

Monday Evening, April 8, 1907.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of March 26th, were read by the Clerk, and duly approved.

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows;

Monthly report of Treasurer.		Takoma Park, Md., April 1, 1907	
To the Mayor and Council. (Through the Finance Committee.) Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of March, 1907:			
Balance on hand last report		\$ 3328.73	
Receipts:			
From general taxes	\$ 991.75		
" special taxes, cement walks	278.99		
" " " Carrall Ave. water main	29.08		
" water rents	40.00		
" permits	6.00	1345.82	
		<u>4674.55</u>	
Of balance on hand of		\$ 4470.03	
There belongs to B+W.T. Co. deposit	\$ 500.00		
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00		
Plumbers deposits	45.00		
Special improvement fund	367.95		
Balance Tulip Ave. sewer deposit	35.57		
Redemption fund	8.43	1056.95	
	Available balance	\$ 3413.08	
Examined and found correct:			
JOHN HANSEN		} Finance Committee.	
J. B. DERRICK			
			Respectfully submitted:
			BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.
			Disbursements:
		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 2.25
		gasoline	21.75
			\$ 24.00
		Street work: material	1.20
		Street lighting: oil	10.80
		General expenses: printing	1.50
		telephone rental	3.35
		miscellaneous	26.67
			31.52
		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
		lanplighter	40.00
		engineer	72.00
			<u>137.00</u>
			204.52
		Balance on hand	4470.03
			<u>\$ 4674.55</u>

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

Injury to sidewalk A communication was presented from Mrs. E.V. Wilcox, of 213 Maple Avenue, calling attention to possible injury to the cement walk opposite her residence from driving of heavily loaded teams across the same, into the yards of residences on Oak Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the communication was referred to the street committee for investigation and action.

Dumping grounds A delegation of gentlemen from Chestnut and Baltimore Avenues, Messrs. Lewton, Colcard and McGraw presented an oral petition to the Council for the establishment of a public dumping ground in their vicinity for the deposit of cans, rubbish, etc. The gentlemen suggested that it might

be possible to obtain permission for use of the low ground on Buffalo Avenue, and the Mayor thought this possible under certain restrictions.

Mr. Dyar moved that the dumping of tin cans, broken crockery, ashes and such like refuse be authorized in the hollow adjoining Buffalo Ave provided that any required permission therefor be obtained from the proper persons and provided that said dumping be under the supervision of Mr. Grabill; and that an appropriation of \$10.00 be authorized for the covering of such refuse with earth. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills, duly approved, with recommendation that they be paid.

Standard Oil Co., 500 gals. gasoline @ 14 1/2 ¢	\$ 72.50	C. and P. Telephone Co, rental and messages	\$ 3.30
" " " 370 " oil @ 8 ¢	29.60	Genl. Conference Assn. Adventists, Team for Assessors	5.00
Rumsey & Co. 26 1/2" pump packing \$15.00; freight 50 ¢	16.40	The Montgomery Press, Advertising tax sale	32.00
			\$ 158.50

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights, submitted a communication from Mr. A.H. Koenig, who requested therein the opening of a street from land recently purchased by him in block 54, with report as follows:

Opening of street from block 54

Takoma Park, Md., April 5, 1907- Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the recommendation that Mr. Koenig be given permission to clear the street for the wood thereon, but the committee is unable to recommend any appropriation for grading at this time. If, upon clearing of the street, the council finds itself in possession of sufficient funds to permit further improvement the committee will be glad to take up the matter further. In regard to opening street through to college grounds it does not appear that there is any public street following the desired route. E.E. BLODGETT, C.L. SHEAR.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the report and recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights submitted a communication from Mr. J.H. Clark in which was urged the advisability of establishing a collection service of rubbish matter under direction of the Town and also suggesting, for the sake of the appearance of the streets that hereafter poles for telephone or electric light service be required to be of iron. In connection with the communication the committee submitted the following report:

Collection service for rubbish, etc

To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., April 5, 1907
 Gentlemen: Careful consideration has been given to the attached communication of Mr. J.H. Clark relative to the collection of ashes and refuse and in regard to poles for telephone and electric light wires. Owing to the expense involved in a collection service it seems unnecessary to recommend the adoption of any such service, however desirable it might be. It seems to the committee, however, that it might be advisable to authorize some one man to make collections of ashes and refuse and fix his charges therefor at so much per barrel, the property owner to pay the expenses thereof. This plan would have the double advantage of insuring the deposit of refuse in the public dumping grounds and would entail no burden upon the finances of the Town, already inadequate to do one-half the absolutely necessary public work on streets alone. The erection of poles upon the streets is a difficult

problem the importance of which has long been realized by the Council. To have telephone service or electric lighting in the suburbs poles seem to be a necessary nuisance. The only thing seems to be to exercise care in requiring poles as slighty as possible and to have them favorably placed. We do not think it practicable to require the use of iron poles because of their expense. It is not likely that iron poles could be obtained that would carry trunk telephone lines such as that on Carroll Avenue. The committee would recommend, however, that in the granting of any future permits for the erection of poles that the erection of no pole be permitted until it has been inspected and approved by the chairman of the committee on streets and lights.

