resulted in the collection of a very large proportion of the amount due so that the list as advertised, which included an additional charge for expenses of the sale, amounted to \$918.09. Of this amount \$441.71 was paid prior to date of the sale which left a balance of \$476.38 to be sold.

The delinquent list was advertised in The Montgomery Press for three weeks previous to the date of the sale and the printed list duly posted in more than five conspicuous places as required by law. In addition a copy of the printed notice was sent to each delinquent, every effort being made to collect the taxes without subjecting the owners to the expense of sale, record and redemption. On the day of the sale each parcel of property was called off as required by law and all parcels were sold except the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company which was bid in by the Town.

The amount received as proceeds of the sale was \$256.98. The cost of the sale had been estimated at \$60.00 and that amount proportioned among the delinquents, none of the expenses being therefore charged to the town funds. The actual expenses amounted to \$58.25, the balance of \$1.73 being credited to the Town.

Within ten days from the date of the sale a detailed report thereof was made to the circuit courts of Montgomery and Prince George counties and the sales duly recorded. A copy of each paper in connection with this matter is appended to this report. Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

The report was approved and directed to be filed.

A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. requesting permission to erect a 28" pole #17, 143" n.e. of pole #16, on Holly Ave. The desired permission was granted, the exact location of the pole to be subject to the decision of the chairman of the street committee.

A communication was presented from Mr. J. H. Clark, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian church requesting that the Council abate a nuisance created by draining of water from Tulip and Maple Aves. upon the church property. Accompanying said communication was a report from the chairman of the street committee estimating the expense of pipe and labor necessary for the purpose requested, as \$20<sup>00</sup>. After considerable discussion of the matter a motion directing the street committee to abate the nuisance at the expense of the town, was carried.

Attention was called to a similar nuisance on property of Lewis Thomas, on Montgomery Ave., abatement of which had been many times requested. A motion to take similar action as on the church property was ruled out of order and the motion withdrawn.

A verbal report was submitted from the committee on Health and Sanitation relative to the steps taken to secure abatement of nuisance on Holly Ave. caused by drainage from residence of Mrs. Ourand

Mr. Derrick, from the committee on Ordinance and Judiciary, reported progress on the matters pertaining to the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co., submitted to his committee for consideration and report.

No written report was submitted from the Water and Sewer committee, but its chairman, Mr. Scudder, referred to condition of sewer field No. 2, stating that the same required immediate attention and that Mr. McNamara would reconstruct the field for \$750<sup>00</sup>.

Mr. Douglas moved that the matter of reconstruction of sewer field No. 2, be referred to the special committee in charge of public improvements with instructions to prepare plans and necessary ordinances for having the work done. The motion was carried.

Mr. Scudder presented statement of Messrs. Martin McNamara and Co, contractors, for work done on sewer extension, amounting to \$1,463.75. Mr. Scudder stated that, withholding 10% there was due contractors \$1317.38 but as the contract had lapsed, he did not feel like recommending any payment but presented the matter for the consideration of the Council. After consideration of the matter Mr. Scudder recom-

mended payment of bill as rendered. Mr. Douglas moved that a payment of \$1000<sup>00</sup> on account be authorized and directed. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. Louis H. Lee wherein he withdrew the permission previously granted for running of service pipe for water across his lot on Pine Avenue to residence of Miss Grace Bruce Holmes on Elm Avenue.

Mr. W. G. Platt, of Takoma Avenue, requested the Council to have the Committee on Health and Sanitation, investigate the matter of private water supplies in houses not connected with public sewers and especially where such residences were on lines of water mains and sewers, reporting their conclusions to the Council, and that the Council consider the matter of preventing such practice.

Mr. Scudder submitted from the Water and Sewer Committee a communication from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, including an opinion of their corporation attorney to the effect that said Commissioners are authorized to enter into contract with the Town of Takoma Park Md. for construction of outfall sewer to connect certain houses in the District of Columbia with the Maryland sewerage system; but that, in the absence of an appropriation by Congress, the Commissioners have no authority to enter into an agreement for the payment of \$10 per residence per annum for such service, with the following recommendation:

April 24, 1905. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the recommendation that no action be taken toward the construction of the outlet sewer until some definite agreement is entered into with the District Commissioners for reciprocal sewer facilities based on the payment of \$10<sup>00</sup> per annum for each dwelling house for such service.  
CHAS. W. SCUDDER, Chm. Water and Sewer Committee.

Mr. Douglas moved that the recommendation of the committee be approved and the District Commissioners so advised. Motion carried.

