

Monday Evening, September 10, 1906

The Council met at 8:15 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk, and, there being no objections, they were approved, as read. The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

Monthly report of Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md, September 1, 1906.	
Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the month of August, 1906:			
Balance on hand last report -----		\$ 3460.42	
<b>Receipts:</b>		<b>Disbursements:</b>	
From general taxes -----	\$ 321.34	Pumping plant: gasoline -----	\$ 86.10
" special taxes, cement walls -----	82.71	Waterworks -----	.75
" water rents -----	34.49	Sewer system -----	14.40
" permits -----	7.00	Street work: labor -----	\$ 99.71
" plumbers deposits -----	15.00	material -----	4.60     104.31
" interest on deposits in bank -----	24.14	Street lighting: oil -----	22.53
	<u>484.68</u>	miscellaneous -----	5.02     27.55
	3945.10	General expenses: printing -----	35.75
		telephone rental -----	2.10
Of balance on hand amounting to -----	\$ 3051.09	miscellaneous -----	7.75
There belongs to deposit B. & W. Transit Co. \$ 500.00		interest on bond -----	2.30     47.90
plumbers deposits -----	35.00	General improvement bond paid -----	500.00
Bal. due on sewer contract -----	100.00     635.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer -----	25.00
leaving an available balance of -----	<u>2416.09</u>	lamplighter -----	40.00
		engineer -----	48.00     113.00
			<u>894.01</u>
Examined and found correct;		Balance on hand -----	3051.09
JOHN HANSEN	} Finance Committee,		<u>\$ 3945.01</u>
W. W. DYAR		Respectfully submitted	
J. B. DERRICK			BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer,

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was received and ordered to be filed,

"Unfinished business" was taken up and disposed of as follows:

Cost of opening Merrimac Ave.

In connection with the request of Mr. W. B. Walters for the opening of a street into Takoma Park proper from Ridge Avenue, Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, to which had been referred the matter of estimating cost of improving Merrimac Avenue from Ridge to the proposed new county road across the farm of Mr. J. W. Hodges, reported that it would probably cost \$125.00 for the purpose mentioned. No further action was deemed necessary pending the decision of the county commissioners in the desired county road.

In the matter of securing public dumping grounds, Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights, reported that he had interviewed Mr. Hodges, who had consented to allowing dumping on his land at the northern terminus of Grant Avenue; also that Mr. Hodges had promised to consult his sister relative to permitting use of the low land on her property just off the northerly terminus of Holly Avenue for the same purpose, but had not yet had opportunity to do so.

Public dump-  
ing grounds.

Mr. Dyar therefore moved that a public dumping ground be established on the land of Mr. Hodges just beyond the north end of Grant Avenue, and that the Health Committee be directed to call attention thereto by the placing of signs as may best accomplish that purpose and that said signs be also placed at such places as are now used as unauthorized dumping grounds. The motion was carried.

In reference to the request of Mr. Thomas Rhines for connecting several fixtures at the Takoma Hotel with the water and sewer system, Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, stated that he had personally conferred with Mr. Rhine and informed him of the necessary requirements in the matter and that Mr. Rhine's now had the matter under consideration.

Water privi-  
leges for Thos.  
Rhines.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary committee, returned the request of the General Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists, for exemption from municipal taxation of their school and sanitarium on block 51 with recommendation that the views of the committee be embodied in a letter to the General Conference Association, by the clerk, in substance as follows:

Exemption of  
Sanitarium  
and Training  
College from  
Taxation.

*In your letter of July 23, 1906, you state that the county commissioners have decided that block 51, now owned by the "Washington Hospital Association" and "Washington Training School" is exempt from state and county taxation and inquire whether it is not also exempt from municipal taxation. . . . The Mayor and Council have been advised that the statutory exemptions under which the county authorities act, do not, in all probability, apply to municipal taxation in Takoma Park, whose system of revenue and taxation is provided for under the terms of its own charter. . . . But, entirely aside from the legal question, the Mayor and Council feel that the Hospital Association and the Training School should not now claim exemption for this property. By the agreement of May 12, 1904, between the Town of Takoma Park and The Washington Sanitarium Association the Mayor and Council undertook to remove the sewer farm, to provide sewer and water facilities for the sanitarium and school, to supply the sanitarium during a period of five years, free of charge, to the amount of 300,000 gallons of water per month, and to any additional amount required at a rate of 7 cents per 1,000 gallons, and to supply the school for 5 years with water at the rate of 7 cts per 1,000 gallons (that rate being in fact less than one-half the actual cost to the Town of furnishing said water). The Sanitarium Association, on its part, agreed to establish a building costing not less than \$50,000, to pay to the town the sum of \$1200, and to do certain other things not of importance in this connection. . . . In carrying out its part of this agreement the Town of Takoma Park has already expended about \$9,000 over and above the \$1200 received and is still burdened with the obligation of furnishing a large amount of water at a fraction of the cost thereof. . . . Now it is perfectly obvious that the real consideration which was the basis of the assumption by the town of these great burdens was the expected increase in the value of taxable property to result from the erection of the sanitarium and school. So far as can now be learned it did not occur to anyone concerned in the negotiations leading up to this agreement that this property would be exempt by law from taxation. That no such contingency was contemplated most satisfactorily appears from the fact that after the agreement was made the town assessors proceeded to assess the property for taxation, the tax was levied thereon and has been paid for two successive years without protest at any stage of the proceedings. . . . For the foregoing reasons the Mayor and Council feel that this property should not be exempt from taxation; and that, on further consideration, the Sanitarium Association and Training School will withdraw their request for exemption at least until the expiration of the five years contract above referred to.*

Mr. Derrick moved that the report of the Judiciary Committee, as embodied in the proposed letter, be adopted and the Clerk be directed to prepare and forward said letter to the Washington Sanitarium Association. The motion was carried.

