

Monday Evening, January 14, 1907.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Shear. Councilman Derick was absent because of illness. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Treasurers Report.		Takoma Park, Md., January 5, 1907.	
To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee)		Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of December, 1907:	
Balance on hand last report ----- \$ 2531.11		Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline ----- \$ 84.00	
From general taxes ----- \$ 112.15		Sewer system: Tulip Ave. extension ----- 35.66	
" special " (cement walks) ----- 37.30		Street work: labor ----- \$ 53.27	
" water rents ----- 80.05		material ----- .35 ----- 53.62	
" permits ----- 2.00		Street lighting: oil ----- 31.20	
" plumbers' deposits ----- 10.00		General expenses: printing ----- 1.50	
" miscellaneous sources ----- 5.20 ----- 246.70		telephone ----- 4.50 ----- 6.00	
	2777.81	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer ----- 25.00	
		lamplighter ----- 40.00	
		engineer ----- 48.00 ----- 113.00	
			323.98
Of balance on hand of ----- \$ 2454.33		Balance on hand ----- 2454.33	
There belongs to B. & W. Transit Co. deposit \$ 500.00			2777.81
Plumbers' deposits ----- 55.00			
Bal. due on sewer contract ----- 100.00			
Cement sidewalk fund ----- 299.41			
Bal. of deposit for Tulip Ave sewer 44.34 ----- 998.75			
Available balance on hand ----- 1455.58			
Examined and found correct:		Respectfully submitted;	
JOHN HANSEN. } Finance Committee.			BEN G. DAVIS
W.W. DYAR }			Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was accepted and ordered to be filed.

Request of Mr. Brinck for payment as Inspector of cement walks. Mr. A.W. Brinck, of Washington, D.C., who had been employed as an inspector during the construction of cement walks throughout the Town, appeared before the Council with verbal request that he be compensated for two weeks of the second month of his employment, his services having been terminated after six weeks of employment. Upon suggestion of the Mayor, in order that the matter might be properly investigated by the present Council which is unacquainted with the facts in the case, Mr. Brinck promised to reduce his claim to writing and to forward the same for consideration of the council.

Mr. Grabill, from the special committee to revise the building regulations, submitted a draught of a proposed amendment of the section relating to chimneys. It having developed, in a brief discussion of the matter, that the committee was not fully satisfied with the amendment as presented, the entire subject, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, was referred back to the special committee for further consideration and recommendation.

Revision of the building regulations.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted with approval for payment, bills as follows:

G. and P. Telephone Co., Rental and messages	\$ 3.70	Lamond Bros. Terra Cotta pipe	\$ 12.69
W. H. Michael, rake	.75	Town Treasurer, Contingencies for Nov. and Dec. 1906	1.50
Geo. F. Muth & Co., lamps and globes 12.94 freight 50¢	13.44	E. E. Blodgett, Sundries	1.03
Standard Oil Co., 135 gals. oil @ 8¢	10.80	Geo. N. Day, Water taps (4 @ 2.50)	10.00
" " " 335 " gasoline @ 14¢	46.90	L. R. Grabill, Services as engineer	2.50
National Electrical Supply Co., Supplies 5.63 express 30¢	5.93	Springfield Gas Engine Co., Supplies for gas engine	1.02
Thos. Somerville Co. Terra cotta pipe	37.86	Geo. N. Day, Reimbursement for rubber boots	5.00
			\$ 153.12

Bills approved for payment.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the recommendations of the committee were approved and payment of the bills directed.

Mr. Shear, from the Health Committee, reported a case of diphtheria at home of James Johnson, Carroll Ave., and that the usual precautions had been taken in regard thereto.

Case of diphtheria

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee reported completion of repairs to Sligo Avenue. Also, in compliance with the instructions of the Council, submitted an estimate of \$65.00 for repairs of culvert on Tulip Avenue between Oak and Holly Avenues

Estimate for repairs Tulip Ave.

On motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$70.00 was authorized for this work in accordance with the plans of the street committee.

Relaying of tile walk, Oak Ave

On motion of Mr. Dyar the street committee was directed to relay the tile walk on the west side of Oak Ave, near Eastern Ave, elevating the same, to repair the driveways in the same walk between Eastern and Tulip Aves. and to repair the tile walk near residence of Mr. Hansen, on Oak Avenue.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee reported the practical completion of the new sewer fields, including emergent repairs required by washouts from the heavy rains. Also the completion of the sewer extension on Tulip Ave, a detailed statement of the total cost of which will be submitted at the next meeting of the council.

Completion of sewer fields and sewer extension Tulip Ave.

Mayor Platt informed the Council that he had been served with notice of suit against the Town by Messrs. Martin McNamara & Co., for

Suit by Martin McNamara & Co

the sum of \$2873.27, a balance alleged to be due them on their recent contract for construction of outfall sewer and filter beds; that, in conjunction with the Judiciary committee, he had taken such action as was deemed urgent and necessary, including the retention of Messrs. Talbott and Prettyman, Attorneys, of Rockville, for the protection of the interests of the Town.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the action of the Mayor and Judiciary Committee in employment of Messrs. Talbott and Prettyman as attorneys for the Town, and the taking of such other steps deemed necessary, or hereafter to be deemed necessary in behalf of the Town's interests in the suit mentioned, was indorsed and approved by an unanimous vote.

[so ordered.]

Purchase of chairs Mr. Grabill moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to purchase six strong oak chairs for the office of the Clerk. Carried and The following report was submitted by the local Registrar of Vital Statistics:

Annual report of the Registrar of Vital Statistics.

To THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.
 I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the births and deaths which have occurred in the Town during the year 1906. The number of births recorded is twenty-three (23). The number of deaths recorded is six (6). Three of these deaths were of practically temporary residents. During the year there has been in the Town no case of typhoid fever. In April and May quite a number of cases of measles occurred and two or three cases of other contagious complaints have been treated, all of which were light and all made complete recovery. The entire absence of typhoid fever which has been so prevalent in many other places, is to us all a matter of especial import, and the claim made for the marked healthfulness of Takoma Park are well founded. In regard to the collating and recording these statistics, I would suggest that if the Council desires to continue the work it can be made a part of the duties of the Sanitary committee. It seems to me that the record is of sufficient interest to warrant its continuance. Registers furnished by the state board of health for the permanent record of births and deaths are in my possession. Some definite action should be taken.
 Respectfully,
 L. M. MOOERS
 Local Registrar of Vital Statistics.
 Takoma Park, Md., January 2, 1907.
 Record of Births and Deaths in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. During the Year 1906:

January 1, 1906	Death	Mrs. Kittie Speer; Age 76; Valvular disease of heart.	August 23, 1906	Birth	To George G. Rabbitt, Grant Ave. Son
" 7 "	Birth	To Theo. B. Westbrook, Grant Ave; son	" 28 "	"	Frank Snoots, Maple Ave. daughter. Child died Oct-6 and mother a few days earlier, both in hospital in Washington.
" 10 "	"	" S. Morris Appleby, Carroll Ave.; daughter	Sept. 11 "	"	To Daniel Nicola, Holly Ave. daughter
Feb. 5 "	"	" Howard W. Stull, Holly Ave; son	" 18 "	Death	Geo. A. Darling; age 62; paralysis of brain
" 7 "	"	" Clarence B. Smith " " son	" 22 "	Birth	To Howard Chilson, Carroll Ave. daughter
" 14 "	"	" Fred King, Flower Ave. son	" 26 "	"	" Emor E. Seek, Flower Ave. son
March 7 "	Death	Anna P. Huck; age 20; Myelitis (inflammation of spinal cord)	Oct. 4 "	"	" W. C. Allard, Poplar Ave. daughter
April 27 "	Birth	To Charles A. Rife, Flower Ave. son	" 28 "	Death	Henry W. Crittenden; age 75; heart disease.
May 14 "	"	" George Coursen, Grant Ave. daughter	" 31 "	"	Harry James Donaghy; "46; valvular disease of heart.
" 26 "	"	" John S. Killen, Carroll Ave. son	" " "	Birth	To E. V. Crittenden, Takoma Ave. daughter
" " "	"	" George N. Day son	Nov. 20 "	"	" Louis E. Langille, Hickory Ave son
June 16 "	"	" Edwin C. Gary, Grant Ave son	Dec. 12 "	"	" N. D. Stoughton, Pine Ave. daughter
" 28 "	"	" Benj. B. Vincent, Pine " son	Dec. 30 "	Death	Mrs. Morrilla S. Purman; age 55; Killed in railroad wreck at Terra Cotta, D. C.
July 5 "	"	" Walter W. Cruitt, Poplar " son			
" 25 "	"	" Elihu C. Wood son			
" 28 "	"	" James R. Deqq, Baltimore Ave daughter			

On motion of Mr. Shear the report was received and ordered filed and the Clerk directed to inform Mr. Mooers that his term of appointment as Registrar does not expire until June next, the Council desiring that he continue to perform the duties of his position. Mr. Shear also moved that the bill of \$5⁸⁰ for fees, accompanying the report, be approved and paid. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved: *W. G. Platt* Mayor.

Ben B. Davis Clerk.

Monday evening, February 11, 1907

The Council met at 8:10 p.m., there being present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Hansen and Shear.

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

Communications and petitions were presented and disposed of as follows:

Mr. I. H. Evans, Treasurer of the General Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists submitted a written request for permission to erect the necessary poles and string wires thereon to establish telephone connection between their offices on Carroll Avenue and their buildings on the Sligo, and with several private residences on Willow Avenue.

Request of Adventists for telephone service.

Without objection the matter was referred to the committee on Streets and Lights with instructions to investigate and submit report with recommendations at the next meeting of the Council.

A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company requesting permission to erect one additional pole on Montgomery Avenue in order to better the present wire conditions and to furnish telephone service to Mr. Haas, corner of Montgomery and Hickory Avenues.

C. and P. Tel. Co for erection of pole

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the desired permission was granted, subject to the usual condition that the exact location of the pole be left to the decision of the committee on streets and lights.

A communication from Mr. J. U. Jackson, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, requesting a reduction of the water.

Water rent, Presbyterian Church

rent charged for the use of the church hydrant, was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for recommendation.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

Report of the
Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., February 1, 1907	
Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of January, 1907:			
Balance on hand last report - - - - -		\$ 2454.33	
Receipts:			
From general taxes - - - - -	\$ 233.90		
" special " cement walks - - - - -	68.91		
" " " Carroll Ave water main - - - - -	32.41		
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co. - - - - -	673.20		
" permits - - - - -	3.00		
" interest on deposits in bank - - - - -	24.03		
" redemption of property sold at tax sale - - - - -	10.28		
" water rents - - - - -	1086.15	2131.88	
		4586.21	
Of balance on hand of - - - - -	\$ 3514.54		
There belongs to deposit B. & W. Transit Co. - - - - -	500.00		
Plumbers deposits - - - - -	55.00		
Balance due on sewer contract - - - - -	100.00		
Cement sidewalk fund - - - - -	400.73		
Bal. deposit for Tulip Ave sewer - - - - -	35.57		
Redemption fund - - - - -	10.28	1101.58	
		2412.96	
Disbursements:			
Pumping plant: miscellaneous - - - - -	\$ 6.95		
gasoline - - - - -	46.90	53.85	
Waterworks: miscellaneous - - - - -	5.00		
Sewer system Street work: labor - - - - -	65.25	86.11	
material - - - - -	1.62	66.87	
Street lighting: oil - - - - -	10.80		
miscellaneous - - - - -	13.44	24.24	
General expenses: contingent - - - - -	1.50		
telephone - - - - -	3.70		
miscellaneous - - - - -	16.65	21.85	
Semi-annual interest on \$7300 5 1/2% bonds - - - - -		200.75	
Payment of one general improvement bond - - - - -		500.00	
Salaries: clerk and treasurer - - - - -	25.00		
engineer - - - - -	48.00		
lamplighter - - - - -	40.00	113.00	
		1071.67	
Balance on hand - - - - -		3514.54	
		4586.21	
Examined and found correct.		Respectfully submitted:	
JOHN HANSEN, Chr.		BEN G. DAVIS	
Finance Committee		Treasurer	

