

Monday Evening, September 9, 1907.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. Present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

Treasurer's Report.

To the Mayor and Council, Thro' the Finance Committee.		Takoma Park, Md., September 1, 1907	
Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of August, 1907:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 4603.88	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant; miscellaneous	\$ 1.25
From general taxes	\$ 487.82	gasoline	81.58 82.83
" special " cement walks	399.45	Waterworks; miscellaneous	7.45
" " " Carroll Ave. watermain	98.00	Sewer system; miscellaneous	22.00
" water rents	58.53	Street work; labor	61.50
" plumbers deposits	10.00	material	1.50 63.00
" permits	8.00	Street lighting: oil	29.20
	1061.80	miscellaneous	13.50 42.70
	\$ 5665.68	General expenses: contingent	1.15
Of balance on hand of	\$ 4394.26	telephone	3.70
There belongs to B. & W. Ry deposit	\$ 250.00	miscellaneous	2.25 7.10
Plumbers deposits	55.00	Interest	.91
Public improvement fund	474.57	Redemption of tax sale property	8.43
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00	Public improvement bond	400.00
Telephone Co. deposit	15.00	Deposit to credit of sinking fund	500.00
Available balance	3499.69	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
		lamp lighter	40.00
		engineer	72.00 137.00
			1271.42
Examined and found correct:		Balance on hand	4394.26
JOHN HANSEN, }			5665.68
J. B. DERRICK } Finance Committee			

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS, Treas.

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

The Finance Committee submitted the following approved bills with recommendation for payment, said recommendation being approved:

Bills approved.

Standard Oil Co. 305 gals gasoline @ 13 1/2¢	41.18	A. W. Skinner, printing treas. reports	3.75	Lamond Bros. 30' of 6' f.c. pipe	1.80
" " " 300 " illum. oil " 8¢	24.00	Town treasurer, contingencies	1.50	Geo. F. Muth & Co. wicks and lamp parts	7.35
C and P. Telephone Co. rental and messages	3.40	Geo. N. Day, Tapping fees	12.50		95.48

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee submitted the following report and papers in connection with the estimates of the several committees;

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., September 5, 1907

Gentlemen: - The Finance Committee returns herewith the estimates of expenditures as submitted by the various committees of the Council, together with the recommendations of the Mayor relative thereto. The committee has given the matter as full consideration as was practicable and would submit remarks as follows:

We agree with the Mayor in his first recommendation that the present lamplighter be employed continuously, if his services can be thus secured, his extra time, apart from street lighting, to be spent upon such public work as the Council may determine, and we recommend that he be employed at a salary of \$50 per month, from September 15, 1907.

The committee is unable at this time to submit any figures relative to the probable cost of a bridge across the Sligo or the amount of outside assistance that might be given and is therefore unable to submit any recommendation in relation to the second recommendation of the Mayor.

The committee approves the third recommendation of the Mayor to substitute \$1500 for \$2000 in the estimate for repairs to streets.

The final recommendation of the Mayor relative to the non-employment of any member of the Council upon public works, in the judgment of the committee, is a matter for consideration by the entire Council and the committee therefore submits no recommendation thereon.

The committee would approve the estimate of the water and sewer committee for an increase in the salary of the engineer to \$55⁰⁰ per month and recommends such action, to date from September 1, 1907.

The committee would recommend that the item of \$50⁰⁰ for automatic gauge, and, in consideration of the employment of the lamplighter for the entire month, the items of \$100 and \$30 for maintenance of sewer fields, be eliminated from the estimates of the water and sewer committee.

With the changes as above noted the committee would recommend that the estimates be tentatively adopted, as was done last year, the figures submitted to be used as the basis of expenditures that we may not exceed our estimated revenues.

The committee has also considered, as directed by the Council, the report of the water and sewer committee in connection with the construction of a filtering plant. The committee admits the desirability of such a plant but is doubtful of its urgency to the extent of increasing of our bonded indebtedness which would be necessary to carry it out. Inasmuch as the present filter performed its duty with at least some satisfaction for some time after its installation the committee would recommend that the water and sewer committee investigate its efficiency and report to the Council some plan, if any there be, for making it effective. The committee recommends that no further action be taken at present toward the establishment of the proposed filtering system.

Respectfully submitted;

JOHN HANSEN

J. B. DERRICK, Finance Committee.

[Letter and recommendations of the Mayor.]

To the Finance Committee of the Council.

Takoma Park, Md., August 9, 1907.

Gentlemen: - I forward herewith for your consideration and recommendation estimates in detail from the various committees of the Council involving expenditures as follows: Finance, \$5079.24; Streets and lights, \$3470.00; Health and Sanitation, \$60.00; Water and Sewer, \$2050.00; Total, \$10659.24. The estimated available funds is \$10,962.65, or \$303.41 in excess of the estimated expenditures.

After carefully considering the estimates I would recommend the following changes:

1st. Add to the salary of the lamplighter a sum sufficient to secure his services continuously. This change would involve no additional expense, as with his services the items in the estimates of the water and sewer committee for maintenance of sewer farms No. 3, \$100 and No 2, \$30.00, could probably be omitted.