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

On motion of Mr. Derrick Mr. Clark's communication and the report of the committee thereon were laid upon the table for future consideration.

Condition of tile
walks, etc.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on streets and lights submitted a further communication from Mr. J. H. Clark in which attention is called to the condition of the tile walks on Holly, Oak and Maple Aves., to a lamp post out of plumb on Holly Ave., to the bad condition of walks and street at the corner of Oak and Eastern Aves., to the scattered half-pipes along Tulip Ave., and to the condition of the parking strips, especially along the cement walks.

The following report was presented upon this communication:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., April 5, 1907.

Gentlemen:- The attached communication of Mr. J. H. Clark is returned with the following remarks: In reference to the lamp posts there are many throughout the town in the same condition as those to which attention is called. As a rule the posts are examined each spring and put in plumb and this will be done at earliest opportunity. - - Relative to the condition of the tile walks: some of the places complained of have already been brought to the attention of the council and have been ordered repaired. The committee has noted for several years the disintegration of many of the tiles of which the walks are composed but have been handicapped in making repairs for the reason that similar tiles can no longer be obtained. For this reason also the walk in front of the residence occupied by Mr. Haley on Oak Avenue, has not been extended to connect with the cement walk on the District side. - - As to the condition of the street at the corner of Oak and Eastern Avenues it is hoped that upon raising of the tile walk and additional gravel upon the street, the cause of complaint will be obviated. The tile guttering across Oak Avenue at this point is within the District of Columbia and outside our jurisdiction. The attention of the District authorities should be called to the existing conditions of the underground filing at this point. - - The half tiles along Tulip Avenue were removed from the gutter because of their insufficiency to carry the water. If the Council so directs the committee will be glad to have them collected and removed from the street. - - In regard to the culvert on Tulip Avenue between Oak and Holly the Council has already appropriated for repairs which it is believed will eliminate the present difficulties and the work will be done as soon as possible. - - As to the condition of the tile walk on Maple Avenue previous remarks as to the scarcity of tiles for repairs apply here. The only way repairs can be made is by the use of bricks which will prove expensive and be far from satisfactory. A solution of this problem would seem to be the construction of a cement walk under the permit system along either Holly, Oak or Maple Avenue which would thereby release sufficient tiles to repair the bad places on the other walks. The committee recommends serious consideration of this proposition by the Council. All these tile walks are in bad condition and to take them up and relay them would be almost as expensive as cement walks. - - It has always been the custom in scraping streets to use the surplus dirt on the parkings and as protection to the walks.

Very respectfully,

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

It having appeared that most of the matters spoken of in Mr. Clark's communication had already been provided for, except the method of repairing of the tile walks on Holly, Oak and Maple Avenues, Mr. Dyar moved that an appropriation of \$30⁰⁰ be authorized for the purchase of brick and

the labor involved in relaying a section of tile walk at such place as the street committee may deem most desirable, with said brick, the tile thus released to be used in repair of walks where tiles are missing. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the committee on Streets and Lights submitted the following report with reference to work on streets for the present season:

At a meeting of the committee on Streets and Lights, held on Friday evening, April 5th, the report contained herein was adopted. -- If sufficient funds are found to be available, the committee recommends that, in addition to the \$300.00 already appropriated for regulating and scraping the streets, the further sum of \$1500 be appropriated for graveling streets and work incidental thereto; and that this work be begun at as early a date as practicable and carried on under the supervision of the Mayor and the Street Committee. The committee recommends that with the additional \$1500.00 proposed the following work be done, viz: Carroll Avenue to be thoroughly surfaced with gravel for a width of 16 feet and a depth of not less than 6 inches, throughout its length if possible, at a probable cost of about \$900, for about 1200 loads of gravel; Willow Ave, from Carroll Ave. to Tulip Ave. to be surfaced with gravel for a width of 20 feet and a depth of not less than 6 inches, at a probable cost of \$200 for about 270 loads of gravel. Practically all of the other streets to be repaired with gravel where most needed at a cost of about \$400 for about 500 loads of gravel. -- The committee deems the doing of this work at the present time of enough importance to warrant the delaying of other work on streets, sewer and water system proposed in the schedule adopted for the present fiscal year, to a later date. -- The committee is informed as the result of recent investigation that probably about 1000 loads of good gravel can be obtained from the town's lot at the water tower; and that a supply of unknown quantity is available on the part of Baltimore Avenue not yet opened. The above program calls for about 2000 loads of gravel, and it is believed that this amount can be had from the above sources; but the committee believes, in view of the necessity of continuing such work, that a parcel of ground known to contain a good gravel bed, should be purchased by the town to insure a good supply, if it can be done at a reasonable price. -- The committee further recommends in connection with the Carroll Ave. improvement, that the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company be required to remove at once its rails and ties on that street, so that the proper gutters may be provided and the street given the correct width and shape. Respectfully submitted;

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

Report of Street Committee relative to desired street work.

Mr. Shear moved that the report be accepted and that an appropriation of \$1500.00 be authorized for the graveling of streets and work incidental thereto in accordance with the recommendations of the committee on streets and lights. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be requested to investigate the matter of the purchase of a parcel of land known to contain a good gravel bed and to report to the Council relative thereto. The motion was carried.

Purchase of gravel bed

A communication was presented from Mr. J. B. Kinnear requesting the privilege of hauling a few loads of earth from bank and sidewalk space on Holly Avenue, below residence of Mr. Guerry, for use in filling about the new houses he is erecting on Holly Ave.

Permission to J. B. Kinnear to obtain dirt from walk space

On motion of Mr. Grabill the desired permission was granted, removal of earth and grading of sidewalk space to be subject to the approval of the committee on streets and lights.

The following communication was presented by the Board of Assessors:

Report of Board
of Assessors.

To the Mayor and Council.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, constituting a Board of Assessors, appointed under resolution of the Council March 11, 1907, to revise the assessment of property for the purposes of municipal taxation, submit herewith the result of their labors. Inasmuch as it has been the policy of the Council to eliminate the assessment of personal property in the levying of taxes the Board deemed it unnecessary to revise or consider that feature of the old assessment.

Respectfully,

Takoma Park, Md., April 5, 1907

J. H. CLARK

J. H. VAN HOUTEN } Board of Assessors.

H. E. ROGERS }

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

Mr. Grabill submitted the following report in reference to lighting of the streets by electric lights.

Report of Commit-
tee on lighting of
streets by electric
ity.

Your committee has the honor to report that it visited the town of Hyattsville, Md., on the evening of April 4th and inspected the electric lights in use there. A meeting of the Council was in session and we attended it, and are indebted to the Mayor and members of the Council for their courtesy in supplying many of the facts herein. The lights in Hyattsville are furnished by the Potomac Electric Light and Power Co. of Washington. They have 172 incandescent lights said to be of 30-candle power each, placed from 150 to 300 feet apart; the average illumination was apparently about the same as that furnished by our oil lamps at a distance of 150 to 200 feet apart. Where the lights are only 150 feet apart the illumination was of course correspondingly better than ours. These lights are furnished and operated by this company under a 10-year contract, at a price of \$12.00 per lamp per year. The company also has the privilege of furnishing lights and power to private parties, at a cost not to exceed its charge for the same service in the District of Columbia. The statements of the members of the Council were all to the effect that the service to date was very satisfactory, and that the only fault to be found was in the occasional failure of a lamp. At present we have in Takoma Park about 100 lamps, which cost, for repairs, oil and attendance, about \$7.80 per lamp per year. The lamps are now well cared for, and give a sufficient though not a brilliant illumination. They should, in some localities, be placed nearer together. It is the opinion of the committee that at the present time a change to the electric system would not be justified. Our street lamps and poles are badly in need of thorough repainting; and the illumination will be much improved when the underside of the hoods has been painted two coats of white. The committee recommends that an appropriation of fifty dollars be made at once for the purpose of painting poles and lamps and for straightening poles which are out of plumb.

Respectfully submitted:

W. G. PLATT

L. R. GRABILL } Committee

Appropriation for
painting street
lamps.

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be accepted and that an appropriation of \$50.00 be authorized for painting lamps and lamp posts as recommended by the committee. The motion was carried.

Permit to B. & W.
Transit Co. to re-
move rails.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co., by its President, Wm. A. Mellen, requesting permission to remove from the streets of the Town about 1500 feet of the "T" rail of their road.