There being no further unfinished business the Council proceeded under call of the regular Committees.

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

Report of the Finance Committee.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

September 5, 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.

Cand. P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages -- \$ 2.20	Byron S. Adams, Printing 25 cloth signs -- \$ 2.25	Town Treasurer, Contingent, July and August -- \$ 2.15
Standard Oil Co. 285 gals gasoline @ 14¢ --- 39.90	Louis Hartig, Iron 2 <sup>nd</sup> freight 25 --- 2.35	R. F. Milne, alarm clock --- .65
" " " 265 " oil " 8¢ --- 21.20	C. M. Heathon, Trustee, Rent log cabin, 1 year --- 36.00	Geo. N. Day, Tapping water main --- 2.50
A. W. Skinner, Printing 300 annual reports --- 3.50	G. W. Forsberg, Repairs to engine --- 16.92	<hr/>
		129.62

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

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

Pasting of signs

In the absence of Mr. Shear, Mr. Derrick, from the Health Committee reported that the signs relative to prohibition of dumping at certain places had been printed and posted, as directed by the Council.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights submitted the following report:

Report of work done on streets.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Takoma Park, Md. September 7, 1906.

Gentlemen: I beg leave to make the following report of work done on streets in the way of scraping and the hauling of gravel to repair the streets. 1st. In scraping streets and cutting out gutters, the following: N. Y. Ave, from Chicago to Takoma; Takoma from Phila. to Chestnut; Baltimore Ave.; Chestnut Ave.; Holly Ave; Tulip from Holly to Carroll; Oak Ave; Maple Ave; Willow Ave; Carroll, from the District line to Geo. Jackson's house; Laurel, from District line to log cabin; Pine Ave; Montgomery Ave; Hickory Ave; Columbia Ave; Elm Ave, from Sycamore to Carroll; and Carroll Ave. . . The streets named in the above list are, in most cases, in good shape. The heavy rains have washed out in some places, but by a small amount of labor such places have been repaired. . . . 2nd. Graveling streets. About 450 yards of gravel have been hauled and placed in low flat places on the streets as follows: Gravel placed on Takoma in places where needed; Baltimore Ave., low place at Takoma Avenue filled; Chestnut Ave, filled low place near Takoma; Holly Ave, filled in two low places; Tulip Ave, at Holly and Oak; Oak at Tulip and Magnolia; Maple near Presbyterian church, in front of Ford house and near Lamond Flats; Carroll, from District line to log cabin; Carroll Ave. near Elm, at Calburns, near Columbia; near the Allen place, in front of the George Beale place; near John Beales and at Mr. Jackson's house and on Carroll hill. This avenue is in fine shape except on Sligo Hill which has been cut up by heavy loads driving on side of road in holding the load back, which in places has crowded board walk into gutter and made deep ruts which the heavy rains have made deeper in some places. Columbia Ave., in front of Mr. Longleys, gravel hauled and street rounded up in good shape; Montgomery Ave, filled with gravel in front of Mr. Thomas' place, which was almost impassable. Low place on Pine in front of Mr. Warren's place filled with gravel; also low places on Elm Ave. in front of Mr. Biens' place and Mr. Queen's. Low places on Paplar Ave filled; also on Sycamore and on Laurel near the District line. . . . Repair work was also done on Sligo Hill on the east side of bridge filling the street where washed out with stone and breaking stone with hammers; also opening up gutters; cost \$6<sup>00</sup>. . . . Pipe crossing at Takoma and Chestnut Aves, taken up, cleaned out and broken parts replaced with new pipe and put back at a cost of \$7<sup>00</sup>. . . These two jobs were charged to the general appropriation for street work which amounted to \$500, and the work on the streets has cost \$497.92, leaving a balance of \$2.08. . . There has also been emergency work done in the way of cutting weeds, cutting limbs of trees

where overhanging walks and a number of small jobs such as cleaning out gutters and pipes where filled up, cleaning out branch at Tulip Avenue after each rain, etc. Respectfully submitted,

F. E. BLODGETT, Chm.  
L. R. GRABILL

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

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee presented a communication from Messrs. Austin and Ridgway relative to the extension of sewer on Tulip Avenue about 80 feet east of its present terminus near Willow Avenue, for the purpose of sewerage new residences about to be erected by them. Mr. Grabill moved that the matter be left in the hands of the water and sewer Committee, with authority to take such action in regard to extension of the present sewer or connection therewith by private sewers from the properties of the petitioners, as may be deemed best advisable, it being understood that the necessary work shall be done at the cost of Messrs. Austin and Ridgway. Carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Water and Sewer Committee be authorized to procure bids for 6 lamp hole covers and that if the price thereof be considered not excessive by the committee that they be authorized to purchase that number. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, to which had been referred the matter of revising the rules for the government of the Council, submitted the following with recommendations for their adoption:

## Rules of Order.

### Rule 1. Order of Business.

The order of business at each meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Roll call.
- b. Reading of minutes of prior session.
- c. Treasurer's report.
- d. Communications and petitions.
- e. Unfinished business.
- f. Reports of special committees.
- g. Reports of standing committees.
  1. Finance.
  2. Health and Sanitation.
  3. Streets and Lights.
  4. Water and sewers.
  5. Ordinance
  6. Judiciary.
- h. New business
- i. Adjournment.

