

Monday Evening, January 8, 1906

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

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

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee)		Takoma Park, Md., January 1, 1906	
Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and expenditures for the month of December, 1905:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 1657.92	<b>Disbursements:</b>	
<b>Receipts:</b>		Pumping plant	\$ 35.75
From general taxes	\$ 335.14	Waterworks	1.50
" water rents	25.00	Street work	100.84
" permits	5.00	Street lighting	13.60
" special taxes, cement walks	168.70	General expenses	9.25
" miscellaneous sources	.50	Salaries	108.00
	534.34	Willow Avenue improvements	443.70
	2192.26		712.64
Of balance on hand amounting to	\$ 1479.62	Balance on hand	1479.62
There belongs to Willow Ave. fund	\$335.64		2192.26
Cement sidewalk fund	262.70		
Bal. due on sewer contract	100.00		
Plumbers deposits	20.00		
B. and W. T. Co. deposit	500.00		
	1218.34		
Available Balance	\$ 261.28		
		Respectfully submitted:	
			Ben B. Daur, Treasurer
Examined and found correct: L. MORRISON J. H. VAN HOUTEN.			

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

Under unfinished business and in accordance with public notice duly given the Council proceeded to consideration of the proposed Ordinance requiring connection therewith of all houses situated along the lines of public water and sewer mains

Mrs. A. G. Thomas, Mr. J. A. Martin, representing Mrs. Ourand, and Mr. Lewis Riggles personally presented objections to the proposed action. All on the grounds of financial inability to do so at present or in the immediate future. Written objections were also filed by Mr. Riggles, Mrs. M. Purman and Miss Hattie Hamlin.

Upon completion of the public hearing the council took up the matter of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Derrick suggested, in view

of the power given the Council in the Plumbing Regulations to require the action contemplated by the ordinance the latter would seem to be unnecessary. It was also stated in the discussion that under the health ordinances, sewer and water connections could be required in the interest of the public health. Some doubt arising as to the powers now possessed by the Council, it was deemed advisable to defer definite action and on motion of Mr. Grabill the ordinance was referred back to the Ordinance Committee.

Similar action, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, was taken upon the proposed ordinance relative to protection of sidewalks.

Mr. Grabill presented the following report:

Takoma Park, Md, January 8, 1906

The special committee on the construction of a pond for skating and other purposes, reports as follows:

1st: That the cost of building the necessary embankment for the sidewalk on Buffalo Avenue, north of Takoma Ave. will be about as follows:

330 cu. yds earth in embankment

\$ 100.00

Extending pipe culvert

20.00 \$ 120.00

This work is necessary and should be done as soon as possible, as the fill should settle several months before placing the walk upon it. The cheapest place for obtaining the material for constructing the embankment is undoubtedly at the site of the proposed pond.

A considerable amount of filling amounting to not less than 100 cu. yds at 30¢ per cu. yd. should also be placed in Buffalo Avenue just north of Takoma Ave., the cost amounting to \$30.00 approximately.

The committee recommends the appropriation of \$150.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of constructing the embankment and fill named on Buffalo Ave; the earth for the purpose to be taken from the low ground above the present fill, below the level of the road so as to make as large an area as possible after the water is raised to the level about six inches below the road.

The cost of clearing and grubbing the site of the pond and of constructing an overflow pipe and outlet gate and closing the present culvert is estimated at from \$40.00 to \$50.00. This work, not being necessary to the improvement of the street, the committee believes should be secured from some other source.

The committee believes that the construction of such a pond should be made only the first step in the improvement and beautification of the Park belonging to the Town at the point named.

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

Accompanying the report was a sketch plan of two proposed ponds with an estimate of the cost of the smaller amounting to \$142.00 and of the larger amounting to \$192.00

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be referred back to the special committee with instructions to confer with the committee from the Citizens' Association, said committees to jointly lay the matter before the next meeting of the Association with a view of determining if the additional amount of \$50.00 will be contributed by the citizens toward the construction of the pond. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

January 3rd, 1906

Gentlemen:—The Finance Committee has to report that they have carefully examined the following bills and accounts submitted to the committee for report. We have approved the following and recommend payment:

C. and P. Telephone Co. For telephone rental, etc.	\$ 4.40 -	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Lamp wicks	\$ 2.60 -
J. B. Kinnear, Expenses to Rockville	2.50 -	A. W. Skinner, Printing water tax bills	3.50 -
Wm. Watkins, For coal	7.15 -	Treasurer, Contingent expenses	1.25 -
Standard Oil Co. Gasoline \$57. <sup>75</sup> ; Oil \$9. <sup>35</sup>	67.10 -	L. G. Orndorff, Supplies	2.30 -
		L. MORRISON, Chairman.	\$ 90.80

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

The Mayor reported verbally to the Council relative to the proposed amendments to the charter: that the required changes had been prepared and that no opposition had developed except to the proposed alteration of the boundaries of the Town; that this was vigorously opposed by Mr. Hodges and Mr. Brashears, whose land was mostly affected; The Mayor stated that he had had a conference with Senator Blair Lee and Mr. Hodges, as a result of which he thought the only way possible to secure the change in the corporation boundary, would be to exempt the land of Messrs. Brashears and Hodges from corporation taxes so long as it was used for agricultural purposes. If this was done there would be no opposition to that section of the bill. The Mayor desired instructions from the Council as to the action he should pursue.

