

Monday Evening, June 10, 1907.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill and Hansen, and Councilmen-elect Blodgett and Dyar. The Mayor administered the oath of office to the two latter who thus qualified for a term of two years from the first Monday in June, 1907. Councilman-elect Rogers was not present.

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

Before proceeding with the business of the Council the Mayor took occasion to comment upon the valuable services rendered by Mr. J. B. Derrick, retiring member, and to express his appreciation of the harmonious work of the Council during the past year. Mr. Derrick thanked the Mayor for his generous expressions and the individual members of the Council for the pleasure of the year of official association.

Election of officers.

The Council thereupon proceeded to the election of town officials for the ensuing year, resulting in the unanimous selection of the following: Clerk and Treasurer: Ben G. Davis; Bailiff, George N. Day; Deputy Bailiffs, E. E. Blodgett, Thomas Rhines, J. A. Van Horn; Building Inspector, E. E. Blodgett; Plumbing Inspector, L. R. Grabill; Registrar of Vital Statistics, L. M. Mooers.

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Mr. Davis as clerk and Treasurer and to Mr. Blodgett as deputy bailiff.

Request J. B. Kinnear for sewer.

A communication was presented from Mr. J. B. Kinnear requesting permission to run house sewer for house No. 103 Holly Avenue across the lot occupied by house No. 101 Holly Avenue, both houses and lots belonging to him; Mr. Kinnear agreeing, in case of sale to reserve to house No. 103 all necessary rights for access to sewer in case of repairs, etc. On motion of Mr. Dyar the permission was granted.

Ash collection

A petition was presented from residents of Baltimore Avenue requesting the establishment of a house collection of ashes, tin cans, broken glass, and like refuse, at public expense. Without objection the petition was referred to the Health committee for consideration in connection with similar communications already referred.

Request of J. A. Crawford

A communication was presented from Mr. J. A. Crawford relative to wash out on the lot on Baltimore Ave, upon which he intends to build and asking when the sidewalk will be extended. Mr. Grabill moved that the washout on the lot of Mr. Crawford, caused by the drainage of water thereon, for which the town is responsible, be filled and that the course of the stream be diverted to prevent further damage. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer presented the following report:

Report of Treasurer

To the Mayor and Council, (Through the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., June 1, 1907.	
Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, 1907:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 2442.37	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 29.45
From general taxes	\$ 26.57	gasoline	47.28
" special " cement walks	23.81	Sewer system: miscellaneous	11.25
" water rents	22.56	Street work: labor	560.74
" permits	6.00	material	6.41
" road tax, Prince George County	15.07	Street lighting: oil	20.00
For redemption of property sold for taxes	5.67	miscellaneous	2.60
	99.68	General expenses: printing	1.25
	2542.05	telephone rental	3.50
Of balance on hand of	\$ 1674.25	contingent	2.15
There belongs to B. & W. Transit Co. deposit	\$ 250.00	miscellaneous	64.50
Due on sewer contract	100.00	Paid from redemption fund	5.67
Plumbers' deposits	55.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
Balance deposit for Tulip Ave sewer	35.37	lamplighter	40.00
Redemption fund	8.43	engineer	48.00
Cement sidewalk fund	23.81		113.00
Available balance	\$ 1201.64		867.80
		Balance on hand	1674.25
			2542.05
Examined and found correct:		Respectfully submitted:	
W. W. DYAR, Finance Com.		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

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

Petitions were laid before the Council from residents of Ethan Allen Avenue requesting that four or more street lamps be erected upon that street between Sycamore and Prince George Avenues; and also that said street be graded on the northeasterly side thereof, between Sycamore and Prince George Avenues for a sidewalk.

Lights, etc. on Ethan Allen Ave

On motion of Mr. Grabill the petitions were referred to the committee on streets and lights for report and recommendation.

Mr. Shear returned to the Council, through Mr. Blodgett, the petitions referred to the Health Committee in regard to the establishment of collection service of rubbish, at public expense, with indorsement to the effect that he had had no chance to get a meeting of his committee but that he was personally in favor of providing the collection if anyone could be found willing to make it. In his opinion one collection per month, covering two or three days, would be sufficient.