### Rule 2. Meetings of Council

The Council shall meet on the second Monday of each month and at such time and place as may be fixed by the Council. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or at such time and place as he may deem proper, and shall be called by the Mayor, or in his absence by the clerk, upon the request in writing, over the signature of three members of the Council.

### Rule 3. Reports of Committees

Reports of special or standing committees shall be called for and disposed of in the order named in Rule 1, at each regular session and at each special session if requested by a majority of the Council. Any report or recommendation presented by any committee, not finally acted upon, will be presented at the next regular meeting under the head of unfinished business.

### Rule 4. Communications and Complaints

All communications received during a recess of the Council by the Clerk or any member of the Council shall be sent immediately to the Mayor for reference through the Clerk to the proper committee.

All communications, complaints, etc., shall be read by the Clerk and referred by the Mayor to the committee charged with the specific duties covered by

Sewer for Messrs  
Austin and Ridg-  
way.

Lamp hole  
covers.

Rules for  
government  
of Council

the communications without motion, except that objection be made, in which case the disposition shall be directed by the Council.

#### Rule 5. Bills and Accounts.

All bills and accounts shall be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report before action is taken by the Council. All bills received by the Mayor or any member of the Council shall be sent immediately to the Clerk for reference to and consideration by the Finance Committee prior to the regular meeting of the Council.

#### Rule 6. Payment of Employes.

In the case of public improvements, duly authorized by the Council, the Treasurer may pay the laborers engaged thereon on pay roll, in which shall be set forth the names of the persons engaged, the nature of services performed, number of days employed, rate per day, and amount due, together with the total amount authorized by the Council for such improvements, the amount expended thereon and the amount still available therefor. The details of said payroll shall be certified as correct and the services properly performed by the duly authorized person in charge of said work and before payment is made, said pay roll shall be approved by a majority of the committee charged with the supervision of the work and countersigned by the Mayor. Any official of the town receiving a stated salary may be paid weekly, semi-monthly or monthly by the Treasurer.

#### Rule 7. Emergency Expenditures.

The various committees of the Council are authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, in cases of emergency, where the public interests will not permit a delay, to incur expenses not exceeding Twenty dollars during a recess of the Council. A report in writing, setting forth the emergency in detail, must be made at the first meeting of the Council thereafter.

#### Rule 8. Contingent Fund for Treasurer.

The Treasurer is authorized to expend not exceeding Five Dollars per month for incidental expenses of the town, a detailed account of which will be submitted to the Council, thro the Finance Committee, at each regular meeting.

#### Rule 9. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

The Treasurer shall submit at each regular monthly meeting of the Council, thro the Finance Committee, an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements since his previous monthly report and the amount of available funds on hand, said report to bear a certificate signed by a majority of the Finance Committee, showing that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, that the receipts are correct and that proper vouchers are on file for all disbursements.

#### Rule 10. Duties of the Clerk.

Independent of the minutes, the Clerk shall submit at each meeting of the Council a statement of all matters unacted upon at the previous meeting which will be presented under "unfinished business." A list of all special

committees with date of appointment and subjects referred thereto, and a list of all subjects referred to standing committees. Said lists will be presented to the Mayor at each meeting and under the appropriate order of business he will call upon committees for report. The clerk shall transmit without delay to the chairman of the proper committee such papers as may be referred thereto by direction of the Council.

#### Rule 11. Committees, Duties of, Etc.

The standing committees of the Council, with their duties shall be as follows:

**Finance**, which shall examine and approve all bills and accounts before payment, audit the monthly reports of the Treasurer and certify to their correctness, make recommendations in regard to receipts and disbursements, rates of taxation, collection of taxes, apportionment of funds and methods of keeping and rendering accounts.

**Health and Sanitation**, which shall be charged with the duties of investigating all matters concerning the health of the town, and the chairman of said committee shall be, and shall exercise all the functions of Health Officer of the town.

**Water and Sewer**, which shall be charged with the supervision of the water and sewer plants and matters pertaining thereto.

**Streets and Lights**, which shall be charged with the supervision of streets and street lighting and matters pertaining thereto.

**Ordinance**, which shall present in proper form all matters requiring the enactment of an ordinance and such revision of the ordinances as may, from time to time, appear necessary.

**Judiciary**, which shall be charged with all matters involving legal questions. In the absence or disability of the chairman of any committee, the second member thereof shall act in his place.

**The Mayor** shall be the executive officer of the Council and all official action having to do with public work after an appropriation has been made, shall be taken with his approval, and in case his approval is withheld, it shall be his duty to call a special meeting of the Council for final determination of the matters involved.

#### Rule 12. Changes in Rules.

Any standing rule of the Council may be rescinded, amended, or temporarily waived by a majority vote of the members present.

#### Rule 13. Parliamentary Authority.

Cushing's Manual shall be the authority for all parliamentary proceedings.

#### Oath of Office.

I will support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland and will diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I am appointed (or elected) without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Mr. Dyar moved that the rules be adopted as submitted. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be directed to furnish a copy of the rules, together with a list of the standing committees, to each member of the Council. Carried and so ordered.

The Clerk submitted for the consideration of the Council a plat of the Town, with designation thereon of a proposed scheme of numbering the houses throughout the town. After explanation and consideration of the matter Mr. Dyar moved that the system as proposed and submitted by the Clerk be adopted. The motion was carried. Scheme for house numbering.