The matter was considered at length, Mr. Morrison moving that the old corporate lines be maintained, except that Flower Ave, Carroll Ave. beyond Flower and the Bladensburg Road be eliminated from the corporate limits. Upon an aye and nay vote the motion was carried as follows: Voting aye, Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick and Morrison; voting nay, Messrs. Grabill and Van Houten.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights reported verbally relative to the breakage of globes on the street lamps which continued in spite of all efforts to ascertain the culprits. The committee is unable to suggest a remedy.

Mr. Blodgett also called attention to the excellent service rendered by Jerry Kindell, the lamplighter, and stated that Mr. Kindell considered his compensation inadequate to the work performed. In this Mr. Blodgett coincided and recommended that the lamplighter's salary be increased from \$35<sup>00</sup> to \$40<sup>00</sup> per month to take effect during the present month. <sup>of Mr. Grabill</sup> On motion, the recommendation was approved, and the increase of salary to \$40<sup>00</sup> per month directed.

The clerk stated that he had been requested by Messrs. Beall and Hilleary, of Ridge Avenue, to present to the Council the desire by

residents of that street and vicinity, of the locating of 3 street lamps on Ridge Avenue. Without objection the request was referred to the committee on Streets and Lights for investigation and report.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following report of the Registrar of Vital Statistics:

To the Honorable Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., January 8, 1906.  
 Gentlemen: - In forwarding my report as registrar of vital statistics for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., covering the year 1905, I desire to call attention to the commendable sanitary condition of the town and to the low sickness and mortality rate. We have been practically free from typhoid. There have occurred but three cases, confined to two families, and these cases are known to have been contracted outside the Park. All made complete recovery. One other case, yet convalescent, was removed from Washington into the Park for treatment, after the disease had developed. - - - When we consider the general prevalence of this disease during the past year, not only in the District which has reported 1100 cases and 135 deaths, but in other places with which we are brought with more or less frequent contact - we have every reason to be thankful for the conditions which have given us this immunity. - - - There have been two cases of diphtheria, both of which recovered. - - - The disinfecting apparatus is in good order and has been used on three occasions, one of these being outside the town, under the care of Dr. Patons. - - - As shown by the accompanying statement there have been fifteen (15) births and five (5) deaths. The last report, covering October 11, 1903 to December 31, 1904, showed fourteen (14) births and eleven (11) deaths. - - - While congratulating the town on its freedom from disease and its low death rate, the Registrar would urge that every encouragement be given to the possibility of increasing the birth rate.

Respectfully,

L. M. MOGERS.

Inclosure:

Record of Births and Deaths in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, January 1, 1905, to December 31, 1905:

January 2, 1905	Birth	John B. Webb, daughter (Colored)	August 7, 1905	Birth	Louis Ohm, daughter (white)
" 27, "	Death	Benjamin F. Corey, age 85, cancer of Kidneys	September 16 "	Death	Mrs. Margaret E. Bauer, age 23, phthisis pulmonalis.
February 2, "	"	Mrs. Augusta D. Barnitz, age 75, paralysis	" 23 "	Birth	Twins. C.O. Pierce. Son and daughter white
" 11 "	"	Henry B. Winslow, age 59, pneumonia	October 11 "	"	Hugh Clower, son "
March 11 "	Birth	William J. Proctor, son, (white)	" 25 "	"	Robert Carter " "
April 26 "	"	C.L. Shear " "	December 14 "	"	James M. Johnson, daughter "
May 10 "	"	William Beale " "	" 19 "	"	William A. Wallace " "
June 22 "	"	Fred L. Harries " "	" 24 "	"	Fred M. McGraw " "
July 10 "	Death	Mrs. Charlotte L. Wood, age 85, old age	" 29 "	"	W. L. Haley " "
July 22 "	Birth	Edward Winslow, daughter (white)			Births 15, Deaths, 5.

The above have been properly entered in the registers furnished by the State Board of Health,

L. M. MOGERS,  
 Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be received and filed among the records of the town and that the accompanying bill of \$4.00 for registration fees be approved and payment directed. The motion was carried.

It having been stated to the council that no removal had yet been made of the fence upon a public street, erected by Mr. Daniel Barnes, which removal had been directed some time ago, upon motion the chairman of the street committee and the bailiff, were directed to remove said fence at once.

On motion of Mr. Grubbill the Treasurer was directed to pay on the 13th instant, the balance of \$257.18 due to Messrs. Martin McNamara & Co.

on their contract for laying a 4-inch water main on Carroll and Willow Avenues, Mr. Grabill stating that the work had been properly completed.

Communications were presented from Messrs. A. J. Pieters and Lisle Morrison, protesting against the erection of the unsightly telephone poles distributed along Chestnut and Takoma Avenues by the C. and P. Telephone Company.

Consideration of the protests developed the fact that the company had not secured permission from the Council for the erection of the poles in question and the Clerk was directed to inform the company thereof and to request removal of the poles until such permission had been obtained.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:05 p.m., adjourned.

B. M. Davis

Clerk

Approved:

J. J. Finney

Mayor.

Monday Evening, February 12, 1906.