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

Pay due A. W.
Brinck

Under unfinished business the application of Mr. A. W. Brinck for an adjustment of balance of salary due him as inspector of cement sidewalks which had been referred to the Judiciary committee for report and recommendation, because of the absence of Mr. Dyar, Chairman, was necessarily postponed for future action.

Amendment to
water ordinance

Action upon proposed amendment to the water ordinance, because of the absence of Mr. Derrick, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, to which the matter had been referred, was also postponed.

Mr. Grabill, from the special committee to revise the building regulations submitted the following proposed ordinance with the recommendation that it be adopted:

Ordinance No. 138.

An Ordinance Amendatory of Ordinance No. 50, Known as the Building Regulations.

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, That Section 5, of Ordinance No. 50, be and is hereby repealed and reenacted so as to read as follows:

Section 5. All chimneys shall be built from the ground or on basement walls. The foundation shall be of concrete or of stone or brick laid in cement mortar below frost line up to the first floor, thence with concrete or brick or stone laid in good lime or fire clay mortar, the inside being lined with a FIRE CLAY LINING, made for the purpose, which shall reach the entire length of the chimney or flue, with openings at proper places for smoke pipe to enter. All joints and cracks around lining shall be "slushed" with lime or fire clay mortar, MAKING SOLID STACK from ground to top of chimney or flue.

No woodwork of any kind shall be built into the wall of a chimney nor directly against it. A thick sheet of asbestos paper or at least one-half of an inch of plaster shall be securely placed between woodwork and the walls of the chimney or flue where a space of less than one inch intervenes between them.

No stove pipe shall pass through any floor, partition, or roof, unless protected by a metal thimble which shall be approved by the inspector of buildings. No chimney or flue shall be built on joists, posts, brackets, or floor, or in any place but from the ground or basement wall.

This amendment to be in effect after the date of its passage, except as to work then in progress.

Mr. Grabill moved that the ordinance be adopted and the motion was carried upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and

Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill, Hansen and Shear. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted with the approval of the committee, the following bills and recommended payment thereof:

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 1.80	Woodward & Lothrop, 1/2 doz office chairs @ 7 ⁵⁰	\$ 45.00
Standard Oil Co. 300 gals gasoline @ 13 1/2 ¢	40.50	Takoma Printing Co. Contagious disease cards	1.50
" " " 380 " oil @ 8 ¢	29.60	U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. Premium Treasurers bond	10.00
" " " 1 oil tank	6.00	Town Treasurer Contingent expenses	1.20
C. D. Jones, blacksmithing	.40		136.00

Report Finance Committee

On motion of Mr. Grabill the recommendations of the committee were approved and payment of the bills directed.

Mr. Shear, from the Committee on Health and Sanitation, submitted the draft of a proposed circular which the committee deemed desirable to circulate, calling attention to the establishment of a public dumping ground and to the ordinances against dumping of refuse on the streets, and requested authority for the printing and distribution of the same.

Health Committee to print circulars.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the committee was authorized to have 300 copies of the circulars printed.