Ashes and rubbish collection

On motion of Mr. Grabill, the report, with all subsequent petitions relative to the subject, was referred back to the Health Committee for a full report on the subject, including the estimated cost of the proposed collection, and a practicable method of making it.

The Finance Committee the following list of approved bills with recommendation that they be paid:

Report Finance
Committee.

Standard Oil Co. 300 gals gasoline @ 15¢ -- \$ 45.00	G. and P. Telephone Co. rental and messages -- \$ 3.30	W. Walton Edwards Tax sale expenses, P. & Co \$44.10
" " " 250 " lamp oil " 8¢ -- 20.00	A. W. Skinner, Printing 1000 tax bills -- 3.75	W. L. Follmer, 1000 brick -- 12.00
" " " 51 " lub. oil " 23½¢ -- 11.99	Lamond Bros., Terra cotta pipe -- 15.27	B. F. Schrider, Blacksmithing -- .75
Lunsford G. Orndorf, 1 plow handle -- .55	Montgomery Press, Order Nisi, tax sale -- 15.00	171.71

On motion of Mr. Dyar the recommendation of the committee was approved and payment of the bills directed.

The following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance adopt-
ing assessment

Ordinance No. 141.

To Adopt an Assessment of Real Property Made for the Purposes of Taxation.

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

Section 1. That the assessment of real property for the purpose of taxation, made under and pursuant to the resolution of the Council of March 11, 1907, by J. H. Clark, J. H. Van Houten and H. E. Rogers, and reported by them April 8, 1907, be and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1907, with such changes therein as were fixed and determined by the Council sitting as a Board of Review at its regular meeting, Monday evening, May 13, 1907, two weeks notice of said meeting having been given by posting notices thereof in at least five conspicuous places throughout the town, due notice having also been given as required by the charter, to each person whose assessment had been increased or diminished, all appeals or complaints having been duly heard and determined.

The ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen. Voting nay, none.

The Finance Committee presented the following ordinance and recommended its adoption:

Ordinance adopt-
ing tax rate.

Ordinance No. 142.

To Levy a General Tax for Municipal Purposes and an Additional Tax for Interest, Sinking Fund and Maintenance of Water and Sewer System.

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

Section 1. - That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of the real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., as shown by the assessment adopted June 10, 1907, Ordinance No. 141, be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1907.

Section 2. - An additional tax of Sixty-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of the real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., for the payment of interest, the creation of a sinking fund, and the operation and maintenance of a Waterworks and Sewerage System, is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1907.

The ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill and Hansen. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street Committee, reported verbally that to date he had placed upon the streets 725 loads of gravel, representing 900 yards, at a cost of \$558.27.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee reported that in connection with the improvement of Flower Ave. by the county, it had been necessary to remove a hydrant and moved that the expenditure made necessary thereby, \$10.⁵⁰ be approved. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to secure bids for painting the water tower and if not deemed excessive, to enter into a contract for said work. Painting water tower.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Washington Gaslight Co. was granted permission to lay a service gas pipe on Tulip Ave. from Willow Avenue to the house belonging to Mr. H. F. Taff, on Tulip Ave, opposite the county school house. Permit to gas company.

Mr. Grabill, reported the completion of the sewer extension on Tulip Ave. at a cost of \$49.26, and moved that the balance of the deposit for the work, amounting to \$30.74 be returned, prorata, to the depositors. The motion was carried. Return of unexpended deposit for sewer

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Treasurer was authorized to pay the court fees in connection with annual tax^{sale} upon presentation of bill therefor.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Water and Sewer committee was directed to inquire into the advisability of selling or leasing the land formerly used as sewage disposal fields and the prices therefor and to report to the council as early as practicable. Sale or lease of old sewer farm

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to secure right of way privileges for a sewer across lots 12, 13, and 14 in block 76 for the purpose of sewerinq lots now deprived of sewerage facilities. Right of way for sewer

The Clerk laid before the Council a letter of agreement from Mr. Jahn W. Beale in relation to water for his four new houses on Grant Ave, as directed by the Council. Said agreement was noted and ordered filed.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:05 o'clock, p.m., adjourned

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor.