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

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

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council. (Through the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., February 1, 1906	
Gentlemen: - I submit herewith report of receipts and expenditures for the month of January, 1906, as follows:			
Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 1479.62	
<i>Receipts:</i>			<i>Disbursements:</i>
From general taxes	-----	\$680.47	Pumping plant
" water rents	-----	1006.44	-----
" road tax, Montgomery Co.	-----	681.43	Street work
" permits	-----	4.00	-----
" special taxes, cement sidewalks	-----	86.74	Street lighting
		<u>2459.08</u>	-----
		3938.70	General expenses
			-----
			Semi-annual interest on \$12200 5½% bonds
			-----
			Salaries
			-----
			Willow Avenue improvements
			-----
			823.13
			<u>3115.57</u>
			3938.70
			Of balance on hand there belongs to Willow Ave. improvement fund
			-----
			Cement sidewalk fund
			-----
			Balance due on sewer contract
			-----
			Plumbers deposits
			-----
			B. & W. Transit Co. deposit
			-----
			500.00
			1047.90
			<u>2067.67</u>
			Available balance
			-----
Examined and found correct.			
L. MORRISON			
J. H. VAN HOUTEN			
Finance Committee.			
			Respectfully submitted:
			BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer,

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

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

Mr. Morrison, from the Committee to confer with the proper committee of the Citizens Association relative to the construction of a skating pond in North Takoma, reported that such conference had been held and that the action taken by the council in the matter had been reported to the Association. That the Association, in turn, had referred the matter for further recommendation to its committee on Parks and Parkings when appointed and that so far as he knew no definite action had yet been taken.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights reported that he had investigated the request of residents on Ridge Avenue for street lights.

and that he would recommend the erection of 4 lights at designated points on that street.

Mr. Grabill moved that the committee on streets and lights be authorized and directed to procure four street lamps and erect them at such points on Ridge Avenue as the committee deemed most desirable, and that the necessary appropriation be authorized. Carried and so ordered.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.		February 7, 1906.	
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. Oil, \$25 <sup>00</sup> . Gasoline \$30 <sup>00</sup>	\$ 53.80	Medart Patent Pulley Co. Friction clutch, coupling, etc	\$ 32.50
C. & P. Telephone Co., Rental and service	2.70	B. & O. Ry., Freight on friction clutch	1.74
		L. MORRISON	} Committee,
		J. H. VAN HOUTEN,	

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was accepted, approved, and payment ordered as recommended by the committee.

The Finance Committee laid before the Council a communication from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md., stating that the annual bond of the Treasurer expired on February 25, 1906. The communication was indorsed as follows:

Respectfully submitted to The Mayor and Council	Takoma Park, Md., Feb. 7, 1906
Recommending that the within mentioned bond be continued and that the premium of \$10 <sup>00</sup> be paid by the Town as heretofore.	L. MORRISON
	J. H. VAN HOUTEN } Finance Committee.

Mr. Grabill moved that the recommendation of the committee be approved and payment be directed. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morrison moved that Messrs. W. G. Platt, J. H. Clark and L. M. Mooers be appointed a Board of Assessors to reassess, for the purposes of taxation, the real and personal property within the corporation of Takoma Park. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights reported that much needed repairs to Sligo Ave were nearing completion. He reported further that a street lamp on Carroll Avenue had been run over by a team driven by Mr. John Gude, and demolished; and that Mr. Gude had deposited with him the sum of \$6<sup>00</sup> to cover the cost of the damage.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the \$6<sup>00</sup> was ordered deposited to the credit of the Town and the lamp replaced.

A communication from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., was returned from the street committee to which it had been referred, with

the oral recommendation of the chairman of that committee, that in view of the damage done to cement walks in the unloading of poles, and the failure of the company to remove from the streets poles for which no permits had been asked, thus permitting obstruction to the gutters, that the request to erect poles on Takoma Ave. to furnish service to Mr. Faber, be denied.

In line with his recommendation Mr. Blodgett moved that the permission <sup>requested</sup> by the C. and P. Telephone Co. to erect poles on Takoma Ave. to furnish service to Mr. Faber, be denied and that the Company be informed that the Council is constrained to deny further permission until the injury done cement walks by unloading of poles has been remedied and poles already distributed along the street without permission, be removed therefrom.

The motion was carried and the clerk instructed to so inform the company.

A petition from Milton Whitney, jr. and '68 others, mostly school boys and girls, requesting permission to use the cement walk on Tulip Ave. from Maple to Holly, for coasting, was returned from the committee on streets and walks with recommendation that the requested privilege be denied.

On motion the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Derrick, from the committee on Ordinances and Judiciary submitted proposed Ordinance relative to protection of cement walks as follows;

### Ordinance No. 127

An Ordinance To Prevent Sidewalks Becoming Covered with Earth, Etc.

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

Section 1. That owners of lots abutting upon streets or avenues having sidewalks, where the surface of the lots adjacent to the sidewalks is above grade, and agents having the charge and control of such property, shall so protect the sides of such lots which are adjacent to the sidewalk as to prevent dirt, clay, sand or gravel from falling upon or being washed upon the sidewalks abutting thereon.

Section 2. Any owner of, or agent for, such property, failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance within thirty days after written notice to do so, shall have been given by the Town Clerk, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than two nor more than ten dollars for each offense.

Section 3. In case that neither the owner nor agent for such lot shall reside within the Town, then upon the failure of such owner and agent to comply with the provisions of this ordinance within the time above required, the work necessary to be done for the protection of the lot and sidewalk aforesaid may be done by the Town, and the cost thereof shall be a lien upon the lot so protected and recoverable in the manner provided by law for the collection of delinquent general taxes of the Town.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be published by being posted in at least three public places in the Town of Takoma Park, Md, and shall take effect and be in force thirty days after the date of passage.

Mr. Morrison moved that the ordinance be adopted. Those voting aye upon the motion were Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Grabill, Morrison and Van Houten. Those voting nay, none. So the motion was carried and the ordinance adopted.