The clerk and treasurer advised the Council that a number of water-takers had failed to pay their annual water rents within the limit prescribed by the regulations and requested instructions in regard thereto.

Delinquent water takers

Mr. Grabill moved that the clerk be instructed to furnish the bailiff with a list of delinquent water takers and that the bailiff be directed

to notify each delinquent that payment must be made prior to Monday, February 18, in default of which the water will be cut off from the premises as provided in the regulations. The motion was carried.

Tender of thanks to the Brightwood fire engine company. The Mayor invited the attention of the Council to the efficient services rendered by the Brightwood Fire Co. during the fire at the residence of Mr. White, on Poplar Avenue, and suggested that official action thereon would be proper.

Thereupon Mr. Grabill presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted;

Resolved, that the thanks of the Mayor and Council be and are hereby extended to the Brightwood Engine Company for intelligent and efficient services rendered during the recent fire at the residence of Mr. White on Poplar Avenue; and that this expression conveys a sense of deep appreciation of the value of the services so promptly and so willingly given.

There being no further business, the Council, at 8:57 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben B. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, March 11, 1907.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen. The Mayor announced that the absence of Mr. Blodgett was due to illness.

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

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council, Thro' the Finance Committee.		Takoma Park, Md., March 1st, 1907.		Monthly report of Treasurer
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 1907:				
Balance on hand last report	\$ 3514.54	Disbursements:		
Receipts.		Pumping plant: gasoline		\$ 40.50
From general taxes	\$ 181.94	Street work: labor		\$ 18.50
" special " (cement walks)	159.15	material		40 18.90
" water rents	241.50	Street lighting: oil		29.60
" permits	4.00	miscellaneous		6.75 36.35
	586.59	General expenses: printing		1.50
	\$ 4101.13	contingent		1.20
		telephone		1.80
		miscellaneous		55.00 59.50
Of balance on hand of	\$ 3328.73	General improvement bond paid		500.00
There belongs to B. & W. Transit Co. deposit	\$ 500.00	Interest on improvement bond		2.30
Plumbers deposits	55.00	Paid from redemption fund		1.85
Bal. due on sewer contract	100.00	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer		25.00
Cement sidewalk fund	59.88	lamplighter		40.00
Bal. deposit for Tulip Ave. sewer	35.57	engineer		48.00 113.00
Redemption fund	8.43			\$ 772.40
	758.88	Balance on hand		3328.73
Available balance	2569.85			\$ 4101.13
Examined and found correct:		Respectfully submitted:		
JOHN HANSEN	} Finance Committee.	BEN G. DAVIS, Treas.		
W. W. DYAR				
J. B. DERRICK				

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was received and directed to be filed.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia acknowledging receipt of the Resolutions adopted by the Council relative to the Brightwood Fire Company, and expressing their gratification thereat.

A communication was also presented from Mr. Frederick L. Lewton, Chairman of the Committee on Parks and Parking of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, inclosing printed copies of the recommendations of the committee for beautifying the Town and stating

that the committee will earnestly endeavor to cooperate with the Council in any undertaking along this line.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, in accordance with the instructions of the Council, presented the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 139

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md., that Section 4 of Ordinance No. 95, be amended to read as follows:
Section 4. - Water rents are due and payable in advance annually on the 1st day of January of every year, and no rebates shall be allowed; but when a house is 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 after the beginning of the year, the water rent shall be in proportion to the part of the year remaining after the water is turned on the premises. If any person, firm or corporation, shall fail to pay water rent within thirty (30) days after the same is due and payable, the supply shall be cut off from the premises and will not be restored until the water rent, a penalty of \$2.00, and the actual expenses incurred by the town in shutting off and restoring the water, are paid. The water shall not be introduced into any premises until the full annual water rent has been paid, excepting as herein provided.