A communication from Mr. D. K. Nicola requesting permission to connect with water main on Holly Ave. for residence building on lots 36 and 37, in block 12, was referred to Water and Sewer Committee for report and recommendation.

The Mayor reported to the Council that Mrs. S. J. Cockrell had written him claiming that a prior council had agreed to pay \$5<sup>00</sup> for the privilege of crossing her property and that this had not been done. Mr. Scudder moved that \$5<sup>00</sup> be appropriated for payment of right of way over the land of the late Mr. Cockrell and that proper deed for this right of way be signed by the heirs and that the Mayor be authorized to carry these negotiations to completion. The motion was carried.

The Mayor requested the Engineer in charge to make full report as to completion of water main extension on Carroll Avenue, with full and complete cost thereof and whether said work had been completed as per contract and duly accepted.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee be directed to look up all rights of way matters pertaining to the water and Sewer system and whether proper deeds had been obtained therefor and such other information necessary to give a full understanding of the matter for future reference.

Mr. Derrick moved that permission be granted Mr. Samuel Queen to dig sand out of bank on Elm Ave. The motion was declared lost for want of a second.

There being no further business the Council, at 12 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*J. A. Kinnear*

Mayor.

Acting Clerk

Tuesday Evening, May 23rd, 1905.

In compliance with its adjournment of May 8th, 1905, upon call of the Mayor, the Council convened as a Board of Review, at the residence of the Clerk, this date, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of further consideration of the objections presented against the assessment for the ensuing fiscal year, as submitted by the Board of Assessors.

There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Douglas, Morrison, Scudder and Van Houten.

All objections as presented were each duly considered and disposed of as follows:

On motion of Mr. Douglas the assessment as submitted by the Assessors was approved on the property of Mr. W. G. Platt.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the assessment as submitted by the Assessors was approved on the property of Mr. R. H. P. Ellis.

On motion of Mr. Scudder the assessment as submitted by the Assessors was approved on the property of the Review and Herald Publishing Assn.

On motion of Mr. Van Houten the assessment as submitted by the Assessors was approved on the property of Mr. B. H. Warner.

On motion of Mr. Douglas the assessment as submitted by the Assessors was approved on the property of Mr. E. S. Parker.

All complaints and objections having been disposed of Mr. Scudder moved that the assessment as presented by the Board of Assessors be

reported back to the Council with the recommendation that it be adopted as the assessment for the ensuing fiscal year. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Board of Review, on motion of Mr. Scudder, adjourned sine die.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the Board of Review the Mayor convened the Council in special session for the consideration of such business as may be presented. All members responded to roll call except Mr. Derrick, unavoidably absent.

The Mayor reported to the Council the action taken by the Board of Review on the assessment and in furtherance of the Board's recommendation submitted the following ordinance:

### Ordinance No. 120.

To Adopt an Assessment of Real Property Made for the Purpose of Taxation.

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

Section 1. - That the revised assessment of real property for the purpose of taxation, made under and pursuant to the resolution of the Council of March 13, 1905, by George A. Warren, E. V. Crittenden and Ben V. Davis, and reported by them April 10, 1905, be and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905, the Council having sat at its regular meeting of May 8, 1905, to hear appeals and complaints in regard to such assessment, after two weeks notice of such meeting having been given by posting notices thereof in five or more conspicuous places in the town, all appeals and complaints having been acted upon.

Mr. Scudder moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon ye and nay vote as follows: voting ye, Messrs. Blodgett, Douglas, Scudder and Van Houten. Voting nay, none. Mr. Morrison not voting.

Without objection the assessment was referred to the Finance Committee in connection with consideration of tax rate for ensuing year.

Mr. Scudder, from the special committee in charge of extraordinary public improvements reported verbally, that, with the Mayor, he had been in consultation with officials of the Adventists societies in relation to water main, sewers, sidewalks and street grading, desired by them on Carroll and Willow Avenues. That his estimates on the cost of such work was as follows: sewer, 1453 feet at \$1.00, \$1453.00; water, 1037 feet at \$1.00, \$1037.00; sidewalks, 1170 feet at 70¢, \$819.00; grading 1170 feet at 25¢, \$292.00, a total of \$3601.00. In connection therewith the Mayor stated that the Adventists had expressed a willingness to pay for these improvements in entirety, having been informed that the finances of the Town would not permit of expenditures therefor at present or in the immediate future.

