

Monday Evening, June 4, 1906

At 9:10 o'clock p.m., immediately following the final adjournment of the retiring Council, Mayor-elect Wilmer G. Platt called to order the members-elect of the new Council. All were present as follows: E. E. Blodgett, J. B. Derrick, W. W. Dyar, L. R. Grabill, John Hansen and C. L. Shear.

The Mayor announced that, in accordance with law he had taken the prescribed oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery county and was qualified for the performance of his duties. The Mayor thereupon administered the prescribed oath of office to the members-elect as above named. The Council proceeded to business as follows:

Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be appointed Clerk and Treasurer to serve for the ensuing year. The motion was carried. The Mayor administered the necessary oath and Mr. Davis entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Appointment of Ben G. Davis as Clerk and Treasurer.

The Mayor announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Finance. - Messrs. Hansen, Dyar and Derrick

Health and Sanitation. - Messrs. Shear, Derrick and Blodgett.

Water and Sewer. - Messrs. Grabill, Hansen and Dyar.

Streets and Lights - Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill and Shear.

Judiciary - Messrs. Dyar, Hansen and Grabill.

Ordinance - Messrs. Derrick, Shear and Blodgett.

Standing Committees.

Mr. Dyar moved that Mr. George Day be appointed Bailiff and Messrs. E. E. Blodgett and Thomas Rhines deputy Bailiffs to serve during the ensuing year. The motion was carried. The Mayor subsequently administered the required oath to Messrs. Day and Blodgett.

Appointment of bailiff and deputies.

The Mayor announced that, without objection, the Council would proceed under the existing rules, and that said rules would be referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration and report as early as practicable. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Communications from Mr. J. M. McCauley relative to a reduction of his water tax, claiming that he would use the water less than six months of the present year; and from Mr. H. J. Webber relative to the use of water for plants and green-house, were ordered referred to the water and sewer committee for consideration and recommendation.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Report Finance
Committee rela-
tive to tax rate.

To the Mayor and Council

Takoma Park, Md., June 4, 1906

Gentlemen: Your Finance Committee, after a full investigation and consideration of the finances of the town, together with estimates of receipts and probable expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year, are of the opinion that the tax rate for the year beginning July 1st next can safely be reduced to \$1.40 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of that rate.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN HANSEN
W. W. DYAR
J. B. DERRICK } Finance Committee.

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be received and proper action taken thereon. Under the motion the question of funds required for the year was thoroughly discussed and considered, at the conclusion of which the motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick thereupon submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance fixing
tax rate for the
fiscal year 1906

Ordinance No. 137

To levy a general tax for Municipal Purposes and an additional tax for the payment of interest, the creation of a sinking fund and the operation and maintenance of a waterworks and sewerage system.

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

Section 1. That a general tax of Seventy-five 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 14, 1906, Ordinance No. 129, be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1906.

Section 2. An additional tax of Sixty-five 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.

Mr. Dyar moved that the ordinance, as submitted, be adopted and the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, Messrs. Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen, Shear and Mayor Platt. Voting nay, Mr. Blodgett.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk and Treasurer was authorized to procure necessary stationery, etc., for the conduct of his office.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Monday evening, June 11, 1906.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Shear.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the final meeting of the retiring Council, were read and approved.

The Finance Committee submitted bills of C.F. Sudwarth for printing 500 letterheads, \$3⁰⁰ and of the Standard Oil Company for 300 gallons of gasoline @ 12 1/2 ¢, \$37.50, approved and recommended for payment, and on motion of Mr. Grabill, payment was ordered.

A communication from Mr. L.M. Mooers inviting attention to an accumulation of tin cans and rubbish on the vacant lot adjoining the Presbyterian church, in violation of the Health Ordinances, was referred to the Health Committee for investigation and report.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights reported progress in the street improvement work.

Mr. Dyar stated that, in connection with the scraping of the streets, Miss Corse, of Maple Avenue, had complained to him that that street had not been given attention beyond her residence and requested that it might not be neglected.

Mr. Grabill moved that the matter be referred to the committee on streets and lights for proper action. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, to whom had been referred the request of Mr. H.J. Webber relative to the use of water for plant raising and greenhouse purposes, returned the same with report as follows:

"June 10, 1906. The report of the Water and Sewer committee is as follows: It believes that where water is furnished to residents of the adjacent country and the District of Columbia, such water takers should pay not only the equivalent of the rate paid by residents of the town, but an additional sum representing interest on the cost of the plant, and depreciation of the same.

By computation based on the experience of the past year, the cost of pumping, maintenance, interest and depreciation is estimated at 20¢ per 100 cubic feet of water furnished. It is therefore recommended that the applicant be notified that he will be granted a permit for the use of the water requested upon installing a meter which shall be approved by this committee, at his own cost; said meter to be so placed as to measure the entire amount of water furnished him; the charge for water furnished to be at the rate of 20 cents per 100 cu. ft. until further notice.