Mr. Derrick submitted the proposed ordinance requiring connection with water and sewer system of all houses situated along the lines thereof

Repealed by No. 1070 (2-1-25)



within one year. The Mayor suggested that insomuch as the enforcement of the ordinance, if adopted, would devolve upon a new council, it might be wise to let the new council initiate such a law as it deemed desirable. This opinion prevailed and, upon motion, the ordinance was laid upon the table.

Mr. Grabill, from the committee on water and sewer presented to the council a request by Mr. E.M. Eshleman for permission to drain his cellar into the sewer, the cellar being below the street level, with recommendation that the desired permission be granted, all work to be done in accordance with the plumbing regulations and under inspection of the Town.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the recommendation of the committee was approved and permission granted as requested.

Mr. Grabill presented also the following report:

Takoma Park, Md., February 8, 1906

At a meeting of the Committee on Water and Sewers, held January 31, 1906, there was considered the accompanying request of the committee of The Citizens' Association for information as to the cost of permitting the use of the town sewer system by that portion of the District of Columbia on Magnolia (or Eastern) Avenue, between Chestnut Ave. and Oak Ave. (or Cedar St.); also on Cedar Street to a point where the District sewer system can be reached. The following report was ordered to be made by the committee:

The committee realizes the need of sewer connections for the property named, and that the outlet through the system of the Town of Takoma Park, is the only practicable solution of the problem. It also believes that the Council of Takoma Park has the right, acting for the Town, to make a contract with the authorities of the District of Columbia, or the property owners, for the use of said sewer for a definite limited period; but only upon the condition that the Town shall be equitably recompensed therefor. It further believes that the Town would have no right to grant such permission in perpetuity, and recommends that the period for which such contract is made, if at all, be not to exceed twenty-five years; the contract to be then renewable at the discretion of the authorities then in control.

Your committee finds that the cost of the sewer system of the Town has been, up to this time, as follows:

Cost of original pipe lines -----	\$ 10,787.80	Recent extension of main sewer -----	\$ 7,764.75
Cost of disposal field -----	4,998.06	Land for new disposal field -----	1,000.00
Engineering -----	600.00		<u>25,150.61</u>

There are now about 110 houses connected with the sewer system, and about 30 houses on sewer lines remain unconnected,

The above cost will be somewhat increased in future by necessary alterations in the main sewer field and additions thereto and by expenditure for repair and maintenance of the system.

On the basis of the taxes now paid in the town, as compared with taxes paid before the construction of sewers, after deducting an amount sufficient to pay interest on the cost of the water supply, the cost of the sewer service to each householder averages over ten dollars per annum, and with necessary expenditure in the future it is assumed that the cost will represent a continual charge of not less than \$10<sup>00</sup> per house per annum. Ten dollars represents the interest at 5% on an investment of \$200<sup>00</sup>; which is therefore the amount of principal which each house on the line should contribute toward the construction of the sewer.

But in making an estimate for the amount to be paid by the entire tract, which, from its convenient location, is likely to be fully built up when these facilities are offered and in the course of time, it is only safe to use the greatest number of houses which probably will be built upon the ground. This is a matter of judgment. The total frontage of Eastern Avenue and on Cedar Street of the property under consideration is about 1250 feet. Allowing 50 feet for each house, which is not too small a lot for the locality, this property would accommodate 25 houses, and it is not safe to assume that less than that number will eventually be built upon it. At \$200 per house the value of the privilege for the probable 25 houses on the tract will become \$5000.00.

It is not thought advisable to consider the question of granting the privilege of connection in this locality to a single house or to any less than the entire estimated number on account of difficulties which might arise in collecting the payments from those who might connect after the original connection was made.

We therefore recommend that the committee of the Citizens' Association be informed that a contract between the Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., and the authorities of the District of Columbia, or the owners of the property under consideration will be acceptable to this Council if made upon the following terms, viz:

1st. That the authorities of the District of Columbia, or the owners of the property affected, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park, for said Town, the sum of \$5000.00 for the use of the sewer system of the Town as an outlet for sewers draining houses now built or which may be built on Eastern Avenue between Chestnut Ave. and Cedar Street, and on both sides of Cedar Street from the westerly line of lot 6, block 8, Takoma Park, D.C., to Eastern Avenue; said payment to be made in full or satisfactorily guaranteed before any connection is permitted.

2nd. That the said privilege shall terminate at the end of twenty-five years from the date of the agreement; and the use of such sewer system by the property described shall be discontinued at the end of that time unless further agreement be made by both parties.

3rd. That the acceptance of any sum for the connection of a single house will not be considered.

Respectfully submitted;

L. R. GRABILL, Chairman } Committee on  
J. B. DERRICK, } Water and Sewer.

[Accompanying above report]:

The Hon. Mayor and Council of Takoma, Md.

Washington, D.C., January 19, 1906

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, members of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, were appointed a special committee at the last regular meeting of the Association to ascertain what lump sum would be required by you to permit the property owners on Magnolia and Oak Avenues to connect with the Takoma sewer. The accompanying sketch shows what property, now without sewer connection should be provided with this facility. You will note that the number of houses desiring connection cannot exceed fifteen and in all probability will never exceed thirteen.