2nd. Omit item "Repairs to Sligo bridge, \$300.00" and substitute \$1000.00, to be applied toward the erection of a new bridge.

3rd. Substitute \$1500.00 for \$2000.00 for repairs to streets.

In considering the expenditures of the town, I feel it is my duty to call the attention of the Council to a custom that has prevailed ever since our charter was granted, of employing members of the Council on public works. I am fully convinced that the town has received one hundred cents in value for every dollar that has been expended by the present Council, but the custom is wrong in principle and I recommend that it be discontinued.

Very respectfully

W. G. PLATT, Mayor

Estimated Receipts and Committees' Estimates of Expenditures are as follows:

Report of Finance Committee on Estimates of the Committees.

Report of Mayor on Committee estimates.

Estimates of the
Committees.

<u>Estimated Receipts:</u>		<u>Committee Estimates:</u>	
From general taxes	\$ 7626.00	Road tax, Montgomery Co.	\$ 675.00
" water rents	1900.00	" " Prince George Co.	220.00
		Interest on bank deposits	50.00
		Available balance on hand	\$ 491.65
		Total	\$ 10,962.65
<u>Finance</u>		<u>Streets and Lights:</u>	
Interest on water and sewer bonds	\$ 2200.00	Lighting: Salary lamplighter	\$ 480.00
" on improvement bonds	264.00	Oil, lamps, etc.	275.00
Payment of improvement bonds	1500.00	7 new lamps	56.00
Sinking fund	500.00	Painting	50.00
Clerks Office: Printing and advertising \$	50.00	Miscellaneous	39.00 \$ 900.00
Contingent	25.00	Streets: cement walk Buffalo Ave	120.00
Postage	20.24	Filling lot and drain " "	150.00
Rents	70.00	Repairs to streets	2000.00
Telephones	40.00	Repairs to Sligo bridge	300.00 2570.00
Office furniture	50.00		3470.00
Salary of clerk	300.00	<u>Health and Sanitation:</u>	
Miscellaneous	60.00 615.24	Sundry expenses	\$ 50.00
	\$ 5079.24	Fees, Registrar of Vital Statistics	10.00
			60.00
No estimates submitted by Ordinance or Judiciary Committees,			
		<u>Water and Sewer:</u>	
		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 120.00
		4400 gals. gasoline @ 15¢	660.00
		Waterworks: miscellaneous	60.00
		Salary of Engineer (\$55 ⁰⁰ per mo) Inc. of 36 ⁰⁰	660.00 1500.00
		Painting water tower and tank	125.00
		Paint for same	45.00
		Automatic quage system	50.00
		Maintenance sewer farm No. 3, labor	100.00
		" " " " 2 "	30.00
		Repairs to sewer system, general	50.00
		Blowout for filter, 150' at \$ 1.00	150.00 550.00
			2050.00
		<u>Resume:</u>	
		Estimated Receipts	\$ 10962.65
		" Expenditures	10659.24
		Excess of Revenue	303.41

Mr. Grabill moved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, with understanding that the matter of a new bridge will be further considered. Carried.

Non-employment of
members of Council
on public works.

In view of the Finance Committee taking no action upon his recommendation for the discontinuance of the employment of members of the Council upon public works, the Mayor presented his recommendation to the Council with request for action thereon.

Mr. Grabill moved that the recommendation of the Mayor that the employment of members of the council upon public works, be discontinued, be approved and adopted. The motion was carried.

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

Investment of the
sinking fund.

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., September 5, 1907.

Gentlemen:—The Finance Committee, after due consideration, would recommend that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to purchase from the sinking fund \$1000 of water and sewer bonds (as per offer of E. Rollins & Son for \$3000) at 95 and interest, if obtainable, and if not, that he purchase from the sinking fund Series J of public improvement bonds amounting to \$1000, with accrued interest and to deposit said bonds in said sinking fund as a part thereof.

The committee would also recommend that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to purchase Series I of public improvement bonds, amounting to \$1000, with accrued interest, from the general fund, and, upon said purchase, to cancel said bonds.

JOHN HANSEN, Chr. } Finance Committee,
J. B. DERRICK, }

Mr. Hansen moved that the first recommendation of the committee be approved. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Hansen moved that the second recommendation of the committee be approved. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on streets and lights, returned the petition of John A. Ridgeway, and others, for a cement walk on Tulip Ave., with report as follows:

3rd indorsement. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with recommendation that the request of the petitioners be granted. The estimated cost of the walk is 80¢ per running foot or about \$1.80 per square yard. If this recommendation is approved these papers should be referred to the ordinance committee for the preparation of the necessary ordinances, advertisement and notices as required by law. The amount of walk to be laid as requested is 300 running feet at a total estimated cost of \$290.

E. E. BLODGETT.
L. R. GRABILL } Street Committee,
H. E. ROGERS }

Cement walk on
Tulip Ave.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the report was adopted.