Mr. Derrick moved that the desired permission be granted provided that rails, trolley poles and cross ties be simultaneously removed, the street placed in proper condition after said removal and that the work be done subject to the approval of the chairman of the committee on streets and lights.

The motion was carried.

Prince George Co.
road tax.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary committee, submitted communications from Messrs. Wells, Hoover and Wells and Mr. W. W. Edwards, Attorneys, to the

effect that, in the matter of back road taxes due the Town of Takoma Park from Prince George county, which they had been authorized to adjust, they had been informed that the clerk to the county commissioners of Prince George County had reported a balance of \$213.04 due for the years 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, which will be paid in June or July.

Mr. Dyar moved that Messrs. Wells, Hoover and Wells be authorized to collect the amount stated on account and that they be paid 15% of amount collected for their services in accordance with their agreement with ex-Mayor Kinnear; and that Mr. Edwards be allowed 10% of said amount as agreed between him and the present Council. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, presented a communication from the Potomac Electric Power Company in which they state that, after a thorough examination of the route along which the Company was granted permission to erect poles and string wires in order to furnish electric light and power to the Washington Sanitarium Association, they find many objections to said route and request that authority be granted them instead to construct their line on Carroll Avenue from the District Line to the Sanitarium buildings.

Potomac Electric Power Co. refused permit for poles on Carroll Ave.

On motion of Mr. Dyar, because of the location of a line of poles already on Carroll Ave., a narrow street, and an existing franchise for a trolley street railway, which will mean another pole line on Carroll Avenue, the desired permission was refused.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, presented the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 140.

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

Section 1. - Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of the charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 6th, 1907, in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, Maple Avenue, at which time the qualified voters of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, will cast their votes for three persons as Councilmen for a term of two years. The polls will be open at 6 o'clock a.m. and will close at 6 o'clock p.m.

Section 2. - Messrs. J. H. Clark, L. M. Mooers and S. E. McNeill are hereby appointed judges of said election.

Annual Election

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 Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Shear. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the clerk was authorized and directed to call a public meeting of the citizens of the Town, at the basement of the Presbyterian church, upon some evening prior to the 28th inst, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for three members of the Council to serve for a term of two years from the first Monday in June next.

Clerk to call public meeting

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis. Clerk

Friday Evening, April 19, 1907

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date convening at 7:30 p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen.

Removal of tracks
of B. & W. Transit
Co. The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting primarily, for the purpose of taking action in regard to the removal of the tracks, ties, etc, of the Baltimore and Washington Traction Co, from the streets of the town, which action seemed expedient in view of the improvement of the streets as contemplated by recent appropriations and together with the request of the railroad company to remove a portion of the rails. The Mayor stated that he had talked the matter over with Mr. W. A. Mellen, the President of the company who expressed a willingness to remove the road complete ^{pro-}vided he were permitted to use in so doing \$250⁰⁰ of the \$500⁰⁰ deposit made by his company with the Town. The Mayor recommended this be ^{done.}

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor Mr. Dyar therefore moved that the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co. be directed to remove, without delay, its tracks, ties, rails, trolley poles, etc, from the streets of the Town, and, that, upon completion of said work to the satisfaction of the Mayor, the Treasurer is authorized to return to said Baltimore and Washington Transit Company \$250⁰⁰ of the \$500⁰⁰ deposited by said railroad in accordance with its charter; provided that the Mayor is hereby authorized to direct the payment of said \$250⁰⁰ in such amounts and at such times as he may deem advisable for the interests of the Town. The motion was carried.

Baltimore Ave. im-
provements The clerk presented to the Council a communication from Mr. Fred M. McGraw, President of the Baltimore Ave. Improvement Club, stating that in order to improve their street and preserve a parking thereupon, guttering was necessary and that, if the Town would supply the material, the Club would construct and maintain the gutter. Mr. Dentz and Mr. Wallace, of the Club, were present and verbally urged favorable action.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Baltimore Avenue Improvement Club be permitted to use so much as may be necessary of the half-round terra cotta

pipe removed from Tulip Ave., for the guttering of Baltimore Avenue on both sides thereof, and the maintaining of said guttering. The motion was carried.

On further motion of Mr. Grabill the street committee was directed to have said half round pipe delivered on Baltimore Avenue.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the death of Mr. Benjamin F. Gilbert and suggested the propriety of official action thereon in view of Mr. Gilbert's former services as Mayor and his position as founder of the Town.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor and Clerk be appointed to draft suitable expressions on Mr. Gilbert's death. The motion was carried and the following tribute was subsequently presented by the committee and adopted:

THE Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, having heard with keen regret of the death, on April 19, 1907, of Mr. Benjamin F. Gilbert, the founder of Takoma Park, its first Mayor, and at all times its firm promoter and well-wisher, deem it fitting and proper that they place upon the official records of the Town this tribute to his memory.