Mr. Grabill presented the following motion:

*Each standing committee of the Council is hereby directed to prepare and forward to the Mayor, before the last Monday in September an estimate of the probable total amounts to be expended under the direction of the committee, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, including amounts already expended; the clerk shall submit a similar estimate of expenditures by his office. Such estimates shall be in detail as far as possible and shall include the cost of all work, supplies, salaries and other expenses. The Mayor shall submit the estimates to the Finance Committee, with his recommendations thereon, and the Finance Committee shall, after consideration of the estimates and prospective revenues of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, submit to the Council at its next regular meeting, its recommendations as to the amounts to be appropriated by the Council for the various purposes of payment of interest, cancellation of indebtedness, public works of different kinds, and fixed and contingent expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907.*

Committees to submit estimates.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the resolution was adopted.

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor.

*Ben Davis*, Clerk.

Wednesday evening, September 19, 1906.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen.

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called at the instance of the Water and Sewer Committee for the purpose of considering necessary repairs to the Water Tower.

Leak in water tower.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee stated that a leak had recently been discovered in the riser pipe leading from the pumping main to the tank and that while the leakage at present was inconsiderable, the committee considered that immediate repair was necessary. Owing to the sheathing which covers the riser pipe it is impossible to locate the leak or theorize as to its cause.

Repairs to water tower authorized.

After informal consideration of the matter at length Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Blodgett be authorized to do such immediate work as may be necessary to drain the water accumulating from the leak, away from the foundations of the tower, and to place temporary cement work as further protection until the leak can be located and repaired. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Water and Sewer committee be authorized and directed to take such immediate action as may seem to them necessary and desirable to have the leak in the water tower repaired without delay. The motion was carried.

Telephone for Chr. Street Committee.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with the C. and P. Telephone Co, for installing a telephone in the residence of the Chairman of the committee on Streets and Lights, at the expense of the Town, at the best obtainable rates, not to exceed, however \$1<sup>50</sup> per month.

The motion was carried, as was also a motion granting permission for erection of the necessary poles and stringing of wires for this purpose.

Telephone message rates.

Mr. Hansen moved that it is the sense of the Mayor and Council that the large number of C. and P. Telephone subscribers in Takoma Park should be entitled to a message rate of five cents to all parts of the City of Washington; and the Mayor is hereby requested to present this resolution to the proper officers of the company and urge their favorable action upon an extension to their Takoma patrons of the same liberal rates conceded to subscribers in the city proper. The motion was carried.

Indicator on water tower.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, the Water and Sewer committee was authorized, during progress of repairs to water tower to arrange for an indicator warning the engineer when the tank had been filled. At 10:10 o'clock p.m., the Council adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Benn Davis. Clerk.

Monday Evening, October 8, 1906.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of September 19th, were read by the Clerk and approved.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

Monthly Report  
of Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council, Through the Finance Committee.

Takoma Park, Md., October 1, 1906.

Gentlemen: I submit herewith report of receipts and disbursements for the month of September, 1906.

Balance on hand last report ----- \$3051.09

Receipts:

From general taxes ----- \$ 539.45  
 " special " cement walks ----- 171.31  
 " " " Garroll Ave. water main ----- 35.56  
 " water rents ----- 9.00  
 " plumbers' deposits ----- 10.00  
 " permits ----- 8.00  
 " deposit for installing water meter ----- 16.40 ----- 789.72  
 \$3840.81

Of balance on hand of ----- \$ 3052.19  
 There belongs to B. & W. Ry. deposit ----- \$ 500.00  
 Plumbers' deposits ----- 45.00  
 Balance due on sewer contract ----- 100.00  
 Deposit for water meter ----- 16.40 ----- 661.40  
 Available balance ----- \$ 2390.79

Examined and found correct.

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

Respectfully submitted;

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer

Disbursements:

Pumping plant: miscellaneous ----- \$ 20.72  
 gasoline ----- 39.90 ----- 60.62  
 Waterworks ----- 5.25  
 Sewer system ----- 4.50  
 Street work: labor ----- 4.50  
 material ----- 2.85 ----- 6.85  
 Street lighting: oil ----- 21.20  
 General expenses: printing ----- 5.75  
 contingent ----- 2.15  
 telephone ----- 2.20  
 rent ----- 36.00  
 miscellaneous ----- 2.50 ----- 48.60  
 Interest ----- 4.60  
 Improvement bonds purchased and canceled ----- 500.00  
 Salaries: clerk and treasurer ----- 25.00  
 engineer ----- 72.00  
 lamplighter ----- 40.00 ----- 137.00  
 788.62

Balance on hand ----- 3052.19  
 \$ 3840.81

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr. A.E. Berry, representing the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., addressed the Council in relation to the resolution passed at the meeting held September 19th, in which the Council urged that subscribers to the local telephone exchange should be given a 5-cent message rate to the city. Mr. Berry maintained that Takoma Park was enjoying a cheaper service than city subscribers. In regard to inefficient service he admitted there was ground for complaint, but promised, if the Council would send in a written general complaint, to take steps that would result in early benefit to the service.

Mr. Berry relative  
to complaints of  
telephone rates,  
etc.



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

Report of Finance Committee.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.		October 3, 1906	
Gentlemen: - The Finance Committee has to report that they have carefully examined the following bills and accounts and recommend payment thereof.			
Standard Oil Co. 300 gals gasoline @ 14¢	\$ 42.00	Town Treasurer, Contingent expenses	\$ .80
National Meter Co. 1 water meter 10.40; express 65¢	11.05	Rumsey & Co. packing for pump	14.10
C. and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	2.30	Barber & Ross, Bolts, etc.	.80
			71.05
		JOHN HANSEN W. W. DYAR J. B. DERRICK	} Committee

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was adopted and payment of the bills directed.