Benn Davis

Clerk.

Monday evening, July 8, 1907

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers, the oath of office having been administered to the latter since the date of the last meeting.

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

The Treasurer presented his regular monthly report as follows:

Monthly report of Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1907		
Gentlemen:—The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of June, 1907:				
Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 1674.25		
Receipts:		Disbursements:		
From special taxes (cement walks)	-----	\$ 58.00	Pumping plant: miscellaneous	
" water rents	-----	34.50	gasoline	
" permits	-----	15.00	-----	\$ 12.24
" redemption of property sold for taxes	-----	83.52	-----	45.00
	-----	191.02	Waterworks: miscellaneous	-----
	-----	\$ 1865.27	Street work: labor	-----
Of balance on hand of	-----	\$ 981.89	material	-----
There belongs to B. & W. Transit Co. deposit	-----	\$ 250.00	Street lighting: oil	-----
Balance due on sewer contract	-----	100.00	General expenses: printing	-----
Plumbers deposits	-----	35.00	telephone	-----
Redemption fund	-----	8.43	miscellaneous	-----
Cement sidewalk fund	-----	81.81	-----	117.89
Deposit C. and P. telephone Co.	-----	15.00	-----	124.89
	-----	490.24	Paid in redemption of tax sale property	-----
Available balance	-----	491.65	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	-----
			lamp lighter	-----
			engineer	-----
			-----	48.00
			-----	113.00
			-----	883.38
			Balance on hand	-----
			-----	981.89
			-----	1865.27
Examined and found correct:		Respectfully submitted:		
JOHN HANSEN		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.		
W. W. DYAR Finance Committee.				

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

The following communication was laid before the Council.

Resignation of Councilman C. L. Shear.

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md. Vienna, Va., June 14, 1907.

Gentlemen:—I regret that circumstances make it advisable for me to tender my resignation as a member of the Council of Takoma Park. Having removed to Virginia it will be impracticable for me to fulfill the duties of the office longer.

In severing my connection with the Council I wish to express my deep appreciation of the kindness and courtesy which has always been shown me. I assure you I shall always be interested in the welfare of the Park and wish it the largest measure of prosperity and success.

Very truly yours,
C. L. SHEAR.

Mr. Dyar moved that the resignation be accepted with expressions of regret at the necessity compelling it. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer submitted the following report.

To the Mayor and Council.		Takoma Park, Md, July 1, 1907	
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907:			
Balance on hand July 1, 1906	\$ 1639.34	From road tax refund, Prince George County	\$ 79.14
Receipts:		" plumbers' deposits	45.00
From general taxes	\$ 7346.21	" deposits for permit work	96.40
" Special " (Cement walks)	1646.63	" interest on deposits in bank	48.17
" " " (Carroll Ave. water main)	97.05	" redemption of property sold at tax sales	108.91
" water rents	1642.37	" miscellaneous sources	5.20
" permits	125.00		\$ 11913.28
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	673.20		\$ 13552.62
Disbursements:		General expenses (contd.): Judges and clerk of election	\$ 12.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 120.99	return of plumbers' deposits	30.00
gasoline	608.53	return of B. & W. Ry. deposit	250.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	153.38	return of balance of sewer deposit	30.74
Street work: labor	1930.04	miscellaneous	49.02
material	66.76		871.70
Street lighting: oil	244.39	Sewer system: miscellaneous	292.42
miscellaneous	31.28	Interest: on water and sewer bonds	2200.00
	275.67	on general improvement bonds	471.21
General expenses: printing and advertising	118.25		2671.21
contingent expenses	9.00	Paid from redemption fund	100.48
telephone rentals	34.45	General improvement bonds paid	3500.00
postage	10.60	Deposited to credit of sinking fund	500.00
rents	66.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	300.00
water tappers fees	45.00	lanplighter	480.00
water meter and installation	16.05	engineer	624.00
fees, registrar of vital statistics	5.80		1404.00
taxes refunded	5.69	Final payment Willow Ave. improvements	75.55
office furniture	45.00		\$ 12570.73
board of assessors	20.00	Balance on hand	981.89
expenses annual tax sale	124.10		\$ 13552.62
Sinking Fund:		Bonded indebtedness:	
Balance on hand July 1, 1906	\$ 73.28	Water and sewer bonds (4%) 1st issue	\$ 38000.00
Deposit to credit of- 1906-7	500.00	2nd "	10000.00
Total amount on hand	\$ 573.28	3rd "	7000.00
		General improvement bonds (5 1/2 %)	5800.00
		Total bonded indebtedness	60800.00
Note:- \$2000.00 of water and sewer bonds have been purchased and cancelled to date from sinking fund account		There is no floating indebtedness and all bills are paid to date.	
		Respectfully submitted: BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