It is also recommended that he be informed that in using water on adjoining premises he has violated the ordinances covering such case, and has subjected himself to the liability of having the flow of water to his premises cut off and a fine imposed; in which matter the Council cannot interfere in case the violation is taken before the Mayor. In view of the writer's statement however, the committee recommends lenience on the part of the Mayor as to this offense.

Respectfully submitted:

L.R. GRABILL }
C.L. SHEAR } W. and S. Com.
W.W. DYAR }

Application H.J. Webber for use of water for plant raising.

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be adopted, it being understood that, in case of the acceptance of the meter rates by the applicant, the additional sum of \$10⁰⁰ per annum now paid by him, shall be continued as compensation for the use of the sewage system. The motion was carried.

A communication from the Washington Sanitarium Association requesting a permit for use of water during the building of their sanitarium, was returned by the Water and Sewer committee, to which it had been referred, with report as follows:

"June 10, 1906. It is recommended that the permit be granted for the use of water for the construction of this building at the rate of \$1.50 per month until such time as the proposed meter for the building is put in and connected. The price is based on the fact that this is to be a large building, built largely of concrete and requiring much water for that purpose. Respectfully submitted: L.R. GRABILL
C.L. SHEAR
W.W. DYAR
Water and Sewer Com.

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

A communication from Mr. J.M. McCauley requesting rebate on his water tax was submitted by the Water and Sewer committee with report but an informal discussion was, upon motion of Mr. Dyar, referred back to the committee for further consideration and report.

Mr. Grabill reported verbally that, with Mr. Dyar, he had made an inspection of the sewage disposal fields and that, in their judgment, the fields were in need of additional drains. He therefore recommended and moved that the sum of \$50⁰⁰ in addition to the unexpended balance for reconstruction of the fields be appropriated for this purpose. The motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick called attention to the dangerous practice of boys climbing the water tower which might lead to serious personal danger.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Water and Sewer committee be directed to have warning signs prepared and posted at the tower prohibiting the practice. The motion was carried.

The Mayor suggested that the Ordinance Committee might submit an ordinance bearing upon this matter.

Mr. Dyar called attention to the growing weeds along the sidewalks and to overhanging tree branches and on motion of Mr. Grabill the matter was referred to the street committee for immediate action.

On suggestion of Mr. Shear the street committee was directed to remove the cleats from the board walk on Elm Avenue.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:50 p.m., on motion of Mr. Grabill, adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben Q. Davis Clerk

Monday evening, July 9, 1906.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Shear.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk, and, there being no corrections, were approved.

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1906.		Monthly report of Treasurer
Gentlemen:— I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and expenditures during the month of June, 1906:				
Balance on hand last report	\$ 2048.87	Disbursements:		
Receipts:		Pumping plant	\$ 84.20	
Special taxes, cement walks	\$ 272.29	Waterworks: miscellaneous expenses	1.65	
Permits	6.00	Sewer system " "	15.15	
Water rents	50.40	Street work	386.71	
	<u>328.69</u>	Street lighting	14.32	
	\$ 2377.56	General expenses	123.19	
Of balance on hand of	\$ 1639.34	Salaries	113.00	
There belongs to Willow Avenue fund	\$ 78.76		<u>738.22</u>	
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00	Balance on hand	<u>1639.34</u>	
Plumbers' deposits	20.00		<u>2377.56</u>	
B. and W. Transit Co's deposit	500.00	Respectfully submitted:		
Cement sidewalk fund	272.29	Examined and found correct,	BEN G. DAVIS,	
Available balance	\$ 668.59	JOHN HANSEN } Finance Committee,	Treasurer,	
		J. B. DERRICK, }		
		W. W. DYAR }		

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

The Treasurer also submitted his annual report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1906		Annual report of Treasurer
Gentlemen:— I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906:				
Balance on hand July 1, 1905	\$ 48.04	From road tax refund, Montgomery county	\$ 681.43	
Receipts:		" deposit B. & W. Transit Co	500.00	
From general taxes	\$ 7849.35	" redemption of property sold for taxes	208.89	
" special " cement walks	\$ 3098.45	" miscellaneous sources, including fines, interest on deposits in bank, etc.	75.26	
" " " water main	1640.14	" deposit for improving Willow Ave	3600.00	
" " " sewers	1200.00		<u>20325.87</u>	
" water rents	1420.35		<u>20373.91</u>	
" permits	52.00			