Refund of overpaid taxes to C.W. Smiley.

The Clerk submitted a communication from Mr. C.W. Smiley, of Berkeley, Cal., requesting refundment of taxes overpaid, due to error in bills therefor; said communication had been considered by the Finance Committee, which recommended that refundment be made, and on motion of Mr. Hansen such action was approved.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report.

Report of Finance Committee relative to Estimates for fiscal year

To the Mayor and Council,	Takoma Park, Md., October 3, 1906
Gentlemen. - In accordance with the instructions of the Council there has been submitted to the Mayor and by him referred to this committee estimates from the several committees of amounts desired for expenditures in their respective departments for the current fiscal year as follows:	
Finance, \$5487.00; Streets, \$1758.15; Lights, \$780.00; Water and Sewers, \$3187.00; a total of \$11212.15	
The estimated income of the Town for the current fiscal year from all sources is \$10518.59, exclusive of a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$668.59. The estimates submitted therefore exceed the revenues of the year by \$1362.15. It is obvious that a reduction of at least that amount should be made in the estimated expenditures, it being deemed advisable to hold the balance on hand at the beginning of the year as an emergency fund. After consideration of the estimates the Mayor recommends that the necessary reductions in the estimates be made by eliminating the following items: Street work: cobble gutters, \$100.00; grading street to Harris', \$75.00; grading Merrimac Ave, \$125.00; street signs, \$100.00 - total \$400. Water and sewers; duplicate disposal field, \$750.00; pipe connecting filter, \$200.00; total \$950.00. Grand total, \$1350.00.	
The committee concurs in these recommendations. It is not deemed advisable that the Council authorize in bulk the expenditures requested by the committees or approve appropriations therefor in advance of careful consideration of each item as necessity arises. It is believed that the purposes of the estimates will be best subserved by keeping them constantly in view as a guide for future expenditures.	
Respectfully submitted:	JOHN HANSEN, Chairman W. W. Dyar, J. B. DERRICK, Finance Committee.

Mr. Dyar moved that the report be received and filed. Mr. Grabill moved to amend the motion by adding "that except in cases of emergencies appropriations for the current year be made in accordance with the recommendations as submitted in the report." For want of a second the amendment was lost and the original motion as submitted by Mr. Dyar was approved.

Scarlet fever

Mr. Derrick, from the Health Committee, in the absence of Mr. Shear, reported that a case of scarlet fever had developed in the family of Mr.

Rynex, on Carroll Avenue; that he had consulted with Dr. Parsons in relation thereto, had posted a sign upon the premises and had directed the family to fumigate the premises, which they promised should be done. Mr. Dernick was requested to write the county health officer for information in regard to the extent of power given municipal health officers in cases of contagious diseases.

The communication of Messrs. John A. Ridgeway and F. B. Austin for extension of sewer on Tulip Ave. which had been referred to the Water and Sewer committee for report, was returned by said committee endorsed as follows:

Extension of Sewer on Tulip Avenue

1st. Indorsement. Sept. 8. 1906. - This application having been considered by the Water and Sewer Committee, it was deemed advisable to submit an estimate of cost to the applicants and to request them to secure the approval of the owners of lots on the opposite side of Tulip Ave. except the corner lot, now supplied with sewer; and preferably it was thought best that they should deposit the amount of the estimate and have the work done by the town. The sewer can be extended about 80 feet from the present manhole at the center of Tulip Ave. and Willow Ave and can then serve lots 5 and 6, block 8 and lot 13, block 6, of the Lipscomb and Earnest addition to Takoma Park. The estimated cost of the work is as follows:

80 linear feet 8' pipe sewer at \$1.00 per foot	\$ 80.00	Engineering, to establish grade	\$ 3.00
One lamphole and cover	7.00	Total	87.00

The cost to each lot owner served would be \$ 29.00. The applicants have been informed verbally of the cost and of the conclusion of the committee.

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

Mr. Grabill stated that nothing had been heard from the applicants in regard to the matter and insomuch as it would be necessary to extend this sewer to enable them to have sewerage for their residences now building, he moved that the communication be referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to prepare the necessary ordinances, advertisements, notices, etc. for having this work done in accordance with the law relating thereto. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee returned to the Council a communication from Major John Biddle, Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, which had been referred to said committee for report, wherein was requested from the proper authorities of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., as to what agreement they would make, both as to a yearly rental or a fixed sum for a perpetual right to furnish a limited number of houses with sewage facilities or for similar advantages to be given for the use of District sewers to the extent to which the Maryland sewers would be used by property owners in the District. It was further requested in said letter that an early reply be made as the Commissioners were now engaged upon their estimates for the coming year.

Use of sewerage system by the Dist. of Columbia

In consideration of the communication the committee submitted the following report:

Takoma Park, October 3, 1906. - With reference to the communication of Major Biddle, Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, dated September 14, 1906, addressed to the Mayor, and referring to the matter of the use of the sewers of the town for the disposal of a part of the sewage from an adjacent portion of the District of Columbia, which communication was referred by the Mayor to the committee on water and sewers, the committee recommends that the Mayor be authorized to make a reply, in substance as follows:

The Mayor and Council are willing to afford such relief as is in their rightful power to grant, to the neighboring residents of the District, so far as this can be done without prejudice to the interests of the taxpayers and residents of the Town of Takoma Park, now or in future.