Annual Report
of Treasurer

Without objection the report was referred to the Finance Committee for audit.

B. & W. Transit Co.
requests return
of \$100 of de-
posit.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr. W. A. Mellen, President of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company requesting that the Council authorize the payment of \$100.00 from the \$250.00 remaining of the company's deposit, for the purpose of defraying the expense of removal of the company's tracks from the streets of the town.

After consideration of the communication Mr. Dyar moved that no further refund be made to the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company from its deposit except upon condition that the company agrees, in writing, to surrender all rights granted it by Ordinance No. 125, passed and approved August 19, 1905, in which case the entire remainder of their deposit, less the amount expended or required to be expended, in necessary repairs to the streets from which the tracks have been removed, shall be returned to the company. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee reported the following bills with recommendation for their payment:

Standard Oil Co. 615 gals gasoline @ 14¢ \$ 86.10	Thos. R. Riley, lumber _____ \$ 66.21	W. G. Platt, expenses to Laurel \$ 2.40
" " " 100 " Alad. oil @ 8¢ --- 8.00	Presbyterian church, rent _____ 34.00	Geo. Day, Tapping water main _____ 7.50
L. G. Ornsdorff, shovels, etc. _____ 5.16	G. M. Heaton, Trustee " _____ 36.00	250.62
C & P. Telephone Co. rental and messages --- 3.50	Town Treasurer, Contingent _____ 1.75	

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

Rubbish collection
service.

The various petitions in regard to a collection service of ashes, etc., which had been referred to the Health Committee was returned to the Council with the following indorsement:

July 6, 1907. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the information that I have already submitted a report on this matter as a member of the street committee, to which views I still hold. Inasmuch as I am now the only member of the Health Committee would recommend that the matter be held over until that committee is completed.
E. E. BLODGETT.

Without objection the petitions were referred back to the Health committee.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on streets and lights reported verbally relative to progress of work in gravelling of streets, etc.

Painting of water
tower.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, stated that the committee had advertised for bids to paint the water tower and that in response thereto but one bid had been received; that this was considered excessive and had been rejected by the committee and that further efforts would be made to secure painting of the tower at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Grabill reported further that the committee had considered the matter of selling the abandoned sewer farm No. 1 and decided adversely to any sale thereof at the present time. Upon his motion the report was approved by the Council.

Selling of sewer farm No. 1.

The water and sewer committee also reported, through Mr. Grabill, that examination had been made of the condition of sewer farm No. 2 and that the committee recommends cleaning of the tank thereon and the construction of a low fence around the tank, all at a cost of about \$25⁰⁰. The recommendations of the committee were approved and the appropriation of \$25⁰⁰ authorized.

Condition of sewer farm No. 2.

Upon recommendation of the water and sewer committee authority was granted for the employment of a man not to exceed 12 hours per week in necessary care of sewer farm No. 3.

Work authorized on sewer farm No. 3.

Mr. Dyar presented the following motion, which was adopted:

Each standing committee of the Council is hereby directed to prepare and forward to the Mayor, on or before the 25th day of July, 1907, an estimate of the probable total amounts to be expended under the direction of the committee in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, 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, 1908.