Mr. Gilbert, in the days of his vigor, was a man of tireless energy and always identified with the spirit of progress. As the founder of Takoma Park, and for many years the leader in all efforts toward its improving and upbuilding, he labored with commending zeal in the accomplishment of civic undertakings. He was a liberal giver and spent generously from his private purse for the good of the public weal. In the days of reverses and in the later years of declining health, he maintained his deep interest in the public affairs of the community which he had created; and it was a matter of personal pleasure, to which he gave frequent expression, that these last several years were spent amidst the scenes of his energetic and younger manhood.

The Mayor and Council extend to the members of Mr. Gilbert's family a heart-deep sympathy. They direct the engraving of these resolutions upon the official records of the Town and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to the family of the deceased.

Resolutions on
death of Benj.
F. Gilbert.

There being no further business the Council at 9:15 o'clock adjourned,

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor.

Ben Darr Clerk.

Wednesday Evening, April 24, 1907

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the clerk this date, convening at 9:15 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Grabill, Hansen and Shear.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting at the urgent request of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Washington Sanitarium Association for a reconsideration of the rejected application of the former for a permit to erect poles and string wires thereon along Carroll Avenue, for the purpose of furnishing light and power at the buildings of the latter.

A communication was presented by the Mayor from Mr. E.S. Marlow, Treasurer of the Potomac Electric Power Company, expressing the disappointment of the Company over the action of the Council in denying them the use of Carroll Avenue. The writer stated that he had personally gone over the route granted in the resolution of the Council of March 11, 1907, and found it to be through a thick forest and a section not likely to furnish business to the company for many years to come, and that, as much as he regretted it, unless the Carroll Avenue route could be granted, the extension would have to be abandoned.

Mr. Scott, representing the Sanitarium Association stated to the Council that much money had been expended in the installation of electric fixtures, electric baths etc., and that, as the Sanitarium was almost ready for business, failure to secure electric light and power immediately would work them a most serious injury.

After an informal discussion of the matter at some length, wherein it was evidenced that the Council was most reluctant to cause delay and pecuniary loss to the Sanitarium Association, and that the principal objection to the use of Carroll Ave. lay in the possible presence of two lines of poles and a trolley car line on a narrow street, Mr. Shear presented the following resolution, the provisions of which were designed to obviate, in some degree, the objection noted:

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby given, to the Potomac Electric Power Co., a corporation existing under the laws of the District of Columbia, to erect poles and string the necessary wires thereon for the purpose of furnishing electric light and power to the Washington Sanitarium Association, along the following route: On Carroll Avenue, beginning at the District of Columbia line, along its northerly side, to the entrance to the grounds of the said Sanitarium Association. This permit is granted upon condition that said Potomac Electric Power Co. enter into a written agreement with the Mayor of Takoma Park, Md., as follows: 1. That the poles erected by said Company shall be of a uniform size and height, and not exceeding seven inches in diameter at the top; that said poles shall be subject to inspection and approval of the committee on streets and lights of the Council previous to erection and no pole shall be erected unless so approved; that the exact location of each pole shall be subject to the

Permission to Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect poles on Carroll Avenue.

approval of the same committee; and that the poles shall be painted a dark green color and shall be repainted at such periods as the Council may deem necessary for their sightly appearance; 2. That said Company will remove, upon 60 days notice, its poles from the route herein granted, or such portion thereof, as may be traversed by a railway line under existing or future franchise. 3. That this permit shall be revocable, at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council, for good and sufficient reasons, upon 90 days notice to said Potomac Electric Power Company.

On motion of Mr. Shear the Resolution was passed and approved without dissenting vote.

Mr. Derrick moved that so much of the Resolution of the Council, approved March 11, 1907 granting right of erecting poles and stringing of wires thereon to the Potomac Electric Power Company over any other route than Willow Avenue be revoked. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. C. B. Keferstein requesting permission to remove trees and underbrush from Ash Avenue, lying between Eastern and Elm Avenues, at his own expense. Permit for clearing Ash Avenue.

Upon motion of Mr. Blodgett the desired permission was granted upon the condition stated by the applicant.

A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company requesting permission to erect three poles on Grant Avenue, to remove one pole and to change location of a guy pole on Ethan Allen Avenue. Permit for telephone poles on Grant Ave.