<i>Disbursements:</i>		<i>General expenses:</i>	
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 117.87	printing	\$ 30.05
gasoline	502.40	telephone rental	46.40
	\$ 680.27	contingent	16.99
Waterworks: miscellaneous expenses	29.23	postage	31.80
Sewer system: miscellaneous	39.96	legal	152.90
remodeling fields	365.75	miscellaneous	293.48
	400.71		\$ 571.62
On construction outfall sewer and fields	1446.80	Interest on bonds	2977.68
Street work: material	37.20	Paid from redemption fund	208.89
labor	1331.91	General improvement bonds paid	5400.00
	1369.11	Deposit to credit of sinking fund	500.00
Street lighting: oil	218.22	Paid from improvement fund, Willow Ave.	3521.54
lamps, globes, etc	36.50		18734.57
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	300.00	Balance on hand	1639.34
lamplighter	450.00		20373.91
engineer	624.00		
	1374.00		
<i>Sinking Fund:</i>		<i>Bonded indebtedness:</i>	
Balance on hand July 1, 1905	\$ 568.27	Water and sewer bonds (4%) 1st issue	\$ 38000.00
Deposit to credit of, 1905-6	500.00	2d "	10000.00
Interest credits, 1905-6	16.45	3d "	7000.00
	5500.00	General improvement bonds (5 1/2%)	9300.00
Total	1084.72	Total	\$ 64,300.00
Bonds purchased and canceled	\$ 1000.00		
Interest on bonds purchased	11.44		
	1011.44		
Balance on hand	\$ 73.28		
There is no floating indebtedness and all bills current are paid to date.		Respectfully submitted: BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

Printing of
Treasurers re-
port.

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to examine and audit the same, and if found correct, to have 300 copies thereof printed and distributed to the tax payers of the Town. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.		July 6, 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., Rental and messages	\$ 2.20	H. A. Ourand, Painting signs	\$ 3.00
Standard Oil Co. 290 gals oil @ 8 1/2 ¢	24.66	Trustees, Presby. Church, Rental of chapel	30.00
" " " " " gasoline @ 14 ¢	40.60	StocKett-Fiske Co., Tax book	12.00
Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe	13.30	A. W. Skinner, printing 300 charters	50.00
Springfield Gas Engine Co. Cylinder rings ^{2.25 exp. 65}	2.90		182.16
A. W. Skinner, printing 1000 tax bills	3.50		
		JOHN HANSEN, } Finance Committee, W. W. DYAR } J. B. DERRICK }	

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

The following communication was presented by the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., July 6, 1906.

Gentlemen:- The Finance Committee would respectfully recommend that the Treasurer be directed to deposit, during the month of July, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to the credit of the sinking fund.

The committee would also recommend that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized, whenever in their judgment the condition of the funds will justify, to take up such amounts of outstanding improvement bonds as may seem desirable,

JOHN HANSEN } Finance
W. W. DYAR } Committee
J. B. DERRICK }

Sinking fund deposit.

Mr. Dyar moved that the recommendations of the committee be approved. Carried and so ordered.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1906.

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the sale for delinquent taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, '06. On the first day of March a circular was mailed to each delinquent taxpayer stating that unless taxes were paid prior to Mar. 20th the property would be advertised and sold for the amount of the delinquency.

The list of delinquent taxpayers was published in The Montgomery Press of Kensington, Maryland, in its issues of March 23d and 30th and April 6, 1906. Copies of this notice were also published in ten conspicuous places throughout the town and a copy mailed to each person whose property was advertised. A good proportion of the advertised delinquencies was paid prior to date of the sale.

The sale was held at the time and place as advertised, on Thursday, April 12, 1906. Each piece was offered separately and all pieces on which bids were secured were sold to the highest bidder. Those pieces for which no bids were received were purchased by the Town for the amount of the delinquency as advertised.

On the 21st of April, within the 30 days after sale, as provided by law, report in detail of the sale was submitted to the circuit courts of Prince George and Montgomery counties. The reports were duly considered by the courts and the proper notices of publication inserted in newspapers published in the respective counties. At the expiration of the time as specified in the public notices for the filing of objections to the ratification of said sale, no objections having been presented in either of the courts, the sales were promptly confirmed and orders issued by the court in confirmation thereof.

A copy of all reports, orders, advertisements and circulars made or issued in connection with the sale, are attached hereto and made a part of. The total expense of the sale, including advertising, court fees and orders of publication, amounted to \$141.25. This amount had been estimated and proportioned among the delinquent properties and thus was not chargeable to the revenues of the Town.

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Report of sale for delinquent taxes - 1905-6

On suggestion of the Mayor and without objection, the report was referred to the Judiciary committee.

An application from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. for permission to erect three line poles on Tulip Ave, between Maple and Willow, was presented by the street committee recommending that the permit be granted, subject to the usual restriction that exact location of poles be designated by the chairman of the street committee, and on motion of Mr. Derrick the recommendation was approved.

Permit for telephone poles.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, presented the following report:

Repairs to Columbia Ave.

To the Mayor and Council,

Takoma Park, Md., July 9, 1906.