Submission of estimates.

Mr. Grabill moved that the water and sewer committee be directed to have all the fire hydrants flushed; to have the fire hose tested and the hose reels located at accessible central points and notice of such locations furnished to residents. The motion was carried.

Fire apparatus.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the street committee was directed to have grass and weeds along the streets and walks cut and removed and to remove overhanging branches and limbs of trees.

Cutting of grass and weeds.

The petition of residents of Ethan Allen Avenue for street lamps was returned from the street committee with following report:

July 3, 1907. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with recommendation that 6 lamp posts and lamps be placed on Ethan Allen Avenue between Sycamore and Prince George Avenues. In view of a possibility of lighting Carroll Avenue by electricity it is suggested that lamps may be taken from Carroll Avenue instead of buying new ones, should such arrangement be made.

Lamps on Ethan Allen Avenue.

E. E. BLODGETT.
L. R. GRABILL.

Mr. Dyar moved that six street lamps be erected on Ethan Allen Avenue as recommended. Carried and so ordered.

The petition from residents of Ethan Allen Avenue for grading on said street for a sidewalk, was returned by the street committee with following report:

Grading for sidewalk on Ethan Allen Avenue.

July 8, 1907. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The estimated cost of grading for a four-foot sidewalk on the east side of Ethan Allen Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Prince George's Avenue is 2400' x 1' x 6' or say 540 cu. yds, excavation and fill at 40¢ per cu. yd. or \$216. Engineering expenses would be necessary, making a total of about \$225.00. It is respectfully recommended that the petitioners be notified that upon the deposit of this amount by them, or by the abutting property owners in proportion to their frontages, the work will be done by the town, and that any remainder of the deposit after paying the cost of the work, will be returned. The cost of grading for this or in general, any sidewalk, is not considered by the committee to be a proper charge upon the public revenue.

E. E. BLODGETT.
L. R. GRABILL Committee.

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

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

Report of Treasurer on Annual Tax Sale.

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1907.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the sale for delinquent corporation taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907:

On the first day of March a circular was mailed to each delinquent tax payer stating that unless taxes were paid prior to March 20, 1907, the property would be advertised and sold for the amount of the delinquency.

The list of delinquent taxpayers was published in the Montgomery Press of Kensington, Md., in its issues of March 22 and 29 and April 5, 1907. Copies of this notice were also posted in ten conspicuous places throughout the Town and a copy mailed to each person whose property was advertised.

The sale was held at the time and place as advertised, on Thursday, April 11, 1907. Each piece was offered separately and sold to the highest bidder, all pieces being disposed of.

On the 27th day of April, within the 30 days after sale as provided by law, reports in detail of the sale were submitted to the circuit courts of Montgomery and Prince George counties. These reports were duly considered by the respective courts and proper notices of publication inserted in newspapers published in the respective counties. At the expiration of the time as specified in the published notices for the filing of objections to the ratification of said sale, no objection having been presented in either of the Courts, the sales were promptly confirmed and orders issued by the courts in confirmation thereof.

A copy of all reports, orders, advertisements and circulars made or issued in connection with the sale are attached hereto and made a part of this report. The total expenses of the sale, including advertising, court fees, orders of publication, etc., amounted to \$124.10. This was \$24.10 in excess of the amount estimated by the Treasurer, \$100 having been proportioned among the delinquents for costs of sale.

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS
Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was referred to the Judiciary committee for examination and report.

Street lamps on Willow Ave.

Mr. Grabill moved that the street committee be directed to place a street lamp on Willow Ave., midway of the block, between Carroll and Tulip Avenues and to so adjust the lamps, if possible, on Carroll and Tulip as to bring a lamp on each at or near the ends of Willow Avenue.

The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was directed to remove the board sidewalk on New York Avenue, adjacent to his property, said walk being

in bad condition and liable to cause accident.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Council proceed to elect a successor to Councilman Shear, resigned. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill nominated ex-Councilman J.B. Derrick. The nomination was seconded by Messrs. Dyar, Blodgett and Hansen. There being no further nominations Mr. Derrick was unanimously elected, to serve until the naming of a successor at the next annual election.