Mr. Grabill moved that in the preparation of the notices, ordinances, etc., for the authorized cement walk on Tulip Ave., that the incompletd portion of Elm Ave. be included and that in the proposals for the work the incompletd portion of Buffalo Ave. be included. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett also reported that painting of the street lamps and poles was under way and would probably be completed during the next period of non-lighting.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was directed to investigate and report upon the advisability of substituting electric lights for the present oil lamps on Carroll Avenue.

Electric lighting on
Garroll Ave.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Street Committee was directed to have repaired the several bad places in the walk on east side of Holly Ave. between Tulip Ave. and residence of [Mr. Whitmer]

Repairs to walks

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was directed to have repaired the sidewalk on Oak Ave. near residence of Mr. Hansen.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Brennan Construction Company be notified that the cement walks constructed by them are in need of repair and that it is the desire of the Council that such repairs be made prior to December 1st next. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers moved that the motion adopting the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the immediate purchase and cancellation of Series I of public improvement bonds, be reconsidered. The motion was adopted by an aye and nay vote, demanded by Mr. Derrick, as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Dyar, Grabill and Rogers. Voting nay, Messrs. Derrick and Hansen.

Purchase of im-
provement bonds

Mr. Dyar thereupon moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the purchase and cancellation of Series I of public improvement bonds be laid upon the table. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar moved that the committee on Streets and Lights be authorized to expend not exceeding \$300 on repairing the Sligo bridge. The motion was carried.

Repairs Sligo bridge

Mr. Dyar moved that the committee on Streets and Lights be directed to resurface with crushed stone, Carroll Avenue from the District line to the gravel course near the residence of Mr. George Beale, at a cost not to exceed \$1650.00 and that the Mayor be authorized to insert the necessary proposal notice

Repairs to Carroll
Avenue.

inviting bids for the work. Mr. Grabill moved to amend by substituting \$1500 for \$1650. The amendment was carried. The amended motion was there-

upon adopted.

Clean-out pipe for
water filter.

Mr. Derrick moved that the water and sewer committee be authorized to expend not to exceed \$150.00, as per their estimate, for providing a "clean-out" pipe for the water filter. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Mayor.

Monday evening, September 30, 1907

at the office of the Clerk

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor the Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of opening bids for furnishing of broken stone and for work in connection with macadamizing Carroll Avenue. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Grabill and Hansen.

Opening bids for
macadamizing Car-
roll Avenue.

Bids were received and opened as follows: For broken stone: The National Mortar Co., and Sam M. Hendricks; for hauling stone, Jas. S. Plunkett. No bids were received for grading and hauling.

Mr. Grabill moved, in view of the failure to receive bids for grading, rolling, etc., that all bids be rejected and that the clerk be directed to advertise for new proposals, the same to be opened at 8 o'clock p.m., Monday, October 14, 1907. Carried and so ordered.

Repairs to Carroll
Avenue bridge.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the condition of the Carroll Ave. bridge and stated that after a thorough inspection of the same by the street committee, himself and Mr. R. SeeK, it was the opinion that proper repairs could not be made within the appropriation of \$300 therefor.

After extended discussion of the matter Mr. Derrick moved that the street committee be authorized to expend not to exceed \$500. in placing the Carroll Ave. bridge across the Sligo in a thoroughly safe condition. Carried and so ordered.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk

No fine

Takoma Park, Md., October 14, 1907

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of September 30, 1907, were read by the Clerk, and duly approved.

Pursuant to public notice the Mayor stated that any bids presented for crushed stone and for the necessary hauling, grading and rolling, in connection with the macadamizing of Carroll Avenue, would now be opened.

Opening of bids for stone and for macadamizing Carroll Ave.

The Clerk thereupon presented the following bids received by him, which were duly opened and found to be as follows:

For crushed stone: The National Mortar Co. of Washington, D.C., crushed limestone \$1.37 1/2 per cu. yd; crushed trap rock \$1.69 per cu. yd; limestone screenings, \$1.37 1/2; trap rock screenings, \$1.75 1/2. M.J. Grove Lime Co., of Lime Kiln, Md.: crushed limestone, \$1.35 per cu. yd; Limestone screenings, \$1.30 per cu. yd. Sam M. Hendricks, Washington, D.C. - crushed limestone, \$1.52 1/2 per cu. yd; limestone screenings, \$1.40 per cu. yd.

For constructing roadway: Samuel Queen, Takoma Park: grading and rolling, 45¢ per cu. yd; unloading and hauling, 50¢ per cu. yd.; spreading and rolling broken stone and screenings, 25¢ per sq. yd.

On motion of Mr. Grabill all bids were referred to the street committee for consideration and report.