Mr. Dyar moved that the ordinance be adopted and the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, to which had been referred the claim of Mr. A.W. Brinck for pay alleged to be due him as inspector during the construction of cement walks, returned Mr. Brinck's communication with the following indorsement:

2nd Indorsement: It appears that Mr. Brinck was employed through Mr. Scudder who states positively that the agreement was for no definite time, but only so long as the services of Brinck were needed and were satisfactory. Scudder states that when he laid Brinck off the latter made no complaint but said it "was all right." The claim was examined by the old council while the matter was still fresh and was by them rejected. We think however that it would be right to allow Brinck for the one day spent in going over the work at the outset and the day following (Sunday), and with this exception recommend that the action of the old council be adhered to.

W.W. DYAR
 JOHN HANSEN } Judiciary Com.
 L.R. GRABILL }

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

Mr. Dyar moved that an appropriation of \$16.67 be authorized to pay Mr. Brinck for 4 days services as inspector of cement walks, at the rate of \$125⁰⁰ per month, as recommended by the Judiciary committee, and that the Treasurer be instructed to tender payment thereof in legal tender money. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills duly approved by the committee for payment with recommendation that the same be paid:

Ordinance relative to water rents.

referred to 10/10/17 (5/21/17)

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Claim of A.W. Brinck for pay due as inspector of cement sidewalks.

Qand P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 3.35	Standard Oil Co. 150 gals. gasoline @ 14 1/2 ¢	\$ 21.75
Takoma Printing Co., 300 circulars	1.50	Lamond Bros., 6' 12" T.C. pipe @ 20 ¢	1.20
Standard Oil Co., 135 gals oil @ 8 ¢	10.80	Wm. Rosier, Hauling casting	2.25
			\$ 60.85

On motion of Mr. Hansen the recommendations of the committee were approved and payment of the bills directed.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee reported verbally that it had been found necessary to have a portion of one of the engines sent to the shops for repairs; also that the committee had ordered a lamp hole casting made for the Tulip Ave. sewer extension and in accordance with authority granted by the Council, had ordered one-half dozen addition similar castings.

Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer committee, returned the application of Mr. J.U. JACKSON, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian church, for a reduction in the annual water rent of the church yard hydrant with the following indorsement:

Water rent for Presbyterian church

2nd Indorsement. Takoma Park, March 11, 1907. Respectfully returned to the Council with recommendation that, in view of the very small use of water from this hydrant, that the charge be reduced one-half for the current year.

L. R. GRABILL.
W. W. DYAR.
JOHN HANSEN } W. and S. Com.

Mr. Derrick moved that the recommendation of the committee be adopted. Upon discussion of the question it was stated by Messrs Dyar and Hansen that upon further consideration of the matter, in view of the request being presented subsequent to the date of payment of the annual water rents as established by the regulations, they were in doubt as to the authority of the Council to make a reduction for the current year. Upon a vote the motion of Mr. Derrick was lost.

Mr. Derrick thereupon moved that the clerk be directed to notify Mr. JACKSON that, his request having been filed subsequent to the date upon which water rents were due the Mayor and Council are of opinion that they are prohibited by the regulations from giving favorable action to his request. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar moved that Messrs J.H. Clark, H. E. Rogers and J.H. Van Houten be appointed a Board of Assessors for the purpose of revising the assessment of property for the purposes of municipal taxation for the ensuing fiscal year and that the Board be requested to submit its report at the April meeting of the Council, if possible. The motion was carried.

Board of Assessors.

Mr. Dyar, from the Ordinance Committee, presented a request from the Potomac Electric Power Co., by its General Superintendent, Mr.