Election of J.B. Derrick as Councilman.

The Mayor announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Finance - Messrs. Hansen, Dyar and Derrick

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

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

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

Judiciary - Messrs. Dyar, Hansen and Grabill.

Ordinance - Messrs. Derrick, Rogers and Blodgett.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:20 p.m., adjourned.

Standing Committees.

Approved;

W.A. Platt Mayor.

Ben D. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, August 12, 1907

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers. Councilman-elect Derrick was also present and, upon administration of the oath of office by the Mayor, entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows:

Treasurer's report		Takoma Park, Md., August 1, 1907.	
To the Mayor and Council, thro' the Finance Committee.		Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of July, 1907.	
Balance on hand last report	\$ 400 981.89	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline	\$ 86.10
From general taxes	\$ 4067.83	Sewage system: miscellaneous	8.49
" special " (cement walks)	295.31	Street work: labor	\$ 204.56
" water rents	21.34	material	145.04
" permits	24.00	Street lighting: oil	8.00
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	General expenses: contingent	1.75
" interest on deposits in bank	23.97	telephone	3.50
	4442.45	postage	10.62
	5424.34	rents	70.00
Of balance on hand of	\$ 4603.88	miscellaneous	2.40
There belongs to: Deposit B. & W. Transit Co.	\$ 250.00	water tapping fees	7.50
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00	Semi-annual interest improvement bonds	159.50
Plumbers' deposits	95.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
Redemption fund	8.43	lanplighter	40.00
Cement sidewalk fund	377.12	engineer	48.00
Cement sidewalk fund	377.12		113.00
Deposit C. and P. Telephone Co.	15.00		820.46
Available balance	\$ 3808.33	Balance on hand	4603.88
Examined and found correct:			5424.34
JOHN HANSEN	} Finance Committee.	Respectfully submitted:	
W. W. DYAR			
J. B. DERRICK,		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

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

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

Audit of Treasurers annual report.		Takoma Park, Md., August 8, 1907	
To the Mayor and Council.		Gentlemen: The Finance Committee returns herewith the annual report of the Town Treasurer, submitted to it for examination and audit. We have to report that we have given careful and thorough examination of the books and accounts of the Treasurer and find that his annual report as submitted to the Council, is correct.	
		Very respectfully,	
		JOHN HANSEN, Chr.	
		W. W. DYAR	
		J. B. DERRICK, Finance Committee.	

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved and the printing of 300 copies thereof for general distribution was directed.

The Finance Committee submitted with their approval the following bills with recommendation that the same be paid:

Rudolph and West Co. padlock and Keys --- \$ 2.25	Standard Oil Co. 365 gals. illum. oil @ 8¢ --- 29.20	Harry Thornton, Cleaning pit at sewer farm --- 16.00
L.R. Grabill, Typewriting --- .50	Evening Star, Advertising --- 2.70	Geo. N. Day, emergencies, waterworks --- 1.25
Standard Oil Co. 250 gals. gasoline @ 14¢ --- 35.00	C. and P. Telephone Co. --- 3.70	L.R. Grabill, 2 stone napping hammers --- 1.50
" " " 345 " " " 13 1/2¢ --- 46.58	Town treasurer, Contingent --- 1.15	
		\$ 139.83

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report and recommendations were approved and payment of the bills directed.

The Finance Committee submitted a communication wherein they recommended that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be deposited to the credit of the sinking fund. On motion of Mr. Derrick the recommendation was approved and the Treasurer directed to take the proper action. Sinking Fund

The following report was submitted by Mr. Rogers, for the Health Committee:

Your committee, to whom was referred the attached communications relating to the collection of ashes, garbage, etc., would respectfully submit the following report. We have estimated that the cost of making such collection would be from forty to fifty dollars per month. We do not consider that the finances of the Town would warrant the expenditure of this amount for this purpose. We therefore recommend that the request of the petitioners for garbage collection at the expense of the Town be not granted. We suggest, however, that a weekly collection be made by private parties, the expense to be placed at ten cents per call for one barrel or less, and to be paid by the parties for whom the work is done; that the Town take proper steps to inaugurate this collection, hereby authorizing the clerk to prepare a suitable printed notice for the information of those desiring this service; and furthermore, that the collector be required to furnish to the Clerk a weekly record of the number of calls made and the amount collected.