Gentlemen: - The street committee would invite your attention to the fact that Columbia Avenue, in front of Mr. Longley's, is very low and a mass of red clay, which, during the fall rains, becomes a deep and almost impassable mud hole, remaining so throughout the winter. The committee would recommend an appropriation of \$70⁰⁰ to gravel this street at the place mentioned. The committee also recommends an appropriation of \$25⁰⁰ for gravelling the low place in Carroll Avenue near the Allen property.

E. E. BLODGETT
L. R. GRABILL
C. L. SHEAR Committee

Mr. Derrick moved that the desired appropriations be authorized. Carried and so ordered.

The following report was also presented by the street committee:

Repairs to Buffalo Ave.

To the Mayor and Council,

Takoma Park, Md., July 9, 1906

Gentlemen: - I beg leave to make the following report of work done on the Buffalo Avenue fill. In making the fill I found it necessary to make a stone abutment in order to hold pipe in place, also to keep water from cutting a large hole in the ground near the pipe. It was necessary to haul twelve loads of stone and use one barrel of cement. There has been about 350 yards of earth hauled to the fill. The cost of the work thus far is as follows; Hauling the earth, building abutment and cement, \$148.98; work on the abutment about \$9.00. The work on the fill has cost more than anticipated owing to several heavy rains causing a washout which had to be refilled. The amount appropriated for doing this work was \$150.00 so that there remains a balance of \$1.02.

Respectfully

E. E. BLODGETT

Discussion of this report evolved the fact that in order to complete the cement walk across the fill it would be necessary to extend the fill beyond the line of the walk, and on motion of Mr. Dyar an additional appropriation of \$75⁰⁰ was authorized for this purpose and such other necessary work as may be required to put the street in good condition.

Log-drag.

On request on Mr. Blodgett and on motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$3⁰⁰ was authorized for equipping a street log drag with protecting iron bands.

Emergency pay rolls.

The Treasurer called the attention of the Council to the fact that he had paid emergency pay rolls during the month for street work amounting to \$29.25, \$9.25 in excess of the amount allowed under the rules. As this payment was made only after consultation with the Mayor, the Treasurer requested approval of his action.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the action of the Treasurer, in view of the conditions caused by heavy washouts, in paying for emergency work in excess of \$20⁰⁰ allowed by the rules, was approved.

Mr. Shear, from the Health Committee, reported progress in consideration of the complaint submitted by Mr. L. M. Mooers relative to dumping of refuse on the vacant lot adjoining the Presbyterian church. Mr. Shear stated that there was no doubt in the minds of the committee as to their power, under existing ordinances, to compel abatement of the nuisance, provided it could be definitely established who was responsible therefor. The committee was granted further time for investigating the matter.

Refuse on vacant lot.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, returned the communication of Mr. J. M. McCauley who requested a rebate in his water rent for the current calendar year, with the following indorsement:

3rd Indorsement. - June 19, 1906. In view of the fact that a number of houses in the town are occupied only during the summer months when the consumption of water is heaviest by each consumer, and the further fact that the expense of maintaining the water supply is about the same, regardless of whether any one house is cut off or not; also the fact that an accurate record of the dates of turning water on or off would have to be kept in case of allowing rebates; the committee recommends that no rebate be allowed for non-use of water, and that the writer of the request within be so informed.

Water rebate J. M. McCauley.

L. R. GRABILL
W. W. DYAR
JOHN HANSEN Committee.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the recommendation of the committee was approved.

A further communication of Mr. H. J. Webber relative to the use of water for plant raising purposes, was returned from the Committee on Water and Sewer with report as follows:

1st Indorsement. - July 2, 1906. Considered by the Committee on Water and Sewers, which recommends as follows, viz: That the applicant be notified that the reply of the Council by letter dated June 13, addressed to him by the Town Clerk, will be adhered to; and that in case of the proposed increase of his water consumption, water will be supplied him, after January 1st, 1907, by meter only, the style of meter to be approved by the council. Also that if desired by him the town will furnish to the applicant a first class meter at the cost of purchase and delivery to him, which will be about as follows: For a meter to measure a maximum flow of 15 gallons per minute, \$11.00; or for a meter to measure a maximum flow of 30 gallons per minute \$16.50; these charges not including the cost of installation. The committee make this recommendation believing that in view of all the conditions it is the only fair solution of the problem presented. The charge proposed (20¢ per 100 cu ft) is entirely reasonable, being only the actual cost to the town.

Use of water for plants by H. J. Webber.

L. R. GRABILL, Chr.
W. W. DYAR Committee.

Mr. Dyar moved that the recommendations of the Committee be approved and Mr. Webber so informed. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill reported relative to the proposed necessary improvements in the sewage disposal fields and requested an appropriation of \$80.00 for the work, which appropriation, upon Mr. Grabill's motion was authorized.