On motion of Mr. Derrick permission was granted to erect the three poles on Grant Avenue and to remove one pole, but permission was withheld for changing location of guy pole on Ethan Allen Avenue, it appearing that said pole and proposed new location thereof are both on private property over which the Council exercises no jurisdiction.

There being no further business, the Council, at 10:30 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, May 6, 1907

The Council met in special session in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of the annual municipal election, held this date. There were present, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen.

Mr. J. H. Clark, Chairman of the Board of Election Judges, presented the following report:

Report of the Judges of Election for Three Councilmen at a Municipal Election Held on Monday, May 6, 1907, in the Basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, Takoma Park, Maryland.

We, the undersigned Judges at an election for the selection of three (3) members of the Council for the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, held in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, Maple Avenue, on Monday, May 6, 1907, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Board of Judges appointed by Resolution of the Town Council consists of L. M. Mooers, J. H. Clark and S. E. McNeill. The Board organized and elected J. H. Clark as Chairman and Lisle Morrison as Clerk. The oath of office having been administered to each member by the Mayor on 6th of May, the Chairman swore in the Clerk.

The poles were opened promptly at the legal hour of six o'clock A.M. and closed at six o'clock P.M.

The following persons were ballotted for and received the number of votes set opposite their respective name:-

For Councilmen for Two Years.

H. H. BEALL -----	49	G. W. DAVIS -----	13	H. E. ROGERS -----	60
E. E. BLODGETT -----	63	W. W. DYAR -----	78	L. L. DERRICK -----	1

The total number of votes cast was 92, one rejected on account of being improperly made out.

It appearing from the official count of the ballots that the following named candidates for Councilmen for the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, received the highest number of all the votes cast at said election, they are hereby declared duly elected to the position mentioned and for the period of two years commencing on the first Monday in June, A. D., 1907: W. W. DYAR; E. E. BLODGETT; H. E. ROGERS.

Respectfully submitted:

Inlosures: List of persons voting.
Tally sheet.
Ballots used in election.

Attest: LISLE MORRISON, Clerk

J. H. CLARK
L. M. MOOERS
S. E. MCNEILL

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

The Mayor presented a communication from Messrs R. Seek and Sons, requesting that they be given permission to practice plumbing in the Town, which communication, without objection, was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration and recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$12.00 was authorized for services of the Judges and Clerk of election.

There being no further business the Council, at 9 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

B. W. Davis Clerk.

Report of Judges of election.

Plumbing permit R. Seek & Sons.

Monday Evening, May 13, 1907

The Council met at 8.15 p.m, with the following members present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill and Shear.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of April 19, April 24 and May 6 were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

Mr. Grabill moved that, in accordance with public notice, legally given, the Council resolve itself into a Board of Review for the purpose of hearing and determining any complaints or appeals that may be submitted in regard to the assessment for the fiscal year, 1907. The motion was carried.

Board of Review
and proceedings
thereof

Sitting as a Board of Review the Council thereupon heard and determined complaints as follows:

Mr. H.P.R. Holt submitted that two houses upon his grounds, assessed at \$500 and \$100 respectively, represented their full value and that, in fact, the contract price for building them was less than the sums stated.

Mr. J.A. Flickinger stated that his dissatisfaction with an assessment of \$800 against his new house on Willow Avenue, arises from an inequality as compared with the assessment placed on the other new houses on his street. According to Mr. Flickinger's statements his residence cost him approximately \$2000, upon which, according to the basis of assessment, not over \$700 should be the figures.

Mr. J.J. Snodgrass requested a reduction in the assessment of \$550 against the vacant lot owned by Mrs. Belle Will on Maple Ave, and a reduction in the small house on his own lot, which, though assessed at \$300, could be built for about \$600.

Mrs. S.M. Spicer requested a reduction in the assessed valuation of her residence on Carroll Avenue.

Mr. Henry E. Cooper thought \$165 each a high assessment on lots 46, 47 and 48 in block 16.

Mr. Ben G. Davis, by request of Mr. Geo. N. Beale, submitted the desire of Mr. Beale for a comparison of the high assessment of the land on which his house stands and of the Bloomer property—namely \$500 per acre, with adjoining land assessed at \$250 to \$350 per acre.

There being no further complaints the Board of Review proceeded to carefully consider each case in the order of presentation, with final results as follows:

On motion of Mr. Dyar the assessment of \$500 and of \$100 on houses of Mr. Holt was reduced to \$300 and \$50 respectively.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the assessment of \$800 on residence of Mr. Flickinger was reduced to \$700

On motion of Mr. Grabill the assessment of \$550 on lot owned by Mrs. Wills was directed to remain unchanged.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the assessment of small house on Mr. Snodgrass' lot was reduced from \$300 to \$200

On motion of Mr. Grabill no change was deemed advisable on the assessment of Mrs. Spicer's residence.