There are two areas of the District of Columbia adjacent to the Town which will be eventually dependent upon the sewer system of the Town for sewerage. One of these is bounded by Chestnut Street, Eastern Avenue, Cedar Street and the B. and O. railroad tracks, and has an approximate frontage of 1300 feet on the District streets. On this area there are at present nine houses requiring connection with the sewers. The other area is east of Laurel Street, fronting on Eastern Avenue and Walnut streets, and has a frontage of about 2100 feet and contains at present, three houses.

It is probable that the first tract, from its situation, will develop rapidly. The growth of the second will probably be slower; but it is entirely possible that each fifty feet of frontage may eventually be occupied by a building.

In considering this matter, in addition to present conditions, we have been compelled to provide for the following probable future conditions, viz:

That the whole territory of the District of Columbia and the adjoining districts in Maryland may be much more closely built in future than at present, and that therefore the number of houses on the tracts for which sewerage is to be provided may be considerably increased; and that factories or apartment houses may be erected thereon; thus largely augmenting the discharge to be received by our sewers.

That with the growth and spread of population the necessity will arise for increased care in the disposal of the sewage, to prevent damage to property adjacent to the disposal fields and to the stream receiving the sewage after treatment, thus increasing the cost of the disposal to the Town.

The sewage of the Town is now disposed of upon an underdrained field. It is probable however that in future expensive septic tanks and porous filter beds, with constant attendance, will be required to minimize the nuisance unavoidably produced by the best treatment.

We recommend, first, that a contract be entered into between the District of Columbia and the Town of Takoma Park by which the latter agrees to permit the use of its sewer system by the former for the disposal of domestic house sewage from the tracts named above, for the sum of ten dollars per annum per house of not exceeding twelve rooms and two bath rooms; rates for larger buildings, factories, apartment houses or hotels to be subject to proportionate rates or to special agreement; all expenses for connecting sewers, rights of way, etc., to be borne by the District of Columbia.

Second, if such a proposition be not considered favorably by the authorities of the District, we propose that the Town of Takoma Park grant to the District of Columbia the use of its sewer system for the disposal of domestic house sewage from the area between Eastern Avenue, Chestnut and Cedar streets and the B. and O. Railroad tracks, for the period of thirty years, for the fixed sum of two thousand five hundred dollars; and to grant the same privilege, if desired, for the same period of time, for the disposal of domestic house sewage from the area east of Laurel Street and fronting Eastern Avenue, to include lots in blocks A, B and D. of Gilbert and Wood's addition to Takoma Park, for the additional sum of two thousand five hundred dollars; payments of said sums to be made at the time of making connections with the Town system; factories, hotels or apartment houses to be subject to special agreement in each case; all expense for connecting sewers, rights of way, etc., to be borne by the District of Columbia.

We are not willing to grant any privilege in perpetuity.

We wish to say that in fixing the above charges we have taken into consideration the question of school facilities afforded by law to residents of our Town who are employed within the District of Columbia or who pay taxes therein; and that we have on that account reduced the fixed amounts proposed to just one-half of the amount which we would be obliged to ask in order to repay to the Town the probable cost of the privilege, computed on a basis of the taxes paid by house-holders in the Town, as set forth in a report by the committee on Water and Sewers of the last Council preceding this, which report is filed in the records of the Town. Respectfully submitted:

L. R. GRABILL, Chairman

W. W. DYAR

JOHN HANSEN

Committee on Water and Sewers.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was adopted and its recommendations approved.

Mr. Grabill moved that an appropriation of \$35<sup>00</sup> be authorized for repair of Carroll Avenue east of the Sligo bridge and of \$25<sup>00</sup> for Sligo Ave.

from Carroll to the pumping station. The motion was carried.

Relaying walk on Buffalo Ave

On motion of Mr. Grabill it was ordered that the board walk be relaid across the fill on Buffalo Avenue and that wires be restretched around the parking near the hotel in North Takoma.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the vacancy in the position of Plumbing Inspector was filled by the appointment of Mr. L.R. Grabill.

Appointment L.R. Grabill as Plumbing Inspector.

There being no further business the Council at 10:55 p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

W.A. Platt

Mayor.

Ben Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, November 12, 1906

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

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

The Finance committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council

November 8, 1906

Report of Finance Committee.

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. Bal. on bbl. oil returned	\$ 3.15	C. and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 2.20
" " " 1 bbl. Standard Gas Engine Oil, \$12 <sup>33</sup> ; fgt. 25¢	12.58	Wilkins and Jordan, 2 bbl. cement @ \$2 <sup>50</sup>	5.00
" " " 300 gals. gasoline @ 14¢	42.00	Geo. N. Day, 6 water taps @ \$2 <sup>50</sup>	15.00
" " " 300 " Aladdin oil @ 8¢	24.00	Rudolph and West Co. Wire and wheelbarrow <sup>2.71</sup> freight <sup>25¢</sup>	2.96
H. Mueller Mfg. Co. 24 5/8" #4 corp. cocks \$20 <sup>52</sup> ; express \$1 <sup>00</sup>	21.52	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Lamp globes and wicks	3.97
E. T. Kauffman, Installing water meter	5.00	E. L. Jones, Gates and material	1.75
		JOHN HANSEN } Committee.	\$ 138.63
		J. B. DERRICK }	

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was adopted and the bills ordered paid as recommended by the committee.