Appropriation for sewer fields.

Mr. Grabill reported further that the warning signs had been placed upon the water tower as directed by the Council.

Signs on the water tower

- Revision of the Rules. Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom had been referred the matter of submitting a revision of the rules for the government of the council, explained briefly the proposed changes which seemed desirable, stating that the revision would be submitted in more tangible form at the next meeting of the Council. On motion of Mr. Dyar it was ordered that the Mayor be constituted, ex officio, a member of the standing committees of the Council and that such order be incorporated in the rules.
- Drainage on Miss Palers lot. Mr. Dyar, at request of Miss Paler, of Holly Avenue, called attention to the running of surface water and sewage from Eastern Avenue across her lot. On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Dyar was requested to inform the complainant that, insomuch as the source of the trouble has its origin in the District of Columbia, the matter should be brought directly to the attention of the District Commissioners.
- Complaint of John Powell. Mr. John Powell entered complaint to the Council because of an increase in his taxes and the impossibility of getting from his property except over private property. Mr. Powell was informed that it was too late to secure any revision in his taxes but that the matter of street facilities would be investigated and the street committee was directed to take up the matter and report thereon.
- Mr. Allard's request for gravel. Mr. W. C. Allard of Poplar Avenue requested that permission be granted him to take out four or five loads of gravel from the branch adjoining the old sewer farms. On explanation of Mr. Blodgett that by direction of former Mayor Kinnear it had been ordered that the gravel at this particular place should be preserved for the exclusive use of the town and had been refused to other applicants, it was deemed best not to grant the request. Mr. Allard was informed however that he was welcome to obtain the gravel from other parts of the stream under the jurisdiction of the town. Mr. Allard also invited the attention of the Council to the flooding of his property of his property by surface water from Poplar Ave. and urged that something be done for his protection.
- Open catch basins on streets. The danger incident to large open street drains was presented to the Council by Mr. Fred L. Harries, of Poplar Ave., whose child had recently fallen into one. Mr. Grabill moved that the street committee be directed to investigate the matter of open catch basins on the public streets and to submit an estimate of the cost of covering them with gratings, at the next meeting.
- Nuisances at Takoma spring. Mr. Grabill moved that the Health Committee be directed to thoroughly investigate the committing and existence of any nuisances at or in the vicinity of the Takoma spring and to take such action as the committee may deem necessary in abatement thereof.
- Cement walk on Willow Ave. Mr. Grabill reported that the unapproved portion of the cement walk on Willow Ave. had been taken up and relaid in a satisfactory manner.

isfactory manner and recommended that the amount withheld from the contractor, \$75.55 be now paid, subject to the filing of the necessary bond covering repairs for 5 years. On motion the recommendation was approved.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the clerk was authorized to expend not to exceed \$10⁰⁰ for printing of pay rolls and pump-house,

[records, Printing of Pay Rolls.

On motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$26⁰⁰ was authorized for lithographing the map of Takoma Park prepared by the clerk

Lithographing map.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis. Clerk

Tuesday, July 17. 1906

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Clerk at 7:30 o'clock a.m. There were present the Mayor and Messrs. Derrick, Dyar, Erabill and Hansen.

The Mayor stated that owing to the presence of several parties of peace-disturbing proclivities in the vicinity of Ridge Avenue it was necessary to have a deputy-bailiff appointed without delay, who was a resident of that vicinity; and that Mr. J. A. Van Horn, a reputable citizen had expressed a willingness to serve in response to the Mayor's request.

Appointment of J. A. Van Horn deputy bailiff

Mr. Dyar moved that Mr. J. A. Van Horn be appointed a deputy bailiff to serve for the term of one year. The motion was carried and the Clerk instructed to notify the appointee.

There being no further business the Council, at 8 o'clock a.m., adjourned.

Ben D. Davis. Clerk

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Monday Evening, August 13, 1906.

The Council met at 8:15 o'clock p.m. There were present: Mayor Platt and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Shear.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of July 17th, were read by the Clerk and approved.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee)		Takoma Park, Md., August 7, 1906	
Gentlemen: - I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the month of July, 1906:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 1639.34	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant	\$ 43.50
From general taxes	\$ 3868.57	Waterworks	3.00
" special " cement walks	510.44	Sewer System	7.75
" water rents	32.65	Street work	478.84
" permits	9.00	Street lighting	24.66
	4420.66	Balance due on cement walks, Willow Ave	75.55
	6060.00	General expenses	98.90
Of balance on hand amounting to	3460.42	Interest on general improvement bonds	254.38
There belongs to B. and W. Transit Co. deposit	\$ 500.00	Deposited in sinking fund	500.00
Plumbers' deposits	20.00	Improvement bonds paid and canceled	1000.00
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00	Salaries	113.00
leaving an available balance of	2840.42		2599.58
		Balance on hand	3460.42
			6060.00
Examined and found correct:		Respectfully submitted:	
JOHN HANSEN	} Finance Committee	BEN G. DAVIS,	Treasurer
W. W. DYAR			
J. B. DERRICK			

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

Street to connect Ridge Ave. with main part of the Town.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. W. B. Walters requesting that Ridge Avenue be connected with the Park proper by a cross street, stating that the residents in that section can reach the business part of the town at the present time only by a detour via Silver Spring or North Takoma.