On motion of Mr. Shear no change was deemed advisable on the assessed values of Mr. Coopers lots in block 16.

On motion of Mr. Shear the assessment on Section 3, Carroll subdivision, was reduced from \$2500 to \$2000 and that of \$5000 on 10 acres of the old Carroll homestead from \$5000 to \$4000, both properties owned by Mr. George N. Beale.

All appeals having been heard and disposed of the Board of Review, on motion of Mr. Grabill thereupon adjourned sine die.

Resuming its session, the Council upon motion of Mr. Dyar received and ordered filed the following monthly report of the Treasurer;

Treasurers report		To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., May 1, 1907.	
		Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of April, 1907:			
Balance on hand last report -----		\$ 4470.03		DISBURSEMENTS:	
RECEIPTS:				Pumping plant: miscellaneous ----- \$ 16.40	
From general taxes ----- \$ 233.61				gasoline ----- 72.50 ----- 88.90	
" special taxes (cement walks) ----- 66.21				Sewer system ----- 13.50	
" water rents ----- 23.92				Street work: labor ----- 210.87	
" permits ----- 14.00				Street lighting: oil ----- 29.60	
" plumbers' deposits ----- 10.00		347.74		General expenses: advertising tax sale ----- 32.00	
		\$ 4817.77		telephone rentals ----- 3.30	
Of balance on hand of -----		\$ 2442.37		postage ----- 10.60	
There belongs to B. & W. T. Co. deposit ----- \$ 250.00				miscellaneous ----- 16.75 ----- 62.65	
Balance due on sewer contract ----- 100.00				Return of part of B. & W. Transit Co. deposit ----- 250.00	
Plumbers' deposits ----- 55.00				Semi-annual interest on \$55000 w. and s. bonds ----- 1100.00	
Balance Tulip Ave sewer deposit ----- 35.37				Improvement bond paid ----- 500.00	
Redemption fund ----- 8.43		449.00		Interest on " " " ----- 6.88	
Available balance -----		\$ 1993.37		Salaries: clerk and treasurer ----- 25.00	
				lamplighter ----- 40.00	
				engineer ----- 48.00 ----- 113.00	
Examined and found correct:				2375.40	
W. W. DYAR } Finance Committee				Balance on hand ----- 2442.37	
J. B. DERRICK }				\$ 4817.77	
				Respectfully submitted	
				BEN G. DAVIS	
				Treasurer	

Ashes collection The Mayor presented a petition from certain residents of Chestnut Avenue requesting the establishment of a house to house collection of ashes, tin cans, broken glass and like refuse, to be made as often as necessary and the cost thereof to be paid from the public revenues.

On motion of Mr. Grabill a previously received communication from Mr. J. H. Clark upon the same subject, which had been laid upon the table at the April meeting of the Council, for future consideration, was taken from the table, and, with the petition just cited, were ordered referred to the Health Committee for thorough consideration with report and recommendations.

The following communication from the Clerk relative to assessment notices, etc, was laid before the Council:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., May 11, 1907.

Report of Clerk
relative to notices
of assessment

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report that, in accordance with the provisions of the amended charter, notice was served upon all parties whose assessment was increased or diminished in the new assessment submitted for the fiscal year 1907. Also that public notice was duly given by the posting in more than five conspicuous places in the Town, of notices of the sitting of the Council as a Board of Review on May 13, 1907, to hear and determine appeals and complaints in regard to said assessment, such notices having been posted more than two weeks prior to date of said meeting.

Copies of the notices served on individuals, duly attested, together with a copy of the public notice aforesaid, are herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully,

BEN G. DAVIS, Clerk

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

In response to the verbal request of Mr. H. P. R. Holt to use a cemented cistern on his premises as a cess-pool, Mr. Dyar moved that the desired permission be granted under such precautions and regulations as the Health Committee may deem proper and with the understanding that in case of the construction of contiguous sewers the cess-pool will be abandoned and connection made with said sewers without delay. The motion was carried.

Permit to H. P. R.
Holt for cess
pool

A communication was presented from the Potomac Electric Power Company acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter advising them of the permit granted for erecting poles on Carroll Avenue and the conditions attached thereto, and stating that said conditions are entirely satisfactory with the exception of clause #2, to which they asked permission to add the following: "Provided the Lighting Company is unable to make arrangements with the proposed railroad company to jointly occupy the existing pole lines."