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows, and on motion of Mr. Hansen it was accepted and ordered to be filed:

To the Mayor and Council, Through the Finance Committee,		Takoma Park, Maryland, October 1st, 1907	
Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of September, 1907:			
Balance on hand last report -----		\$ 4394.26	
Receipts:			
From general taxes -----	\$ 302.84		
" special " (cement walks) -----	19.44		
" water rents -----	2.97		
" permits -----	1.00		
For redemption of property sold for taxes -----	64.32	390.57	
		\$ 4784.83	
Disbursements:			
Pumping plant: gasoline -----		\$ 41.18	
Waterworks; on acct. painting water tower -----		50.00	
Sewer system: miscellaneous -----		8.06	
Street work: labor -----		\$ 17.50	
material -----		1.80	19.30
Street lighting: oil \$ 24.00; miscellaneous, \$ 7.35 -----			31.35
General expenses: printing, \$ 3.75; contingent, \$ 1.50; telephone, \$ 3.40; water tapping fees, \$ 12.50 -----			21.15
Salaries: Clerk and Treasr. \$ 25.00; lamplighter, \$ 45.00; engr. \$ 55.00 -----			125.00
		\$ 296.04	
		Balance on hand -----	4488.79
			\$ 4784.83
Of balance on hand of -----	\$ 4488.79		
There belongs to B. & W. Ry. deposit, \$ 250.00; plumbers deposits, \$ 55.00; public impvt. fund, \$ 494.01; bal. due on sewer contract, \$ 100.00; tele- phone Co. deposit, \$ 15.00; redemption fund, \$ 64.32 -----		978.33	
Available balance -----		3510.46	
Examined by Finance Committee and found correct.			
			Respectfully submitted:
			BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Complaint of J.A. Crawford. A communication was presented from Mr. J.A. Crawford, of Buffalo Avenue requesting the filling of unsightly place next his lot as promised, and, as the Council has already authorized the work, the Mayor stated that he would see to its completion.

Resubdivision of lots 10, 13 and 14, blk 7 A communication from Minerva P. Jenkins and Benjamin B. Jenkins, owners of lots 10, 13 and 14 in block 7, in which they submit a proposed re-subdivision of said lots under numbers 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 7, and asking approval thereof, was submitted by the clerk. Upon due consideration and on motion of Mr. Grabill the submitted plat of the proposed subdivision was approved and the Clerk directed to properly file the same.

Poles for telephone Co. A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. requesting permission to erect two poles on Buffalo Ave. to furnish service to Mr. J.A. Crawford. Upon consideration of the request Mr. Blodgett moved that the company be given permission to erect three poles, the third one to be opposite Mr. Crawford's house, so that the wires could be carried therein at right angles, the exact location of all poles to be designated by the street committee. Carried and so ordered.

Balto. and Wash. Transit Co. Return of deposit A communication was presented from the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co. by Wm. A. Mellen, its President, requesting the return of the balance of the Company's deposit, agreeing that, in consideration thereof, the company will surrender all rights granted it by Ordinance No. 125. Accompanying said communication were (a) copy of Section 3 of the By Laws of said company defining the powers of its President and (b) a certified copy of a resolution of the executive committee of the American Monorail Company approving the action of Mr. Mellen in agreeing to a surrender of the Company's franchise, and a certificate that said American Monorail Company was the holder of record of 1855 of the 2000 shares of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the offer of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, through its President, William A. Mellen, as conveyed in his letter of October 2nd, 1907, with accompanying documents under the official seals of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co. and the American Monorail Company, to surrender all rights granted the said Baltimore and Washington Transit Co. by Ordinance No. 125 granting a right of way to the said Company, passed and approved August 14, 1905, upon return of the unexpended balance of \$250.00 of the original deposit of \$500.00 made by said company in accordance with the provisions of said Ordinance No. 125, less the amount expended and yet required to be expended in placing the streets in order from which the tracks of said company have been removed, estimated at \$30.00, be, and the same is hereby accepted. And the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to return to said Baltimore and Washington Transit Co. the sum of \$220.00 in full payment of said deposit, and upon acceptance thereof by said company, all its rights under Ordinance No. 25 shall cease and determine. And the Ordinance Committee is hereby directed to prepare and submit an Ordinance repealing said Ordinance No. 125.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Grabill moved that the street committee be authorized and directed to have the strip of land, from which the tracks of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company have been removed, plowed, harrowed and leveled with the street, and that the expense thereof be paid from the retained portion of said company's deposit. Carried.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills, which the committee had approved and recommended for payment:

Standard Oil Co. 680 gals. gasoline @ 15 1/2	\$ 91.80	Evening Star Newspaper Co. Advertising	\$ 5.40	Town Treasurer, contingencies	\$ 1.34
" " " 390 " oil @ 8¢	31.20	A.W. Skinner, printing specifications	4.25	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Globes and waste	5.17
C. and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	3.90	C. E. Hodgkin, Paint for water tower	30.75	E. E. Blodgett, cement	1.20
					\$174.79

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

In accordance with the instructions of the Council Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance in connection with the construction of proposed cement sidewalks as designated therein:

Construction of cement sidewalks.

Ordinance No. 143.