Respectfully submitted;

H. E. ROGERS
J. B. DERRICK
E. E. BLODGETT } Health Committee.

Collection of ashes and rubbish

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be adopted and that the committee be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to carry out the plan proposed. Carried.

The following report, presented by Mr. Blodgett, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Dyar, accepted and ordered to be filed:

To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md. August 10, 1907.

Gentlemen: - I beg to submit the following report relative to street and miscellaneous work from April 1st to date: Scraping streets. - The following streets have been scraped their entire length; Carroll Ave., from Flower Ave. to the District line; Ethan Allen Ave, from Carroll to Sligo Mill Road; Sycamore; Beech; Poplar; Columbia; Hickory; Montgomery; Pine; Tulip; Laurel, from Carroll to District line; Maple; Oak; Holly; Chestnut, from Eastern to corporation line; Takoma and Buffalo. The following streets were scraped for the portions mentioned; Elm, log cabin to Sycamore; Willow, from Carroll to Tulip; Baltimore, from Takoma to foot of hill at branch Albany, from Takoma to Buffalo; New York, from Buffalo to Chicago; Ridge, from Blair Road to Saratoga. The appropriation for this work was \$300. The amount expended was \$273.25, leaving an unexpended balance of \$26.75.

Graveling Streets. - Carroll Ave., 489 loads (611 1/4 yards); Sycamore, 66 loads (82 1/2 yards); Poplar, 20 loads (25 yds); Hickory, 50 loads (62 1/2 yds); Elm, in front of Queen's, 56 loads (70 yds); Columbia, 17 loads (21 1/4 yds); Willow, 139 loads (167 1/2 yds); Maple, 96 loads (120 yds); Oak, 25 loads (31 1/4 yds); Holly, 47 loads (58 3/4 yds); Chestnut, 26 loads (32 1/2 yds); Takoma, 45 loads (56 1/4 yds). Total amount, 1338 3/4 yds. This amount was hauled from gravel banks. In addition two carloads containing 55 loads (68 3/4 yds) was used, 5 loads on Takoma Ave and 50 loads on Carroll Avenue, making a grand total of 1407 1/2 yds. The cost of hauling this was \$869.34, a little less than 62¢ pr yard.

General work. - Tulip Avenue

Report of Street Committee on work done.

at Shedd's pond; The amount appropriated for this work was \$70.00. Amount expended for labor was \$42.74; for 44' 18" pipe, \$14.67; for cement, \$2.00, a total of \$59.41, leaving an unexpended balance of \$10.59. Repairs to Sligo bridge: heavy bracer put in at four corners; washer put on iron rod and pulled up to place; portion of old worn out boards removed and replaced, 12 or 13 feet of space; cost of this work was \$11.62. Fire hydrant removed and replaced corner of Flower and Carroll Avenue at a cost of \$10.50. A break on the banks of the new sewerage disposal fields was refilled and repaired at a cost of \$13.50. New Crossings.—Seven new board crossings were put in as follows: one at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues; one at Carroll and Tulip Aves; one at Columbia and Hickory; one at Pine and Montgomery; one at Carroll and Willow; one at Willow and Tulip. Cost of labor, \$34.50, an average cost of \$4.93 each. Weeds, grass and overhanging limbs of trees were cut from all streets and removed; the pipe at Chestnut and Takoma Aves. was cleaned out and three broken pipe removed and replaced by new ones; pipe at Takoma and New York Aves. and at Elm and Pine were cleaned out; crossing at log cabin was repaired; guard posts were placed at Oak and Tulip, at Carroll and Willow and at the log cabin; crossing at Tulip and Maple was raised to level of cement walk; the newly gravelled streets were twice smoothed with log drag; stones on street were broken and new 8' pipe placed at crossing, Carroll and Willow Avenues. In removing weeds and grass from streets gutters were also cleaned. The accumulated rubbish found in the street gutters and the amount of it would surprise the Council. As a part of it might be mentioned broken baby carriages, parts of boys' wagons, tin cans without number, empty bottles of all sizes and shapes, cuttings of weeds, grass and trimmings of rose bushes from yards, several oil stoves, pieces of old carpets and like stuff too numerous to mention. While this may seem a small matter the accumulation throughout the streets of the town was of no small proportion and involved considerable expense and labor in its removal. One exasperating feature in connection with this phase of the work is the fact that much of the street refuse removed was dumped upon the streets by citizens who have been urging the beautification of the Town. At several places where the dumping of refuse into the gutters had evidently become a habit the refuse was removed from the gutter and placed upon the front walk. In an instance or two the effect was salutary and the practice has stopped. Miscellaneous Work.—Street lamps have been mended and new posts made; Sligo road at the bridge has been repaired, new pipe put in and stone and dirt filling made; pipe has also been put in and filling made near pumping station. Numerous small jobs require constant attention, tamping of lamp posts, cleaning of stopped pipes, removal of leaves and other obstructions, etc.