The Mayor stated that the difficulty in affording the desired relief lay in the fact that the desired outlet would have to extend over land without the corporate limits over which the Town has no jurisdiction. The Mayor further stated that the county authorities now had under consideration the construction of a county road across the land in question, connecting Takoma and Merrimac Avenues.

Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Walters' communication be referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to submit an estimate of the cost of

opening and improving Merrimac Avenue from Ridge to the corporation line at the intersection of the proposed county road, said report to be submitted at the next meeting of the Council, and that Mr. Walters be informed of the action taken. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.		August 8, 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:			
Thomas R. Riley, lumber	\$ 12.00	Standard Oil Co. 265 gals. oil @ 8 1/2 ¢	\$ 22.53
Geo. F. Muth & Co. globes and wicks	4.77	" " " 615 " gasoline @ 14 ¢	86.10
C. W. Kramer, Blacksmithing	4.60	C. and P. Telephone Co., rental and messages	2.20
Stockett-Fiske Co., Printing	7.50	Lamb and Tilden, rubber stamp and baliff badges	2.90
Byron S. Adams, "	2.25	Wilkins and Jordan, 1 bbl. cement	2.40
W. F. Mattingly, Disinfectants	4.85	Andrew Graham Co. lithographing maps	75.50
			\$ 178.10
		JOHN HANSEN. W. W. DYAR J. B. DERRICK } Committee.	

Report of bills

Mr. Hansen moved that the report be adopted and payment of the bills directed. Carried and so ordered.

The Finance Committee presented the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.	Takoma Park, August 10, 1906.
Gentlemen: - The Finance Committee respectfully returns herewith the annual report of the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. In accordance with the instructions of the Council the Committee carefully and thoroughly examined all the books and accounts of the Treasurer and find them properly kept and a verification of the report submitted. The Committee desires to commend the neatness of the Treasurer in the keeping of his books and all records in connection with the administration of his office.	
	Very respectfully, JOHN HANSEN, Chr. W. W. DYAR J. B. DERRICK } Finance Committee

Report of Auditing Committee.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved and ordered

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights stated that the committee had been unable to prepare a report for presentation at this meeting of the work done under recent appropriations but would endeavor to do so at the next meeting.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Street Committee be authorized and directed to cut the grass and weeds along the sidewalks and to remove over-hanging limbs of trees. Carried and so ordered.

Cutting of weeds along streets.

Upon written application therefor, approved by the street committee, and on motion of Mr. Derrick, permission was granted the Chesapeake and

Potomac Telephone Company to erect an additional 30' pole on the south side of Poplar Avenue, subject to the usual conditions.

Mr. Shear, from the Health Committee, submitted the following report:

Report of Health Committee on dumping of refuse matter on vacant lots.

To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., August 13, 1906

Your committee on Health submits the following report in regard to the dumping of rubbish on the vacant lot near the church. Evidence has been secured to show that some of the rubbish referred to was dumped by Mrs. S. J. Ford. She was notified in writing that she had violated the health ordinance and was requested to remove at once all rubbish which she had dumped or caused to be dumped upon the lot referred to. The bailiff who served the notice states that Mrs. Ford promised to remove the material she had dumped on the lot. She has not yet done so however. Your committee recommends that the bailiff shall give her one more opportunity to remove said rubbish and in case it is not done that she shall be arrested and fined. If a portion of the rubbish should be removed it is recommended that the balance be removed at the expense of the town as it would be difficult if not impossible to locate the parties responsible for all of it. In this connection your committee begs to suggest the desirability of designating some suitable location as a public dumping ground if such place can be found. In view of other complaints regarding the dumping of rubbish we also recommend that notices be posted at points where such dumping is done stating that persons depositing refuse or rubbish will be subject to a fine. Respectfully,

C. L. SHEAR,
J. B. DERRICK } Health Committee.
E. E. BLODGETT }

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be adopted and approved with an amendment that Mrs. Ford be notified that in case of future violation of the ordinance in regard to dumping of refuse, she will be subject to arrest and fine. Mr. Grabill's motion was adopted.

Mr. Shear, from the Health Committee, also submitted the following report:

Report of Health Committee relative to nuisances at Takoma Spring.