The information desired is, 1st, what total lump sum would be required for the use of said sewer for all the property concerned and the time and conditions under which this sum must be paid. 2nd, what lump sum would be required for the use of said sewer for each house with the time and conditions of payment. If agreeable to you we shall be glad to confer with you or with a committee from your Honorable Body regarding this matter of so much importance to the health and comfort of the citizens on both sides of the District line. Feeling sure that you will cooperate to the fullest extent in bringing about the desired result, we beg to remain

Very truly yours,

C. O. TOWNSEND,  
WM. HART DEXTER  
H. M. BENNETT

Mr. Morrison moved that the report be accepted and the recommendations of the committee adopted. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer committee, reported that, in reference to the repairs authorized for the engine at the pumping station, he had requested an examination of the engine by different machinists and invited estimates of the amounts required to put the same in proper condition; that three bids had been received, varying considerably in amount, but that, after careful consideration, he would recommend the acceptance of that of Forsberg and Murray at \$80 to \$90.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the recommendation of Mr. Grabill was approved and an additional appropriation of \$48<sup>00</sup> authorized to meet the additional expense involved.

Mr. Grabill also presented a report as to the proposed changes in the new sewage disposal fields with estimate of cost thereof. The report was read in full and laid aside to be taken up and disposed of at the next meeting of the council.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Water and Sewer committee was authorized to expend not to exceed \$15<sup>00</sup> for 1 doz. corporation taps, 1/2 ton coal, 1 ball wick packing, soap and white lead.

A communication from Mr. Lisle Morrison requesting that connection of the houses of Messrs. Riggles and Judd, on Holly Ave., be required, <sup>with water and sewer</sup> as in their present condition they constitute a menace to health, was ordered referred to the Health Officer for investigation and report.

A communication was presented from Myra E. Ourand calling attention to the promiscuous and dangerous discharge of firearms by Dr. A. J. Cory and members of his family. The bailiff was instructed to notify Dr. Cory of the complaint and to invite his attention to the law in such cases.

A communication from Mr. A. W. Brinck requesting action on his claim for two months pay as inspector of cement walks, was referred to the Clerk to answer in accordance with previous action on Mr. Brinck's alleged claim.

The clerk presented a communication from Martin McNamara & Co. wherein they claim a balance of \$2873.37 due them on sewer contract and requesting immediate payment thereof, with threat of legal proceedings, with remarks as follows:

February 9, 1906. Respectfully forwarded to the Mayor and Council. Messrs. McNamara & Co's bid for this work complete was \$7464.75. The Council allowed him extra as follows: 29' cast iron pipe @ 2.25, \$65.25; depressing sewer, \$20<sup>00</sup>; changing sewer, \$200<sup>00</sup>, making a total amount due him of \$7750.00. He has been paid on account \$7650.00. A check for the \$100<sup>00</sup> balance was sent him Nov. 14, 1905, but acceptance thereof was refused and check returned,

Respectfully  
BEN F. DAVIS, Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Clerk was instructed to reply to Messrs. McNamara in accordance with the facts as stated.

There being no further business, the Council, at 11:25 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*J. T. Finneran* Mayor.

*Ben F. Davis* Clerk.

Monday Evening, March 12, 1906

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and, there being no objections, they were duly approved.

The following report of the Treasurer was presented by the Finance Committee;

To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee)		Takoma Park, Md., March 3, 1906	
Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 1906:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 3115.57	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant	\$ 64.24
From general taxes	\$ 578.70	Street work	106.50
" special taxes, cement walks	503.44	Street lighting	23.80
" " " Carroll Ave water main	27.42	General expenses	48.00
" water rents	188.00	Payment of one general improvement bond	500.00
" permits issued	1.00	Interest on improvement bond paid	1.38
For damages to street lamp	6.00	Salaries	113.00
	<u>1304.56</u>		<u>\$ 856.92</u>
	\$ 4420.13	Balance on hand	3563.21
Of balance on hand amounting to	\$ 3563.21		<u>4420.13</u>
There belongs to Willow Avenue fund	\$ 78.46	Respectfully submitted:	
Cement sidewalk fund	352.88		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer
Carroll Ave. watermain fund	27.42	Examined and submitted,	
Bal. due on sewer contract	100.00	LISLE MORRISON	} Finance Committee.
Plumbers' deposits	20.00	J. H. VAN HOUTEN	
B & W. Transit Co's deposit	500.00		
Available balance	<u>1078.76</u>		
	\$ 2484.45		

On motion of Mr. Douglas the report was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. W. William H. Talbott, Attorney, of Rockville, appeared before the Council in behalf of Mr. Thomas Bushby, owner of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 50, requesting that the assessment made against these lots last fall, amounting to \$148<sup>00</sup>, for the construction of a watermain be cancelled on the ground that the lots were not specially benefitted by said water main; and asked, in event the Council did not grant this request, that no action be taken at this time to collect said tax by means of advertisement and sale, insomuch as the title to the property is much involved and its ownership a matter to be determined by the courts.