Very respectfully,

E. E. BLODGETT.

Mr. Grabill presented the following report:

Filtering plant

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., August 12, 1905

The Committee on Water and Sewers have during the month investigated the subject of filtering the water used by the Town. Our water is now entirely unfiltered and is subject to a constantly increasing amount of contamination from the small towns on Sligo run above the dam. The drainage from the stables, privies and hog-pens of Silver Spring, Woodside and Sligo and the farm houses in the vicinity is all carried directly into our water supply by the rains and there is no means whatever of removing the germs thus carried into the water. A single case of typhoid fever on the watershed above us may cause at any time an epidemic in Takoma Park and the loss of many lives, as has been proven in other towns similarly situated. For these reasons the committee has thought best to investigate in a preliminary way the practicability and approximate cost of filtering a supply of about 100,000 gallons per day, which, at the present rate of increase in the use of water will soon be required for daily use. The committee consulted and had separate estimates from Mr. Henry E. Pressey, the engineer who designed the present system, and from Mr. Edward D. Hardy, G. E., Superintendent of the Washington City Filters. The latter gentleman visited the water works and spent the best part of two days in making a preliminary design and estimates of cost. Mr. Pressey's estimate was for a pressure filter and the estimated cost, without connections, was about \$3600.00. Mr. Hardy recommended a slow sand filter similar to those in use in Washington, for which he submitted an approximate sketch and estimate amounting to about \$5700.00. The committee submits this information to the Mayor and Council and recommends that action be taken looking toward the filtration of the town's water supply at as early a date as is practicable, and it recommends reference of this report to the Finance Committee for its recommendations in the matter. The estimates submitted herewith give only an approximate idea of cost; and before any plan is adopted they will be required to be worked out in complete detail which the committee did not feel authorized to have done. The committee desires to have the work so far done approved and the payment of a reasonable amount for the payment of the experts engaged authorized.

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

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Mr. Grabill reported further from the Water and Sewer Committee that a number of proposals had been received for painting the water tower, ranging from \$125.00 to \$390. and that the proposal of Messrs. Thomas Rhines and Charles Day, to do the work in accordance with the specifications for the sum of \$125.00 had been accepted, the work to be completed by November 1st, 1907. Painting of water tower.

The estimates submitted by the various committees for expenses of the current year, together with the recommendation of the Mayor thereon, were, on motion of Mr. Dyar, referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to consider in connection therewith, the subjects of a new bridge across the Sligo, on Carroll Avenue, the installation of a filtering system for the water supply and the further improvement of Carroll Ave., the committee to consult with the proper officials of the Seventh Day Adventists relative to the bridge, with the town engineer relative to the filtering plant and with the Mayor, and to submit their report as early as practicable.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor

Ben W. Davis Clerk.