To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., August 13, 1906

Referring to the verbal complaint regarding the committing of nuisance about the Takoma spring your committee begs to report that after consideration of the matter it was decided that notices should be posted about the place warning all persons that such acts were in violation of the health ordinances of the town and that they were subject to a fine for so doing. Twenty-five notices were ordered printed at a cost of \$2.25. We recommend that the bill for such notices be ordered paid. The notices have been received and several posted; the balance are available for use in other places, should they be needed.

Respectfully,
C. L. SHEAR
J. B. DERRICK } Health Committee.
E. E. BLODGETT }

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report and action of the committee were approved.

Public dumping grounds.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Street committee be instructed to investigate the matter of securing public dumping grounds and to report to the Council as soon as practicable. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Health Committee be authorized and directed to place warning signs at such places as are used as unauthorized dumping grounds. The motion was carried.

Relative to the application of Mr. H. J. Webber for permission to use water for plant culture, previously considered and allowed under certain conditions, Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, presented a communication from Mr. Webber accepting the conditions imposed and requesting the installation of a water meter, Mr. Webber agreeing to pay the expense thereof. Mr. Grabill moved that the meter be ordered and installed upon deposit by Mr. Webber of the estimated cost. Carried and so ordered.

*Use of water
by H. J. Webber.*

Upon request of the Water and Sewer committee, through Mr. Grabill, its chairman, authority was given to clean the filter at the pumping plant and to trim up the banks and grounds in the vicinity of the pumping station.

*Cleaning water
filter*

Mr. Grabill called the attention of the Council to the fact that no allowance is made to the engineer for making taps of water mains. In view of the fact that this involves additional work upon the engineer, the committee on water and Sewer would recommend that a reasonable portion of the fee charge be allowed him.

*Allowance of
fee for tap-
ping water
mains.*

Mr. Dyar moved that \$2⁵⁰ be allowed the engineer for each tap of the water main hereafter made by him. The motion was carried.

*Request Thos
Rhine for use
of fixtures at
hotel.*

Mr. Blodgett presented verbally a request from Mr. Thomas Rhine for permission to connect one bath tub and closet at the Tokma Hotel with the water and sewer system, and moved that the matter be referred to the Water and Sewer committee for such action as they may deem proper. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary committee, presented a communication from the General Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists wherein they state that their school and buildings on block 51 have been decided by the county commissioners to be exempt from taxation, and requesting to be informed whether the state law does not also exempt them from municipal taxation; with verbal report that the committee has the matter under consideration, but has not yet reached a conclusion.

*Report Judiciary
Com. relative
to taxation of
Adventist prop-
erty.*

Mr. Blodgett called attention to the running at large of horses upon the small sewer farm, which fact the Water and Sewer Committee was directed to note for proper action.

Mr. Blodgett stated that a quantity of half-round sewer pipe, formerly used as gutter on Tulip Ave., was found too small for that purpose; that Mr. Lamond had agreed, in case of any demand for this size pipe to take it in even exchange for a larger size. On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Blodgett was authorized to effect such exchange if deemed desirable by him.

*Disposal of
half-round
sewer pipe.*

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to repair Sligo Ave. from Carroll Ave. to the pumping station.

Road tax, Prince George County, On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to take such action as they might deem advisable, including employment of counsel, to collect the road tax refund due from Prince George county.

Mr. Grabill presented the following report:

Report of the Committee on Water and Sewers Relative to a Rate for the Use of Water by Consumers Outside of the Limits of the Town.

The Committee on Water and Sewers having been instructed by the Council to report upon a uniform rate for the use of water by consumers outside of the town, has the honor to submit the following report: The rate now in force which applies to consumers outside of the town, is the same charge based upon the number of fixtures, which is made to consumers who are in the town, plus a fixed charge of ten dollars for the use of both water and sewer. This ten dollars additional is in lieu of taxes for interest on the cost of water and sewer plant. This rate was adopted by a previous Council and is based upon the average increase of taxes paid by each resident on account of the interest and sinking fund required by the expenditure for the water and sewer systems, apparently without regard to the necessary depreciation of both plants and the cost of renewal of the same when required. Neither does it take into consideration the fact that the water users are a minority of the taxpayers, although they are the greatest beneficiaries of the system and should pay the greatest share of its cost. This committee considers the additional charge of ten dollars as inadequate for the purpose for which it is intended; and it finds that the regular water rent, based on the number of fixtures, pays at present about the cost of operation and ordinary maintenance of the waterworks. It is doubtless true that, while the plant is in operation for the use of residents, any amount whatsoever received from those outside, above the actual cost of operation, is that much gain; but the amount at present so received is not in proper proportion to the total cost. Your committee has arrived at its conclusions by means of the following figures obtained from the Town records: The cost of the water system of the Town to date, not including any of the cost for the sewer system, has been as follows: (Amounts assessed against the abutting property are also excluded)