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

Section 1. That in pursuance of and in accordance with the authority conferred by the act of the general assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, authorizing the improvement of the streets of said town, it is deemed necessary for the public safety and convenience that sidewalks, composed of cement, gravel and sand, mixed with water in the proper proportions, and of the width of four (4) feet, be constructed on and along those portions of the following streets contiguous to and abutting on the following described lots in said Town: Tulip Ave., on the northern side, on that portion abutting on lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 8, and lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 9 of Earnest and Lipscomb, Trustees' addition to Takoma Park. Elm Ave., on the easterly side from Carroll Ave. abutting on lot 1, block F, of the Fifield Tract, to the beginning of the present cement walk thereon.

Section 2. That the real property deemed to be specially benefited by the said improvements and which will be assessed to pay the entire cost thereof, and the approximate cost of which each of said parcels may be assessed therefor, are as follows: Block 8, Earnest and Lipscomb, Trustees' subdivision - lot 4, \$40.00; lot 5, \$40.00; lot 6, \$40.00. Block 9, Earnest and Lipscomb, Trustees' subdivision - lot 1, \$40.00; lot 2, \$40.00; lot 3, \$40.00. Block F, Fifield Tract; lot 1, \$80.00. That the total cost of the improvements herein provided is estimated to be \$320.00.

Section 3. That the Mayor and Council meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, in said Town, on the 30th day of October, at 8 o'clock p.m., when and where the owners of the property hereinbefore described may be heard in regard to the improvements herein proposed.

Mr. Derrick 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. Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill moved that the committee on streets and lights be relieved of further consideration of the electric lighting of Carroll Avenue and that the committee be directed to have oil lamps placed on Ethan Allen and Willow Avenues as heretofore directed. Carried and so ordered.

Electric lighting of Carroll Ave.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. R. Seek wherein he proposed to make certain repairs to the Carroll Avenue bridge across the Sligo in accordance with sketch plans prepared by Mr. L.R. Grabill, town engineer, for the sum of \$498.00.

Repairs to Sligo bridge.

Mr. Grabill moved that the matter be referred to the street committee for further consideration and report as soon as practicable. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill moved the appointment of a special committee to consist of Mayor Platt and Mr. Dyar, to investigate the matter of securing funds from private parties to assist in the construction of a concrete arch bridge across the Sligo, and to report the result of their investigation at as early a date as practicable. The motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following proposed ordinance amendatory of the Building Regulations:

Amendment to
Building Regu-
lations.

Ordinance No. 144.

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

Section 1. That Section 6 of Ordinance No. 50 (Building Regulations) be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-119 "Section 6. A fee of \$2.00 may be charged by the inspector of buildings for each permit and retained by him as his compensation for the performance of the duties prescribed in this ordinance. This fee shall be paid by the person or persons, firm or corporation, to whom the permit is issued; and in addition thereto said person or persons, firm or corporation, prior to the beginning of building operations shall deposit with the Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park the sum of ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover the cost of any damage to streets, gutters, sidewalks or other municipal works during the progress of said building operations; and the person or persons, firm or corporation making said deposit shall be held responsible for any damage as aforesaid.

"Upon conclusion of said building operations the town treasurer, upon the written order of the building inspector, shall return to the party or parties making said deposit, the whole amount of said deposit or such portion thereof as may be left after payment for any damages that, in the judgment of the inspector of buildings, are chargeable to the maker of the deposit."

The ordinance was passed upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Hansen, Grabill and Rogers. voting nay, none.

Repeal of right of
way granted to
Balt. & Wash.
Transit Co.

Pursuant to instructions of the Council, Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 145.

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

4-331 Section 1. That Ordinance No. 125 entitled an ordinance "Granting a Right of Way to the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company of the State of Maryland," passed and approved August 14, 1905, be and the same is hereby repealed; and all rights and privileges therein granted to said transit company hereby cease and determine.

Upon an aye and nay vote the ordinance was passed as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Hansen, Grabill and Rogers; voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:25 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt

Mayor.

Ben Davis, Clerk.

Thursday evening, October 17, 1907

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at his residence this date, convening at 9:20 p.m., for the purpose of considering the bids submitted for work and material in connection with the macadamizing of Carroll Avenue. There were present the Mayor, the Clerk and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers.

Macadamizing
of Carroll Ave.

The street committee, to whom the bids had been referred, returned them to the Council with report as follows:

Takoma Park, Md., October 17, 1907.

Report street
Committee.

The street committee reports that the following are the bids opened October 14, 1907, for furnishing broken stone and for macadamizing roadway:

The National Mortar Co. - For crushed limestone, per cu. yd. \$1.37 1/2; limestone screenings, \$1.37 1/2; trap rock crushed, \$1.69; trap screenings, \$1.75 1/2.

The M. J. Grove Lime Co. - For crushed limestone, per cu. yd. \$1.35; limestone screenings, \$1.30.

Sam M. Hendricks - For crushed limestone, per cu. yd. \$1.52 1/2; limestone screenings \$1.40

Samuel Queen - For unloading and hauling stone, per cu. yd. \$0.50; for spreading and rolling, sq. yd. \$0.25; for grading and rolling, sq. yd. \$0.45.

The committee recommends that the bid of the M. J. Grove Lime Co. for furnishing broken stone and screenings be accepted and a contract made with them for the same.