The Clerk stated to the Council that he had received a request, by telephone, from Mr. Morris Bien, who desired that the terra cotta pipe removed from the street in front of his driveway during the construction of the cement walks, be replaced. Mr. Grabill moved that the street committee be authorized and

Request of Morris Bien for replacing of pipe in street gutter

directed to replace the pipe as requested. Carried and so ordered.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

Monthly report of Treasurer

To the Mayor and Council, through the Finance Committee.		Takoma Park, Md., Nov. 1, 1906		
Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of October, 1906:				
Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 3052.19		
<b>Receipts:</b>		<b>Disbursements:</b>		
From general taxes	-----	\$ 321.52	Pumping plant: miscellaneous	
" special taxes (cement walks)	-----	63.98	gasoline	
" water rents	-----	22.45	-----	\$ 14.10
" permits	-----	30.00	-----	42.00
For redemption of property sold for taxes	-----	9.44	-----	\$ 56.10
		<u>447.39</u>	Waterworks: miscellaneous	-----
		3499.58	Sewer System: miscellaneous	-----
Of balance on hand of	-----	\$ 2025.59	General expenses: printing	-----
There belongs to B. & W. Transit Co. deposit	-----	\$ 500.00	contingent	-----
Plumbers deposits	-----	45.00	telephone rental	-----
Bal. due on sewer contract	-----	100.00	miscellaneous	-----
Cement walk fund	-----	136.29	-----	23.74
Bal. of deposit for water meter	-----	5.35	Semi-annual interest on bonds	-----
		<u>786.64</u>	Paid from redemption fund	-----
		1238.95	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	-----
		Available balance	engineer	-----
			lamplighter	-----
			-----	40.00
			-----	113.00
			-----	1473.99
			Balance on hand	-----
			-----	2025.59
			-----	3499.58

Examined and found correct.

JOHN HANSEN  
J. B. DERRICK

Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted;

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

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

Protest against payment of water rent for full year at residence of Frank E. Skinner

The protest of the Collins-Guerry Co. against payment of water rent for the entire year at the residence of Mr. Frank Skinner, when water was actually used from October 1st only, was returned from the water and sewer committee indorsed as follows:

October 19, 1906. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor with the recommendation that the writer be informed that similar requests heretofore made have been denied invariably, and that no exception can be made in the present case. (See indorsement of June 19, 1906, on application of J. M. McCauley).

L. R. GRABILL } Water and Sewer Com.  
JOHN HANSEN }

October 28, 1906 - I do not agree with the recommendation of the majority. As I understand previous rulings were that no rebates will be made or part payment be accepted when rentals are paid at the beginning of the year. But to require a tenant or purchaser of a house, who takes possession at the beginning of the last quarter to pay for the whole year, is a different matter, and is both unjust and a discouragement to the renting or purchase of property in the town.

W. W. DYAR.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report of the majority of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, to which had been referred the request of Messrs. Ridgway and Austin for sewer extension on Tulip Ave. with directions to prepare the necessary notices, advertisement, ordinances, etc., to have the work done under provisions of the law applicable thereto, returned said request with the following indorsement:

Nov. 12, 1906 - Respectfully returned with the information that it appears to be unnecessary to pass an ordinance in this case for the reason that the owners of the property concerned now express themselves in favor of making the necessary deposit upon notice as to the amount required.

J. B. DERRICK } Ordinance Committee.  
C. L. SHEAR }

Mr. Dyar moved that the report of the committee be accepted and that the clerk be instructed to notify the interested parties of the estimated amount of the deposit required for the proposed sewer extension. The motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick stated to the Council that Mrs. Ridgeway, who has begun the construction of a residence on the lot adjoining that of her son on Tulip Avenue, is very anxious to connect her residence with the sewer if it be in any way possible, and moved that, in view of the topography of Tulip Ave. at this point that Mrs. Ridgeway be permitted to make sewer connections in such manner as may be best feasible, provided the plan decided upon meets the approval of the Water and Sewer committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. Shear, from the Health committee, reported relative to the several cases of scarlet fever in the town, stating that the quarantine had been raised and the houses either fumigated or in process of fumigation. In the case of fever at the residence of Mr. Rynex, the Health Committee was of opinion that the entire house should be fumigated, but as this would entail much discomfort and considerable expense, instructions of the Council were requested. On motion of Mr. Grabill the matter was left to the discretion of the Health committee.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights called attention to the continued breaking of lamp globes and of lamps, and exhibited one of the latter which had been forcibly wrenched from the lamp post and broken.

Mr. Dyar moved that a reward of Ten Dollars be offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone maliciously breaking, or injuring and street lamp or part thereof; and that the clerk be instructed to have notices prepared and printed and pasted upon each lamp post calling attention to said reward. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett returned from the Street committee the communication of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. requesting permission

Sewer extension on Tulip Ave.

Sewage facilities for Mrs. Ridgeway, Tulip Ave.

Scarlet fever

Breaking of street lamps.

Reward for street lamp breakers.

Telephone poles permit. to make changes on their line along Carroll Ave. from Laurel Ave. to the Sligo, with recommendation that the desired permission be granted subject to the usual provision that the exact location of the poles shall be decided by the street committee.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the recommendations of the committee were approved.

Removal of sand from cement walks Mr. Grabill moved that the street committee be authorized to remove sand, gravel and dirt which has accumulated upon the cement walks in various places. Carried and so ordered.

Completion of Sewer farms. Mr. Grabill submitted a brief verbal report relative to the work now about completed at the new sewage disposal fields, stating that after four days of trial the fields seem to be performing their functions satisfactorily. In his opinion the fields should be used alternately in weekly periods and that provision should be made for one days work per week for the purpose of keeping the fields clean from weeds and accumulating material. About one more day of labor will suffice to complete the work of reconstruction.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 10, 1906

The Council met at 8:25 p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill and Shear.