Original contract	\$ 17015.06	Tower and tanks	\$ 5222.00
Extension of mains	5495.26	Engineering expenses	600.00
First pump and engine	1750.00	Second engine and pump, about	2000.00
Pump house	1830.65	Sundry services	401.71
Foundation for stand pipe	908.00	Total	38456.90
Dam and well	3234.22		

or, approximately, \$38000.00, the greater part of which is represented by bonds bearing 4 per cent interest. The cost of operation and maintenance of the waterworks for the year ending June 30, 1906, was as follows:

Gasoline	\$ 464.90	Repairs and miscellaneous items	\$ 177.42
Engineer, 52 weeks at \$12.00 per week	624.00	Total	1266.32

The receipts for water rents for the year 1905 were \$1369.75. The total number of hours pumped during the year 1905-6 was 1054. The amount pumped per hour is about 14844 gallons; from which we find that 15645500 gallons were pumped during the year or about 2086000 cubic feet. The depreciation of the plant and the cost of replacing it is more difficult to estimate. It is certain that the life of the engines and pumps will not exceed 20 years and will probably be less. The standpipe and tank should last, if kept properly painted, considerably longer. The smaller mains, at least, will probably have to be replaced after fifty years of service; but in this time the growth of the population may require an entirely new plant. It is therefore not unlikely that in the space of forty years the greater part of the entire system will require renewal on account of depreciation and changed conditions. On this basis about one-fourtieth of the original cost should be charged for the item of depreciation, to be provided for each year, making this item 1/40 of \$38500.00 or \$962.50. The cost of water to the Town for one year, based upon present expenditure, is therefore as follows:

Cost of operation and maintenance	\$ 1266.32	Depreciation and cost of renewal	\$ 962.50
Interest at 4% on \$38500	1540.00	Total cost and depreciation of plant for water supply for one year	3768.32

Total amount of water pumped, -----	2,086,000 cu. ft.	Cost of operation and ordinary maintenance --	6.1 cts
Cost per 100 cu. feet -----	18.1 ¢	Interest at 4% on investment -----	7.4
This cost is divided as follows:		Depreciation and renewal of plant -----	4.6 ----- 18.1 cts

In fixing a rate to be charged for water for non-residents, and for residents for other than domestic purposes, it is considered that the charge should be based upon the actual amount used, and that the water should be measured; and it must be borne in mind that where meters are introduced the consumption is restricted and, the fixed charges remaining the same, the cost for each 100 cubic feet pumped is increased beyond that when the supply is not measured, as at present, consequently it is better to fix a rate for a meter service somewhat in excess of the cost of water for an unlimited service, such as our figures are obtained from. The committee finds that the average use and waste of water for each family connected with the service was about 390 gallons per day in the year ended June 30, 1906. This is probably more than would be used under the meter system.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The committee recommends, in the case of all applications from parties outside of the Town limits which are made after this date, and in all cases of the use of water for other than domestic purposes within or without the Town, that water supplied from the town system be paid for in proportion to the actual amount consumed, as determined by meters approved by the Council and installed under its direction, and that if the sewer system of the town be used for such premises outside of the Town, a separate charge of not less than ten dollars per annum for that service be made for each house so connected; subject in each case to the conditions involved. The committee further recommends that the charge for water to such consumers be, for those outside the limits of the town, twenty cents per hundred cubic feet, and for those inside the limits of the town whose supply is determined by meter, including those at present so supplied, except in cases in which a rate is fixed by contract, that the charge, after January 1, 1907, shall be at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred cubic feet, the minimum charge to be not less than one dollar per month for premises beyond the limits of the town; and not less than seventy-five cents per month for premises within these limits. The cost of meters and installation of the same should be borne by the consumers, but the kind and style of meter should be designated by the Council. The committee, however, recommends in the case of those outside consumers, four in number, at present using water from our system for domestic purposes only, that no change be made at present in the rate at which they are supplied; since such change would be likely to result in dissatisfaction and inconvenience to such water takers without great benefit to the town. The committee makes the recommendation as to the meter rate within the Town limits without instructions to do so, on account of its intimate connection with the subject of this report; and it desires to state that in case the use of meters should ever become general throughout the Town, that a graduated scale of rates, decreasing with the amount of water consumed per month, should be established, in accordance with good practice in other places. Respectfully submitted:

L. R. GRABILL
 JOHN HANSEN } Water and Sewer Committee.
 W. W. DYAR }

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Mr. Hansen moved that the report and its recommendations be approved and adopted and that the report be referred to the Ordinance Committee for such action as may be necessary in regard to a change in the water rates. Carried and so ordered.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had administered the prescribed oaths to Messrs. Thomas Rhines and J.A. Van Horn as deputy bailiffs and that they were thus qualified for performance of their duties.

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

Approved:
 W. A. Platt

Ben Darr Clerk.