Mr. Talbott was requested to put his request in writing which he did subsequently, his communication, without objection, being

referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

A petition was presented from Messrs. S.E. McNeill and D.K. Nicola, residents of Holly Avenue, requesting the construction of a cement walk on that street from the end of the present walk to the corporation line, the petitioners agreeing to bear their portion of the expense thereof. Consideration of the matter developed the fact that another property owner would be affected, and the petitioners, who were present, agreed to correspond with said owner and obtain his consent to the extension of the walk, if possible. The petition was referred to the special committee in charge of the construction of cement walks for consideration and report.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

<i>To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.</i>		<i>March 7, 1906</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.</i>			
<i>We have approved the following and recommend payment:</i>			
<i>Lamond Bros, Pipe</i>	<i>\$ 4.10</i>	<i>Town Treasurer, Contingent expenses</i>	<i>-\$ 1.50</i>
<i>Judd &amp; Detweiler, 250 tax notices</i>	<i>2.75</i>	<i>Geo. F. Muth &amp; Co., Globes and lamps</i>	<i>20.92</i>
<i>Standard Oil Co. Oil and Gasoline</i>	<i>51.80</i>	<i>H. Mueller Mfg. Co., Carpn. Cocks and bends</i>	<i>10.26</i>
<i>C. &amp; P. Telephone Co., Rental and service</i>	<i>6.10</i>		<i>97.43</i>
		<i>L. MORRISON J. H. VAN HOUTEN, Committee.</i>	

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

Mr. Morrison moved that the Treasurer be directed to prepare and submit to the Council, through the Finance Committee, a statement showing the receipts and disbursements of the Town during the term of the present Council, including the month of May, 1906, said statement to include a full report of the condition of the Town finances at the end of the term of the present Council. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights reported that the lamps authorized for Ridge Ave had been placed in position and were in use.

Mr. Van Houten, for the Health Committee, returned the communication of Mr. Lisle Morrison referred to said committee at the last meeting, requesting connection with water and sewer system of houses of Messrs Judd and Riggles, on Holly Ave, with the following report:

<i>The Committee on Health and Sanitation has investigated and considered the matter within referred to. Mr. Judd has personally stated to this committee that it is his intention in the near future to repair his property and at such time to connect it with the public water and sewer mains. In view of Mr. Judd's statement it is recommended that action in his case be suspended to await developments. Your committee is further of the opinion that the public health of Takoma Park, Md., requires that Mr. Riggles' premises situated on Holly Ave. should be connected with the public sewers and water mains and it is recommended that Mr. Riggles be so advised.</i>	
<i>March 12, 1906</i>	<i>J. H. VAN HOUTEN L. MORRISON E. E. BLODGETT } Committee.</i>

Mr. Douglas moved that the report be adopted and the recommendations approved. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Ordinance and Judiciary committee be directed to investigate the matter of the continued use of privies on property having connection with the water and sewer system, and to present such Ordinance for abatement thereof, if, in the judgment of the committee, such action is deemed desirable for the public welfare. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, presented the following communication and indorsements thereon:

To the Honorable, the Town Council of Takoma Park,

Takoma Park, D.C. February 28, 1906.

Gentlemen: The Washington Sanitarium Association owns a plat of land of 47<sup>1</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres, located on what is known as the Sligo. The said Association is desirous of constructing a Sanitarium building on said plat of land at the earliest possible date. We would like to connect with the Takoma Park sewer and also with the water main that extends along Carroll Avenue. We herewith enclose you a plat of the piece of land we hold, which is known as Block 51, in Takoma Park, Maryland. By consulting the outline you will ascertain the location of the building, and plan of running the sewer. You will also see about where we wish to connect with the water main. We would like the privilege of connecting with both the water main and the sewer, and run from the water main a four-inch main up to the Sanitarium building, with the privilege of putting in from three to five fire plugs. We will run an eight-inch sewer pipe from the building to the manhole as indicated in the plat. We will cork with oakum, plaster with, and bed in cement, and leave the pipes exposed for the examination and approval of your engineer. We greatly desire the council to be so kind as to permit us to at once make these connections.

Respectfully yours,  
I. H. EVANS.

[1st indorsement:]

March 2, 1906. Referred to the Committee on Water and Sewers for recommendation and report.

BEN G. DAVIS, Clerk.

[2nd indorsement:]

March 10, 1906. Respectfully reported to the Mayor and Council with the recommendation that permits be granted for making the connections requested; all work to be done in strict conformity to the plumbing regulations and under the supervision of the Inspector of Plumbing; with the further provision that a 4-inch water meter of approved make be installed upon the proposed line of 4-inch pipe at or near the junction with the street main; also that the necessary cut-off valves be placed in the street; all work to be done by the applicants and all cost to be borne by them. The said permit is not to be construed as a permit for the house plumbing which should only be granted after the plans thereof have been submitted and approved, in accordance with the plumbing regulations.

L. R. GRABILL  
E. M. DOUGLAS,  
J. B. DERRICK.

[3rd indorsement:]

March 12, 1906. After the above report had been written and before report thereof was made to the Council, Mr. I. H. Evans, signer of the petition herein, made the verbal request that the line for the proposed water main be so changed as to lead from the pumping main on the Sligo instead of from the main on Carroll Avenue as stated in the petition within, and requested that the petition and accompanying map be amended to show such change.

L. R. GRABILL

[4th indorsement:]

March 12, 1906. The committee on Water and Sewers recommends that the report and recommendations contained in the second indorsement be applied to the petition as amended; with the added provision that where the 4-in main crosses the Sligo branch no obstruction to the stream beyond such as may now exist shall be caused; and such additional precautions for the protection of the pipe against freezing or breaking or loss of water from defective joints, as may be directed by the Council or its Inspector of Plumbing, shall be taken. It is strongly recommended by your committee that the petitioners be advised to lay a 6-in main in place of a 4-in main, in view of the fact that it may be necessary to place a stand pipe in that vicinity, and to use such main as a link in the supply for such stand pipe.

L. R. GRABILL,  
E. M. DOUGLAS } Com. on Water and Sewer.  
J. B. DERRICK }

Mr. Morrison moved that the recommendations of the committee be approved, except that the location of the water meter be left to the judgment of the Engineer, and that the desired permit be issued subject to the conditions as stated in the report. The motion was carried.