The committee recommends the rejection of the bid of Samuel Queen for doing the work; and further recommends that the Mayor be authorized to make arrangements for doing the work of hauling, spreading and rolling by the most advantageous method, whether by contract or by hired labor.

E. E. BLODGETT
L. R. GRABILL
H. E. ROGERS.

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report of the committee was approved and its recommendations adopted, and in confirmation of such action the following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 146

Awarding a Contract for Crushed Limestone and Limestone Screenings.

Award of con-
tract for stone

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

Section 1. - That the bid of The M. J. Grove Lime Co., of Lime Kiln, Maryland, to furnish crushed limestone at \$1.35 per cubic yard and limestone screenings at \$1.30 per cubic yard, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. - The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the said M. J. Grove Lime Co. in accordance with the terms of the specifications and their proposal in connection therewith.

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

On motion of Mr. Dyar, the bid of Mr. Samuel Queen for unloading, hauling, grading, spreading, etc., was rejected.

The council thereupon, at 10:20 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Ben G. Davis Clerk.

W. G. Platt
Mayor.

Wednesday Evening, October 30, 1907.

Public hearing in regard to cement sidewalks. In accordance with public notice duly given the Mayor and Council met in special session at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of hearing from all persons interested in the laying of cement sidewalks as proposed in Ordinance No. 143, passed and approved October 14, 1907. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick and Rogers.

Nobody appeared before the Council with presentation of arguments or objections to the proposed work.

Mr. Derrick thereupon presented the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 147.

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

Section 1. That in pursuance of and in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park to improve the streets of said town, cement sidewalks be and the same are hereby adjudged to be necessary; and it is hereby ordered that cement sidewalks be constructed on the streets or parts of streets as prescribed in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 143, passed and approved October 14, 1907.

Section 2. That the whole cost of construction, including interest on deferred payments at the rate of 6% per annum, shall be assessed against the property adjudged by the Mayor and Council to be specially benefited, except as provided in the said Act exempting 100 feet on corner lots.

Section 3. That the taxes or payments on the special assessments herein provided for, shall become due and payable on the first day of July of each year, the same time and in the same manner as general taxes due said town, except that there shall be no discount allowed; provided, however, that in case said cement sidewalks are constructed prior to January 1, 1908, payment therefor shall be due on that date and interest on deferred payments shall date therefrom; said payment being for the fiscal year 1907-8.

Section 4. That the total amount of the special assessments herein provided for may be divided into and made payable in five (5) equal installments, due and payable in 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years, with interest at 6% per annum; or if desired, the whole cost or any annual payment may be made on or after the date of the adoption of the assessment for the work.

The ordinance was adopted as follows; voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the Mayor was authorized to enter into a contract with responsible parties for the construction of the cement-walk above ordered at such price as he may consider fair and reasonable.

Water permit for building. Upon application of the Washington Foreign Missionary Seminary and upon motion of Mr. Derrick, a permit for the use of water was granted them the rate to be \$1.50 per month.

At 9:30 p.m., the council adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor

Ben G. Davis, Clerk

Monday Evening, November 11, 1907. *No fire*

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. Present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of October 17 and 30 were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., Nov. 1, 1907.		Treasurer's Report
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of October, 1907:				
Balance on hand last report	\$ 4488.02	<i>Disbursements:</i>		
<i>Receipts:</i>		Pumping plant; gasoline	\$ 91.80	
From general taxes	\$ 408.02	Waterworks; miscellaneous	105.73	
" special " (Cement walks)	51.05	Sewer system	7.13	
" " " (Carroll Ave. water main)	35.10	Street work; material	1.20	
Water rents	8.25	Improvement of Carroll Avenue	9.65	
Permits	32.00	Street lighting; oil	\$ 31.20	
Plumbers' deposits	10.00	miscellaneous	5.42	36.62
Redemption fund	28.61	General expenses; contingent	1.34	
	\$ 5061.82	telephone	3.90	
		miscellaneous	2.00	7.24
Of balance on hand of	\$ 2801.93	Return of balance of B. & W. Transit Co. deposit	220.00	
There belongs to plumbers' deposits	\$ 65.00	Interest on bonds	1086.20	
Public improvement fund	80.16	Paid from redemption fund	64.32	
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00	Improvement bond paid	500.00	
Telephone Co. deposit	15.00	Salaries; clerk and treasurer	25.00	
Redemption fund	28.61	lamp lighter	50.00	
	288.77	engineer	55.00	150.00
Available balance	2513.16		2259.89	
Examined and found correct:		Balance on hand	2801.93	
JOHN HANSEN			5061.82	
W.W. DYAR Finance Committee,		Respectfully submitted:		
		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer		

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

Communications were presented from Mrs. Mary A. Gady Lee and Mrs. B. G. Davis, the latter in behalf of Miss Margaret J. Carson, protesting against the construction of a sewer on Sycamore Avenue and assessment of the cost thereof to abutting property.

Protests against Sewer.