The minutes of the previous session 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., Dec. 1, 1906		Monthly report of Treasurer.
Gentlemen: I submit herewith report of receipts and expenditures for the month of November, 1906:				
Balance on hand last report -----		\$ 2025.59		
Receipts:		Disbursements:		
From general taxes -----	\$ 515.41	Pumping plant: miscellaneous -----	\$ 15.98	
" special " cement walks -----	125.82	gasoline -----	42.00	\$ 57.98
" road tax refund, Prince George County -----	69.07	Waterworks -----		21.52
" special deposit for sewer Tulip Ave. -----	80.00	Sewer system -----		59.75
" water rents -----	15.10	Street work: labor -----	6.00	
" permits -----	21.00	material -----	7.96	13.96
	821.40	Street lighting: oil -----	24.00	
	\$ 2846.99	miscellaneous -----	3.47	27.47
Of balance on hand of -----	\$ 2531.11	General expenses: telephone -----	2.20	
There belongs to B.&W. Ry. deposit -----	\$ 500.00	miscellaneous -----	20.00	22.20
Plumbers deposits -----	45.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer -----	25.00	
Balance due on sewer contract -----	100.00	lamp lighter -----	40.00	
Cement sidewalk fund -----	262.11	engineer -----	48.00	113.00
Deposit for Tulip Ave. sewer -----	80.00			\$ 315.88
	987.11	Balance on hand -----		2531.11
Available balance -----	\$ 1544.00			\$ 2846.99
Examined and found correct.		Respectfully submitted:		
JOHN HANSEN } Finance Committee.		BEN G. DAVIS		
W. W. DYAR }		Treasurer.		

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

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills duly examined and approved for payment:

Standard Oil Co. 600 gals. of gasoline @ 14¢ -----	\$ 84.00	G. and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages -----	\$ 4.50	Report of Finance Committee.
" " 390 " st. light oil " 8¢ -----	21.20	W. H. Michael, Nails and axe handle -----	.55	
Takoma Printing Co. Notices for street lamp posts -----	1.50		111.55	

On motion of Mr. Blodgett payment of the bills was ordered as recommended by the committee.

Mr. Shear, from the Health committee reported relative to the several cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever prevalent, stating that the cases were all.



of mild form and that the committee endeavored to take every precaution in each case as soon as reported.

Dr. Parsons requested to promptly report all cases of contagious disease. It having been stated that notice of the presence of contagious diseases was not promptly reported to the Town Clerk, Mr. Grabill moved that our resident physician, Dr. Parsons, who has charge of most of them, be notified by the Clerk as to the requirements of Section 20 of the Sanitary Regulations and requested to fully and completely comply therewith. The motion was carried.

Appropriation for oil tank. Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights reported that one of the oil tanks is practically worn out and moved that an appropriation of \$8<sup>00</sup>, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be made for the purchase of another. Carried and so ordered.

Revision of Building Regulations. Mr. Grabill moved the appointment of a special committee of three to prepare and submit to the Council a revision of the Building Regulations. The motion was carried and the Mayor appointed as said committee Messrs. Grabill, Dyar and Blodgett.

Relaying pipe. Mr. Blodgett reported that, as directed at the last meeting of the Council, he had had the pipe relaid across the gutter in front of Mr. Bien's driveway.

Payment for broken lamp globe. Mr. Blodgett reported further that he was in receipt of 35 cents from Mr. Lucas whose son had accidentally broken a lamp globe, which sum was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Repairs Tulip Ave. The Mayor called attention to the recurrence of the trouble on Tulip Ave. between Oak and Holly, caused by the large volume of water carried through the culvert at that point, resulting in washout of the cement walk and suggested that something be done to permanently remedy existing conditions.

Mr. Grabill moved that the matter be referred to the street committee for investigation and report, with recommendations, at next meeting. Carried.

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

Amendment relative to Water Rents. *The Water and Sewer Committee, at a full meeting held November 14, 1907, unanimously recommended for adoption the following amendment to Section 4 of ordinance No. 95, viz: Section 4 as amended, to read as follows: "Water rents are due and payable in advance annually on the first day of January of every year, and no rebates shall be allowed; but where a house has been vacant at the beginning of the year, and the water has been turned off by the Town authorities, and in cases where the water is originally introduced into the premises, the water rent shall be in proportion to the part of the year remaining after the water is turned on the premises." Then follow the remainder of the section beginning "If any person, firm or corporation shall fail, etc" to the end of the section.*

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was ordered referred to the Ordinance Committee with directions to submit, at the next meeting of the Council, an amendment to Section 4 of Ordinance 95 embodying the recommendations of the Water and Sewer committee.

Purchase of rubber boots and batteries. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to expend not exceeding Ten Dollars for the purchase of rubber boots for

the use of the engineer and for new batteries for the engines.

Mr. Grabill stated to the Council that he understands that additional lots in the Earnest and Lipscomb, Trustees, addition to Takoma Park, have recently been purchased by the Seventh Day Adventists, and that it is their intention to resubdivide the same, and moved that the clerk be instructed to invite the attention of the proper parties to the requirements of Ordinance No. 96, in order that any confusion in resubdividing may be obviated. The motion was carried.

Subdivision of lots

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to a deplorable condition of affairs as regards the children of Harry Kennel. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was requested to consult the county authorities and take such corrective action as might seem to him desirable.

Children of Harry Kennel.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 p.m., on motion of Mr. Blodgett, adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor.

Ben D. Davis Clerk.