Mr. Douglas moved that, in the granting of the above permission, it is the understanding of the Council that the proper officials or employes of the Town, will be given access, at all necessary times, to the grounds or buildings of the Seventh-Day Adventists, located on Block 51, for the purpose of inspecting or repairing the plumbing or pipe systems thereon. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill reported that the repairs to the pumping station engine, as authorized by the Council, had been completed and was pronounced a first-class job by the engineer; that the bill had been rendered in gross and that he had returned it for itemized statement.

A petition was presented from Miss Mabel Taylor Gray, of Holly Ave., requesting action to abate a nuisance caused by a neighbor's chickens. The Mayor stated that he would give the matter his immediate personal attention.

A communication from Mr. Morris Bien complaining of a drain to the street from the property of Mr. Huck, on Pine Ave, constituting a menace to the health of the neighborhood, was referred to the Health Committee for investigation and report.

A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. for permission to replace certain poles on Carroll Ave. with recommendation of the street committee that such permission be granted. On motion of Mr. Douglas the recommendation was approved.

A communication from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. requesting permission to erect 6 poles on Takoma Ave. to furnish service to Mr. J. J. Faber, was returned from the street committee with recommendation that no permits be issued to the company for new lines until they have taken steps to repair the damage done to cement walks at various points by careless unloading of poles.

Mr. Morrison moved that the recommendation of the committee be approved and that the company be informed that a deposit of \$15<sup>00</sup> should be made to cover the estimated cost of repairs to walks, before the granting of further permits. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that, subject to foregoing requirement, permission be granted for the desired poles on Takoma Ave. to furnish Mr. Faber with telephone service, and the further usual provision that the poles be located as directed by the chairman of the street committee. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Morrison moved that the clerk be authorized and directed to call a public meeting of the qualified voters of the Town at such date

during the month of April as he may deem most desirable, but not later than the 20th, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the offices of Mayor and Councilmen, said meeting to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel. The motion was carried,

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

Approved:

*J. B. Kinneer* Mayor.

*Ben D. Darr* Clerk.

Friday Evening, March 23, 1906.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Clerk this date for the purpose of considering the report of the Water and Sewer committee on proposed improvement of the new sewage disposal fields and such other business as may be presented.

There were present Mayor Kinneer and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Douglas, Grabill and Van Houten.

The recommendations of the Engineer and the report of the Water and Sewer Committee, in full, are as follows:

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., December 11, 1905.

Gentlemen: In compliance with the instruction of the Council at its last meeting, I submit this report of work required to place the new sewer field in working condition. It has been my endeavor to design an economical plan which will enable the field to do its proper work and at the same time will protect it from injury by floods and rain storms. It should be borne in mind that the greatest danger to the newly formed field is the washing of the edge of the new fill by freshets. I have accordingly provided in the plan 1st, a ditch along the top of the slope above the conduit to intercept the water from the hill above the conduit in heavy rains, and to prevent its running down the slope and washing it away and filling the conduit. 2nd, an embankment about 24 feet wide and 1 1/2 feet high, with flat slopes, at the outer edge of the new fill, to retain the sewage until it can sink through the soil of the field instead of running over the edge. [This item omitted. See revised plan] 3rd, a system of brush wattling weighted with stone, and bank protection, over the face of the slope of the fill next to the creek, to prevent the scouring away of the earth of this fill in time of freshets in the creek. 4th, the paving of small spaces about 3' x 9' or 10' at the outer end of each line of drain tiles, to prevent the scouring of the bank around them either from flood or from the flow from the pipes. This paving should be done with cobble stones. 5th, sowing the field with grass seed.

An estimate of the cost of doing the proposed work is as follows; viz:

1st, Cutting ditch 250 feet along above conduit	\$ 7.50
2nd. (Omitted)	
3rd, Constructing bank protection along exposed edge of fill <sup>216 x 10'</sup> = 240 sq. yds, built of brush staked down and weighted with stone, or log cribbing and rip rap at 30¢ per square yard	72.00

4th, Paving 3' x 9' x 8 = 24 sq. yds with cobble at end of drain tiles	\$	
at 75¢ per square yard		18.00
5th, Purchasing and sowing grass seed		4.50
Superintendence, contingencies, etc		28.00
		130.00

Respectfully submitted:

L. R. GRABILL, Engineer



[1st INDORSEMENT]: Dec. 11, 1905. Referred to the committee on Water and Sewers for revision and presentation at the next meeting of the Council.

[2nd INDORSEMENT]: Jan. 6, 1906. The committee on Sewers and Water, upon consideration of this estimate recommend that the surface of the field be made practically level by filling with permeable sandy soil or clean sand to about the level of the splash stones instead of the embankment only, as shown within. This will require the placing of about 556 cu. yds. of sand and removal of 110 cu. yds. of earth in addition to that named within making a total of \$440. for remodeling and protection. The work of making the field level could be done more economically by cutting down the half of the field next to the conduit and placing the earth from this half upon the outer edge of the field, at a total cost for this part of the work of about \$90.00; but this is not recommended for the reason that the earth near the conduit has already been removed to the clay stratum and further removal would leave the surface of the field in a less permeable soil. There is also a possibility that the underdrains are too near the surface to permit this. Another plan would be to remove the surface of the field at the conduit entirely to the depth of 1 1/2 feet, running to nothing at the outer edge of the field; and then to resurface the entire field with six inches of sandy soil. This would involve handling 800 cu. yds. of material at a probable cost of \$320. and lowering 600 feet of drain tile at 10¢ per foot, making a cost of about \$300 in addition to the \$200 before reported, or \$500 in all. This would be the most satisfactory but also most expensive.