The Mayor, from the special committee appointed to inquire into the possibility of securing outside assistance in the construction of a proposed concrete bridge across the Sliquo on Carroll Avenue, stated that several of the gentlemen interested had been interviewed but with little

Sliquo bridge

encouragement owing to the fact of their having obligated themselves to assistance in the construction of a county road. However, he had recently learned that the road project had been abandoned and the committee would therefore renew its inquiries at an early day.

Repairs to Sliquo
Bridge.

The Mayor also announced that he had authorized Mr. Baird, the architect of the Adventists buildings to make temporary repairs on the Carroll Avenue bridge across the Sliquo.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills approved and recommended for payment:

Bills approved:

Standard Oil Co. 620 gals. gasoline @ 12 1/2¢	77.50	Thos. Somerville Co. Pump repairs	\$ 4.79	Lamond Bros. Terra Cotta pipe	\$ 6.00
" " " 235 " illum. oil @ 8¢	18.80	Geo. N. Day, Water tapping fees	12.50	Wilkins and Jordan, 1 bbl. cement	2.30
" " " 51 1/2 " lub. oil @ 23 1/2¢	12.10	G. W. Forsberg, Repairs to engine	9.75	Natl. Elec. Supply Co.	50
Cand P. Tel. Co. Rental and messages	3.95	Star Newspaper Co. Advertising	20.31		\$ 198.42
A.W. Skinner Ptg. 250 circulars	1.50	Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamp globes, etc.	28.42		

On motion of Mr. Dyar payment of the bills was directed.

Streets and lights

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on streets and lights reported that the new lights for Willow and Ethan Allen Avenues would be in place shortly; that it was hoped the painting of lights and poles would be completed during next non-lighting period and that the lamplighter is desirous of having an oil tank located in the vicinity of Ethan Allen Ave. The committee was instructed to take such action as was deemed expedient in the latter matter.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee reported that Engine No. 2 had been repaired during the month at a cost of \$9⁷⁵

Macadamizing of
Carroll Ave.

The Mayor reported, in regard to the macadamizing of Carroll Avenue, that the M. J. Grove Co., to whom had been awarded the contract for crushed stone had failed to supply more than one carload per day and that the work could not be pushed with speed or economy under such conditions.

Mr. Grabill thereupon moved that if the M. J. Grove Co. failed to supply more than one carload of stone per day, the Mayor be authorized to purchase in open market such amount of stone as may be necessary to complete the work prescribed on Carroll Avenue, and that the additional cost of said stone, if any, in excess of the contract price of the M. J. Grove Co., be charged to and deducted from the amount due the said company. The motion was carried.

In further connection with the Carroll Avenue work the Mayor stated that he had contracted with Mr. Fred King to haul,

the stone from the cars at 35¢ per yard and had employed Mr. Richard Seek to superintend grading and spreading, which work the town will do by day labor.

The Mayor further stated that he had entered into a contract with Harry H. Spencer to construct the cement walks on Tulip, Elm and Buffalo Avenues, as directed in Ordinance No. 143, for the price of \$1.35 per square yard. Also that the ^{surveying for} grading for the cement walk on Tulip Avenue had been done by Mr. E. Norman Jackson at an expense of \$5.00, and on motion of Mr. Grabill payment thereof was directed.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:22 p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor.

B. G. Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 9, 1907

The Council met at 8 p.m. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Bladgett, Derrick, Grabill and Rogers, *no fire*

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

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows; and the same was approved and ordered filed.

To the Mayor and Council (Thru' the Finance Committee,		Takoma Park, Md. Dec. 1, 1907		Treasurer's report
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of November, 1907;				
Balance on hand last report	\$ 2801.93	street work: Carroll Ave	\$ 319.28 349.51	Of balance on hand of
Receipts:		Street lighting: oil	18.80 349.51	There belongs to Impvl. fund
From general taxes	\$ 64.46	miscellaneous	29.17 47.97	plumbers deposits
" special " cement walks	21.75	Cement walks	71.80	bal. due on sewer contract
" water rents	10.35	General expenses: Printing, 1.50; telephone		telephone Co. deposit
" permits	5.00	\$3.95; miscel. 2.18; legal, 2.32; water		builders deposits
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	tapping fees, 12.50	22.45	Available balance
" builders' deposits	10.00 121.56	Paid from redemption fund	28.61	Respectfully submitted:
	2923.49	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00	<i>B. G. DAVIS, Treasr.</i>
Disbursements:		lamp lighter	50.00	Examined and found correct:
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 28.39	Engineer	55.00 130.00	<i>JOHN HANSEN</i>
gasoline	77.50 105.89		763.73	<i>W. W. DYAR</i>
Sewer system	7.50	Balance on hand	2159.76	Finance Committee
Street work: labor	17.43		2923.49	
material	12.80			

Sewer extension, A petition was presented from Mr. T. E. Bowen and others requesting an extension of the sewer on Sycamore Avenue. On motion of Mr. Derrick said petitions and protests already presented on the same subject, were ordered referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for report and recommendation.