Permit to Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect poles on certain streets

L. E. Sinclair, requesting permission "to erect poles and string wires on Carroll Street, Willow Ave., cross property marked Brashears Land, cross property of John W. Hodge, and Cumberland Avenue, so as to connect Training School and Sanitarium of Seventh Day Adventists," with a draft of a Resolution as follows granting the desired permission:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Section 1. That the Potomac Electric Power Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, be, and said company is, authorized to establish and maintain, for the transmission of electricity for power and lighting purposes, a line of poles and wires as follows: Beginning on the northeasterly side of Carroll Avenue at the point where said Avenue intersects the line of the District of Columbia, thence along the north side of said Avenue to Willow Avenue, thence along the northwesterly side of Willow Avenue to the "Brashears Tract," and (after traversing the "Brashears" and "Hodges" tracts) beginning at a point on the northerly side of Cumberland Avenue where said Avenue touches the line of the "Hodges" tract, thence along the northerly side of Cumberland Avenue to Niagara Avenue, thence along the southeasterly side of Niagara Avenue, to Sligo Avenue, thence across Sligo Avenue and over Block fifty-one (51) to the Training School, Sanitarium and other buildings of the Seventh Day Adventists:—

Provided however, that all poles to be erected shall be subject to inspection and approval or rejection by the committee on Streets and Lights of this Council, and that the location of each pole shall be subject to the approval of said committee.

Provided further, that the Town of Takoma Park, through its Mayor and Council, shall have the right, without compensation therefor, to string a line or lines of wires on said poles, for municipal uses, both along the line of said streets and across the said "Brashears" and "Hodges" tracts, and over said block 51:

And provided further, that the said Potomac Electric Power Company shall, at the request of the Mayor and Council, permit other persons or corporations to string wires on said poles for reasonable rates of compensation, to the end that it shall never be necessary to erect more than one line of poles on said streets.

Section 2. This Resolution is subject to amendment or repeal at the discretion of the Mayor and Council.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the resolution was adopted.

Board of Assessors

Mr. Dyar moved that Messrs. J. H. Clark, J. H. Van Houten and H. E. Rogers be appointed a Board of Assessors for the purpose of revising the assessment of the current fiscal year as a basis for municipal taxation for the ensuing fiscal year and that the Assessors be instructed to make said revision in accordance with the provisions of Section 16a of the charter. The motion was carried.

Electric lighting of streets.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Committee on Streets and Lights, in conjunction with the Mayor, was instructed to investigate the question of electric lighting of the streets and to submit a report, with recommendations, as early as is practicable.

Suit of Martin Mc-Namara & Co

The Mayor explained to the Council the status of the pending suit against the Town by Martin Mc-Namara & Co. for an alleged balance of at most \$3000⁰⁰ on his sewer contract; and in accordance with the recommendation of the Mayor, Mr. Derrick moved that, should it be deemed desirable by the attorneys for the town to deposit with the court the \$100⁰⁰ admitted to be due the contractor, together with interest thereon from date of acceptance of the work, that the Treasurer be authorized to draw his check for the necessary amount. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill invited the attention of the Council to the efforts being made by the Citizens' Association toward the beautifying of the Town and in order

that some assistance in that direction might be rendered by the Council moved that an appropriation of forty dollars be authorized for the purpose of care and improvement of the various park spaces throughout the town, said amount to be expended under direction of the street committee. The motion was carried, Improvement of public parks

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

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Tuesday evening, March 26, 1907.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill and Shear.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering immediate improvement of streets; that, with Mr. Grabill, he had recently made a tour of the town and found the streets in a deplorable condition and deemed it advisable that something be done at once. The matter was considered informally at some length, upon conclusion of which Mr. Dyar moved that the sum of \$300⁰⁰ be appropriated for scraping and rounding up the streets and work incident thereto, said appropriation to be expended under joint supervision of the Mayor and the committee on streets and lights. The motion was carried. Appropriation of \$300 for scraping streets

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$6⁰⁰ was authorized to make explorations for gravel. Exploration for gravel beds

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was authorized to issue permits to the Washington Gas Company to lay gas mains on Willow, Tulip, Pine and Montgomery Avenues, the lines of the mains to be designated in each case by the chairman of the committee on streets and lights. Permits to Gas Company.

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

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.