After consideration of the matter Mr. Scudder moved that the Adventists be informed that the estimated cost of the work requested by them, namely, the laying of water mains, sewers and cement walks along Carroll and Willow Avenues and the grading of the latter street, is \$3600.00, and that, upon de-



posit of said amount with the Town Treasurer, immediate steps would be taken toward prosecution of the work. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights, submitted an itemized estimate of street work urgently needed, amounting to \$890, and recommended that an appropriation of that amount be authorized for the purposes indicated.

The report was considered at length in connection with the state of the finances. Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Water and Sewer called attention to the necessity of immediate repairs to the waterworks filter, and moved that an appropriation of \$250<sup>00</sup> be authorized, \$200<sup>00</sup> of which to be available for work necessary to protect and repair damage to the cement walks and other street work so far as possible and \$50<sup>00</sup> for necessary work to place the waterworks filter in good condition. The motion was carried and so ordered.

There being no further business, the Council at 10:05 p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

J. B. Finney Mayor.

Ben B. Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 12, 1905

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Kinnear and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison and Van Houten.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of May 23rd, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council,		Takoma Park, Md. June 1, 1905	
Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, 1905:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 6212.34	Disbursements:	84.37
Receipts:		Street work	
From general taxes	\$ 31.98	Street lighting: oil	20.80
" water rents	29.50	lamps and globes	31.27
" redemption of property sold for taxes	67.96	General expenses:	62.50
" special assessments for cement walks	145.21	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	25.00
	<u>274.65</u>	Engineer	48.00
	\$ 6486.99	Lamplighter	35.00
Expended on special improvements to date		Paid for redemption of tax property	67.96
Cement walks	\$ 15,379.19	General bond and 6 mos interest @ 6%	515.00
Sewer extension	6,699.52	Sewer contractor, on account	1000.00
Water main extension	1,952.36	Balance on water-main extension	236.35
	<u>\$ 24,031.07</u>		2126.25
Examined and found correct:		Balance on hand	4360.74
L. MORRISON	} Finance Committee.	Belonging to special fund	\$ 4224.61
E. M. DOUGLAS		Balance in general fund	136.13
J. H. VAN HOUTEN			<u>\$ 4360.74</u>
		Respectfully submitted:	BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the report was received, considered and ordered filed.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.		June 7, 1905	
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			
Lewis and Heaton, Rent of log cabin	36.00	Angus Lamond, Pipe (No 4)	8.85
Bd. Trustees Presby. Church, rent	37.00	W. F. Mattingly, Disinfectants	12.15
C. & P. Tel. Co. Telephone rentals	2.10	Standard Oil Co. Oil and Gasoline	77.49
		Town Treasurer, Contingent expenses	1.10
		" " Charges trans. prisoners	2.14
			<u>176.83</u>
All agreed to except No. 4. E. M. DOUGLAS		LISLE MORRISON J. H. VAN HOUTEN	

On motion of Mr. Derrick the report was accepted and payment of the bills authorized.

The Finance Committee submitted the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council

Takoma Park, Md., June 12, 1905.

Gentlemen:- The attached papers show that final payment has been made for the work of laying the water main on Carroll Avenue, also show that the amount paid the contractor was \$1864.35. There was expended in connection with this work for Engineering and other incidental expenses, \$135.65, making the aggregate cost \$2000.00. Among the papers you will find a list of the property owners along the route of this water main with the cost to each on the basis of the number of front feet. It will be noted that the property of Mr. F. H. Thomas and Mrs. Sallie E. Jackson, also 100 feet of corner lot No. 10, block 37, and corner lot No. 3 in block 49 has been exempted. Protest was made by Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Jackson that the main in question would not benefit their property, hence the exemption. The 100 feet in the lots mentioned exempted on account of the provisions of the law.

It is recommended that the cost as shown on the within list be assessed against the respective lots and that the Treasurer be directed to proceed in the usual way to collect the taxes accruing, observing the law governing the work done. The committee did not consider that Mr. Ray had just cause for exemption.

Yours truly,

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

Upon motion of Mr. Derrick the report was accepted and the following ordinance presented:

### Ordinance No. 121

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

That the special assessment submitted by the Finance Committee in its report dated June 12, 1905, for the payment of a water main constructed under the provisions and by virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

Upon a ye and nay vote the ordinance was passed as follows: Voting ye Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison and Van Houten. Voting nay, none.

The Finance Committee presented the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., June 12, 1905

Gentlemen:- In regard to the rate of assessment for taxation purposes for the coming fiscal year, your committee begs to report that after a very full consideration of the matter it is not seen how any other rate than fixed for the current year can apply, namely 75¢ per \$100 on the general tax and 75¢ per \$100 for water and sewer, making the gross rate \$1.50. We therefore recommend that the rate of taxation be fixed accordingly.