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

Bills approved

Geo. L. Tarbell, Pail and dipper	40	Standard Oil Co. 300 gals. gasoline	37.50	Freight and express	1.15
Cand P. Telephone Co. Rental	3.30	" " " 315 " illum. oil	25.20	Geo. F. Muth & Co. 6 #5 burners	1.50
Natl. Elec. Supply Co. Engine supplies	11.87	H. Mueller Mfg. Co. Corp. stop cocks	20.50	Treasurer, Contingent expenses	2.37
John A. Moore, picks, axe and handles	2.35	B. F. Schneider, blacksmithing	2.70		108.86

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

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Assessment for cement walks, To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., Dec. 9, 1907
Gentlemen:- The Finance Committee is advised by the Clerk of the completion of the cement sidewalk recently authorized on Tulip Avenue, at a cost of \$210.00. The committee would therefore recommend that the cost of said walk be assessed against the abutting property as follows:

Subdivision	Blk	Lot	Feet	Per ft	Amt. Due	Assessed to	Subdivision	Blk	Lot	Feet	Per ft	Amt due	Assessed to
Lipscomb & Earnest	8	4	50	70¢	\$35.00	Mary R. Ridgeway	Lipscomb & Earnest	9	1	50	70¢	\$35.00	Robert B. Humphreys
" "	"	5	50	"	35.00	John A. Ridgeway	" "	"	2	50	"	35.00	Lipscomb & Earnest, Trustees
" "	"	6	50	"	35.00	Frederick D. B. Austin	" "	"	3	50	"	35.00	" " " "
Total										300		210.00	

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN HANSEN
J. B. DERRICK
Finance Committee.

The report having been approved Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance Adopting assessment, **Ordinance No. 148**
An Ordinance Adopting a Special Assessment for the Construction of Cement Sidewalks on Tulip Avenue.
Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland
Section 1.- That the special assessment submitted this date by the Finance Committee for the payment of cement sidewalks on Tulip Avenue, abutting lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 8, and lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 9, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision, constructed under the provisions and by virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

Mr. Rodgers moved the adoption of the ordinance and the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Derrick, Grabill and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Blodgett called attention to the presence of hog pens in the corporate limits and suggested that the matter be investigated by the Health Committee with the view of adopting such regulations in regard thereto as will safe guard the public health. After some discussion of the subject, on motion of Mr. Rogers, the matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee with directions to prepare an ordinance upon the matter for presentation to the Council.

Pig pens.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett an appropriation not to exceed \$10⁰⁰ was authorized for the purchase of two dozen street lamp founts.

Lamp founts

Mr. Blodgett reported the disappearance of a street lamp from the lamp post and that there was a possibility of discovering the culprit who had taken it. It was suggested that the lamps be nailed to the posts and Mr. Blodgett stated that steps would be taken to do so

Loss of street lamp.

The Mayor stated that, in regard to the extension of Takoma Avenue, outside of the corporation limits, through to Merrimac Ave., that he had been informed that Mr. Clark, county commissioner, had stated that the county would take no further action in the matter until the Town had completed the extension along Merrimac Avenue to Ridge Avenue. The Mayor further stated that upon receipt of this information he had written immediately to Mr. Clark that the Town stood ready to do its share of the work just so soon as the county was done with its share; that it would be useless to open Merrimac Avenue until Takoma Avenue was extended, as without such through extension the road would begin nowhere and end nowhere. No reply had been received to his letter to Mr. Clark.

Opening of Merrimac Ave. and extension of Takoma Ave.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee, in conjunction with the Mayor, be authorized to open up and grade Merrimac Ave. from Ridge Avenue to the Hodges tract at an expense not to exceed \$100., at such time as the county completes the extension of Takoma Avenue between Philadelphia and Merrimac Avenues. The motion was carried.

Opening of Merrimac Ave.

Mr. Grabill moved that the attention of the Brennan Construction Company be invited to the several requests heretofore made for necessary repairs to the cement walks under their five-year guarantee; and that they be informed if they do not proceed with the repairs within ten days, that the Town will notify their bondsmen of their failure so to do. The motion was carried.

Repairs to cement walks.

On motion of Mr. Grabill board crossings, at a cost not to exceed \$35⁰⁰ were ordered constructed as follows: across Tulip Ave. on the east side of Willow and across Albany on the east side of Buffalo.

Street crossings

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee reported that it had been necessary to renew the batteries for the engines at the pumping stations during the month, and the emergency expense thereby required, was approved by the Council.

New batteries

Waste of water Mr. Grabill also invited attention to the apparent excessive use of water, especially during the evenings and nights, the houses up on the higher levels being frequently without water in the mornings.

On motion of Mr. Derrick the Water and Sewer committee was authorized to have printed notices prepared and distributed to all water takers calling attention to the apparent waste of water and to the regulations for the use of water which are to be strictly enforced. And that an inspection be made of all houses and fixtures therein and that repairs thereto, where necessary, shall be immediately made, under penalty of cutting off the water from the premises. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:50 p.m., adjourned.

Approved;

W. A. Platt Mayor.

Ben B. Davis, Clerk