Permit to Poto-
mac Electric
Co.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, stated that he could see no objections to the proposed amendment and moved that section 2 of the Resolution of April 24, 1907, be amended so as to read as follows:

"2. That said company will remove, upon sixty days notice, its poles from the route granted, or such portion thereof, as may be traversed by a railway line under existing or future franchise; provided the said Potomac Electric Power Company is unable to make arrangements with said railway company to jointly occupy the existing pole lines."

The motion was carried and the amendment adopted.

The Mayor informed the Council relative to the progress being made in the removal of the tracks of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company.

and stated that Mr. Mellen, the President of the railway company had informed him that the cost of the removal was in excess of the \$ 250 which had been returned from the company's deposit for that purpose, and that he would like a further return of \$50⁰⁰. The Mayor submitted the matter to the judgment of the Council but no determinate action was taken thereon.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills with recommendation that their payment be directed:

Bills approved.			
C and P Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 3.50	Standard Oil Co. 250 gals. oil @ 8¢	\$ 20.00
G. W. Forsberg, Repairs to engine	5.05	" " " 305 " gasoline @ 15 1/2 ¢	47.28
Springfield Gas Engine Co. Repair parts to engine	2.05	National Electric Supply Co. 152 th waste @ 10¢	15.20
Tred J. White, Lamp hole covers, etc.	8.25	Wilkins and Jordan, 1 bbl cement	2.40
Geo. M. Muth, 2 gr. lamp wicks	2.60	A. W. Skinner, printing 300 election tickets	1.25
		Wm. Watkins, 1 ton egg coal	\$ 7.15
		Geo. N. Day, 5 water taps	12.50
		Town Treasr. Contingent expenses	2.15
		" " Special Services, tax sale	25.00
		Board of Assessors, Services	15.00
			169.58

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the report of the committee was accepted and payment of the bills directed.

On motion of Mr. Grabill a bill of \$4.01 of L. S. Ormdorff for plow repair parts, received too late for action of the Finance Committee, was ordered paid.

Mr. Shear, from the Health Committee, stated that there had come to the attention of the committee a case in which the keeping of hogs was constituting a nuisance and also a case of dumping of refuse and that the bailiff would be directed to give warning notice in each instance.

Permit for telephone pole. A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company requesting permission to erect a pole on Holly Avenue to supply telephone service to Mr. Linton. On recommendation of the Street Committee, to which the communication had been referred, permission was granted to erect two poles, it being deemed better that the wire should run right angled from the street rather than diagonal. This permit was granted under the usual condition that the exact location of the poles should be designated by the Chairman of the Street Committee.

Amdt. to Building Regulations. Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance Committee be directed to prepare and submit to the Council an amendment to the Building Regulations requiring a deposit during building operations sufficient to cover possible damage to streets, gutters, parking or walks. The motion was carried.

Plumbing permits. Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer Committee to which the matter had been referred, returned the application of R. Seek & Sons for a permit to practice plumbing within the corporation, with the following indorsement:

May 15, 1907. - The committee reports as follows, viz: It recommends that hereafter no permit be granted to any person as master plumber for the Town of Takoma Park, unless such person can show evidence that he is a registered plumber, either of the District of Columbia or of some incorporated city or town. For want of such evidence it is recommended that the within application be denied, and that the same action be taken with respect to similar cases in future.

L. R. GRABILL
W. W. DYAR Water and Sewer Com.

The report was considered at some length, but, because of divergent views of the members of the Council, and the lateness of the hour, on motion of Mr. Dyar the communication and report thereon, were laid upon the table.

Mr. Grabill stated to the Council that in the erection of the four new houses on Grant Avenue by Mr. John Beale he had granted permission, for the extension of one service pipe to supply the houses owing to the fact that the water main did not reach the premises. Each house was to be provided with cut off and it was the understanding that water rent should be paid for each house, that the proper town official should have access to the premises at any time for the purpose of cutting off the water when necessary, or for inspection and that if the water main upon Grant Avenue should be extended at any time under the permit system Mr. Beale agrees to pay his proper expense therefor and to connect his houses direct therewith. Mr. Grabill moved that the above agreement be reduced to writing and sent to Mr. Beale for signature. The motion was carried.

Use of water in
4 houses of J.W.
Beale, Grant
Avenue.

Mr. Grabill moved that permission be granted the Washington Gaslight Company to lay a main on New York Avenue, west of Takoma Ave. under the usual restrictions. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:35 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor

Ben D. Davis Clerk.