Yours truly

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

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be accepted. The motion was carried.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee as approved by the Council, Mr. Derrick, from the Committee on Ordinance and Judiciary submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 122

Monday Evening June 6, 1905

To levy a General Tax for Municipal Purposes and an Additional Tax for the Payment of Interest, the Creation of a Sinking Fund and the Operation and Maintenance of a Waterworks and Sewerage System.

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

Section 1. - That a general tax of Seventy-five (75) cents on each One Hundred 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 23, 1905, Ordinance No. 120, be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905.

Section 2. - An additional tax of Seventy-five (75) cents on each One Hundred 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, 1905.

The ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Morrison and Van Houten; voting nay, none.

The Mayor invited the attention of the Council to the money on hand to the credit of the special assessment fund and suggested that bonds to the extent of \$3900.00 be taken up therewith if they could be secured at par.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to anticipate the payment of \$3900.00 special improvement bonds if the holders thereof would permit said action at par and interest to date of payment. The motion was carried.

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

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, June 12th. 1905

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the 7 lamps appropriation for which was made at our April meeting for Sligo hill: I found by looking over the ground that 6 lamps were all that were necessary. The cost of getting chestnut posts and putting up the 6 lamps amounts to \$32.90. Balance left, \$7<sup>10</sup> with one lamp on hand for emergency. -- The appropriation for repairing sidewalks, cleaning out pipes is not completed; would sdy progress. -- The nuisance that the Council ordered abated in regard to pipe at church has been completed at cost of \$15.40. The pipe had to be cleaned from end to street. It was completely filled with mud; the pipe under Maple Avenue is crushed and leaves very little room for water and in a hard rain will not carry it off fast enough but backs up in gutter but drains off slowly after rain. -- I would respectfully call the attention of the Mayor and Council that the streets are getting in a very bad condition and each rain is cutting some of the streets and leaving them full of holes and taking out gravel. We therefore ask for the same appropriation as at last meeting. We would call the attention of the Mayor and Council that if this work is not done before long that we will be compelled to build new streets,

E. E. BLODGETT.  
J. H. VAN HOUTEN.  
L. MORRISON

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be received and laid upon the table. The motion was carried.

Mr. Van Houten, from the Health Committee, reported progress in the matter of investigation of houses situated along lines of water and

sewer with intention of requiring connection therewith.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the fact that unless construction of the connecting sewer from the District line on Magnolia Ave. to the Maryland sewer, was contracted for, ~~the~~ previous to July 1st the appropriation therefor would be no longer available. The Mayor stated that he desired to go upon record as favoring the construction of this sewer at once, while there was an appropriation for it, leaving the details of terms for the use of the town system by the District of Columbia for future consideration.

Mr. Morrison called attention to the recent action of the Council in the matter and as there appeared no disposition to reconsider such action, nothing further was done. On motion of Mr. Morrison an appropriation of \$200 per mo. was authorized for a telephone in the Mayor's <sup>[residence in the city.]</sup>

The Mayor informed the Council that a communication from Messrs. Tibbott and Prettyman, attorneys for the Town in the tax sale case, informed him that the decision of the court of appeals did not decide the main question involved, i.e. the validity of our tax sales. that the attorneys were all dissatisfied with the vagueness of the decision and had petitioned the court for a rehearing of the case.

Upon request therefor permission was granted the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. to erect poles on Flower and Laurel Avenues and to string a pair of wires on Carroll Ave., the location of such poles to be decided by the Chairman of the Street Committee. The clerk was also instructed to inform the company that in future applications names should be given of the parties to be served.

A numerous signed petition was presented from residents along Ridge Ave. requesting that protection be furnished that neighborhood from several objectionable residents and sojourners who indulged in immoral, indecent and violent conduct.

Mr. Morrison moved that the petitioners be requested to submit the names of several reputable citizens residing in their vicinity who would be willing to act as deputy-bailiffs and take into custody offenders against the public peace. The motion was carried.

Mr. E. E. Blodgett, Bldg. Ins. and Mr. C. W. Scuddler, Plumbing Insp.

On motion of Mr. Morrison Mr. Ben G. Davis was reappointed Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Geo. N. Day, Bailiff and Mr. Thos. Rhine Deputy Bailiff for the ensuing year. The Mayor administered the prescribed oath to Mr. Davis.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:40 p.m. on motion of Mr. Van Houten, adjourned.

Approved:

*J. J. Fineman*

Mayor

*Ben G. Davis* Clerk