L. R. GRABILL, Engineer

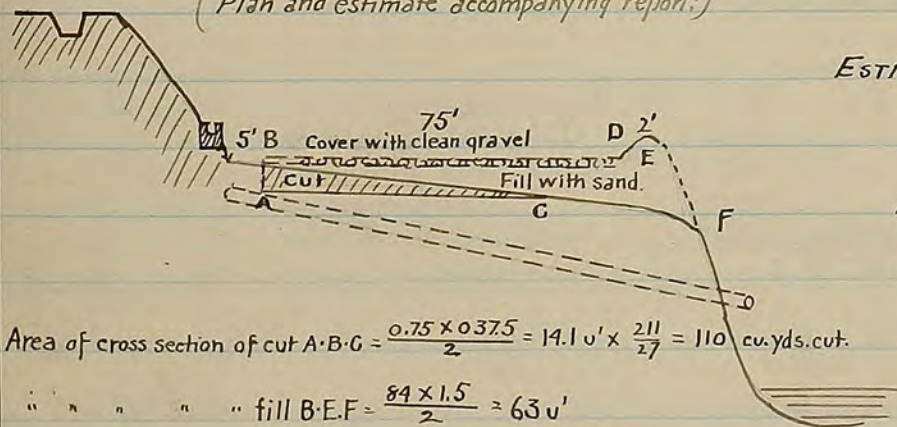
January 30, 1905. - The committee on water and sewers report herewith a plan which is recommended by them for the reconstruction of the sewage disposal field as shown on page 4, this report. This is to cut the surface of the field down to the level of the upper ends of the drain tiles which are 6 to 9 inches below the surface of the ground at the upper ends. The field is then to be made perfectly level by filling with sand back to its original height at the inner end but keeping the surface level, so that there will be about 1 1/2 feet of sand at the outer edge of the field and 6 inches at the inner edge. At the outer edge a small embankment is provided to prevent washing by overflowing. The remaining items will stand as presented in the first report, and recapitulated in the final estimate on page 4 herewith. It is recommended that sand from the creek be used instead of the soil in the field. Your committee believe this work to be necessary for the successful operation and protection of the field. Attention is called to the fact that a duplicate field should be provided as soon as possible so that one may be in use while the surface of the other is being cleaned. This is an absolute necessity for successful filtration.

Respectfully submitted:

L. R. GRABILL,  
J. B. DERRICK  
E. M. DOUGLAS

Water and Sewer Com.

(Plan and estimate accompanying report:)



ESTIMATE:

110 cu. yds. cut at 25¢	-----	\$ 27.50
540 " " sand and gravel fill @ 50¢	-----	270.00
16 " " in dam at 75¢ say	-----	12.50
Estimate for cutting down and refilling bed	-----	310.00
Add for ditch above conduit	-----	7.50
bank protection at edge of fill	-----	72.00
paving at ends of drain tiles	-----	18.00
purchasing and sowing grass seed	-----	4.50
contingencies, etc.	-----	28.00
	-----	\$ 440.00

$$\text{Area of cross section of cut A.B.G} = \frac{0.75 \times 0.375}{2} = 14.1 \text{ u}' \times \frac{211}{27} = 110 \text{ cu. yds. cut.}$$

$$\text{" " " " " fill B.E.F} = \frac{84 \times 1.5}{2} = 63 \text{ u}'$$

$$\frac{84 \times 1.5}{2} = 63 \text{ u}' \quad \frac{63 \times 105}{27} = 245 \text{ cu. yds}$$

$$\frac{42 \times 1.5}{2} = 31.5 \text{ u}' \quad \frac{47.25 \times 106}{27} = 185 \text{ cu. yds.}$$

$$\text{Total fill A.B.E.F} \quad 540 \text{ cu. yds}$$

$$\text{Add earth dam D.E} \quad \frac{2-6}{2} \times 05 = \frac{2 \times 211}{27} = \quad 16 \text{ cu yds}$$

356 " "

The report of the committee was considered in detail and fully explained by Mr. Grabill,

Mr. Douglas moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$440<sup>00</sup> be authorized to make alterations in the sewage disposal field in accordance with the plans and recommendations submitted by the water and sewer committee and that the work be done under the direction of Mr. Grabill, Engineer. The motion was unanimously carried.

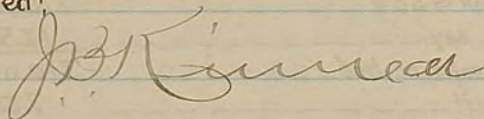
On request of the water and sewer committee and on motion of Mr. Douglas an appropriation of \$15<sup>00</sup> was authorized for the purchase of a barrel of lubricating oil and of a pair of rubber hip boots for the engineer.

The Mayor informed the Council that the amendments to the charter had been approved by the Governor on the 22nd inst, and were now a law, and suggested that it would be an excellent idea to have the charter revised with its various amendments and reprinted, with the important ordinances.

Mr. Van Houten moved that the Ordinance committee be authorized and directed to submit at as early a date as practicable the charter as revised and amended, with an estimate of the cost of printing the same and the important ordinances. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council at 9:15 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor

Bruce Darr, Clerk