

Monday Evening, January 13, 1908.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk, and, without objection or correction, were approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md, Jan. 1, 1908.	
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of December, 1907;			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 2159.76	Disbursements:	
Receipts		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 12.27
From general taxes	\$ 275.82	gasoline	37.50 49.77
" special " (cement walks)	6.52	Waterworks: miscellaneous	21.27
" water rents	3.50	Sewer system "	8.25
" permits	4.00	Street work: Carroll Ave improvements	925.47
" builders' deposits	10.00 299.84	Street lighting: oil	25.20
	2459.60	miscellaneous	16.50 41.70
Of balance on hand of	\$ 1159.67	Cement walk on Tulip Ave.	117.40
There belongs to cement walk fund	\$ 108.43	General expenses: Contingent	2.37
Plumbers deposits	75.00	miscellaneous	40
Balance due on sewer contract	100.00	telephone	3.30 6.07
Telephone company's deposit	15.00	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	25.00
Builders' deposits	20.00 318.43	lamp lighter	50.00
Available balance	\$ 841.24	engineer	55.00 130.00
Examined and found correct;			1299.93
JOHN HANSEN.		Balance on hand	1159.67
W. W. DYAR	Finance Committee		\$ 2459.60
		Respectfully submitted;	
		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer	

Treasurer's report

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

A communication was presented from Mr. J. W. Dyre, Secretary of the Takoma Park Citizens Association, transmitting copy of a resolution passed by that body petitioning for the establishment of a collection service for ashes, tin cans and rubbish, the cost thereof to be paid from the public revenues.

Collection of ashes, etc

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Dyre of the action already taken in the matter and that it is the desire of the Council to give full opportunity for testing of the plan adopted by the Health committee and approved by the Council.

The following communication was presented by the Registrar of Vital Statistics:

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md. January 13, 1908.

Gentlemen: - I have the honor to submit my report as Registrar of Vital Statistics, showing the births, deaths and marriages that have occurred in the Town during the year 1907. The number of births is eleven (11); deaths, four (4); marriages, eight (8). My report for 1906 showed 23 births and 6 deaths. This falling off in the birth rate is regretted by the Registrar and the stark will be cautioned that greater activity is expected for the coming year. Of the deaths, three resulted from chronic disease incident to advanced age, and one, a child, from convulsions induced by acute La Grip. During the year there has been no case of typhoid fever, or of any serious infections or contagious disease. Our health and sanitary conditions are surely matters for pride and congratulation and place Takoma Park at the head of healthy residence towns. The Maryland State Board of Health is establishing substations for furnishing diphtheria antitoxine and tuberculin and mailing tubes for diagnosis. These supplies to be furnished free to indigent patients, or sold at a nominal cost. A substation will be established at Takoma Park if desired. I would suggest that the Health Committee take the necessary action to this end.

I am, respectfully, etc.

L. M. MOOERS.

Record of Births and Deaths in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, for the calendar Year, A. D. 1907.

Feb. 5. 1907	Death	Mrs. Geo. W. Conner, age 70; Sycamore Ave. Heart disease.	Aug. 21. 1907	Birth	To Walter C. John; Willow Ave; daughter; white
" 13. "	"	Richard Thos. Kerfoot; age 69; Maple Ave. Valvular disease of heart	Sept. 19 "	"	" Daniel K. Trimmer; Oak Ave; son; white.
" 18 "	Birth	To John A. L. Derby; S. D. A. College; son; white	Oct. 7 "	"	" Henry Clay Winslow; Elm Ave; son; white.
May 22 "	"	" Thomas R. Davis; Flower Ave, son; white	" 19 "	"	" Guy L. Seaman; Montgomery Ave; son; white
" 25 "	"	" Fred B. Linton; Holly Ave.; son; white	Nov. 24 "	"	" James A. Crawford; Buffalo Ave; son; white.
July 21 "	Death	Miss Margaret T. Hammond; age 67; Pine Ave. Exhaustion, result of sarcomata and cysts of stomach and liver	Dec. 22 "	"	" John A. Ridgeway; Tulip Ave; daughter; white
Aug. 7 "	Birth	To Wm. W. Park; Carroll Ave; son; white.	" 23 "	"	" James M. Johnson; Cycle Cottage; daughter; white
			" 28 "	Death	Alberta Roggenkamp; age 2 yrs. 11 mo 18 da. Lincoln Ave. Convulsions

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 27. 1907	Miss Cara E. Skinner, Pine Ave., to Mr. Alexander Hildreth Taltamus	Sept. 18. 1907	Miss Elsie M. Watkins to Mr. A. L. Miller.
April 3. "	Miss Nellie H. Crittenden, North Takoma, to Mr. James Taylor.	" 25, "	Miss Alice L. Lowe, Takoma Park, D.C. to Mr. Henry M. Dodge, Vermont.
June 20. "	Miss Maud E. Watkins to Mr. Wm. E. Dyre	Oct. 7. "	Miss Clara Louise Colcord to Mr. Roy A. Leslie
Aug. 29. "	Miss Katie Maygroves, D.C., to Mr. Irving Queen, Elm Ave.	Nov. 7. "	Miss Floy I. Moore to Mr. Merton B. Sanford.

Mr. Dyar moved that the report be received and filed; that the Health Committee be directed to confer with the Registrar relative to the establishment of the substation referred to in his report; and that the bill of the Registrar for \$4.40, registration fees, be approved and paid. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment:

C. & P. Telephone Co. Rental and Messages	\$ 5.00	Thos. R. Riley, Lumber	\$ 9.96	Standard Oil Co. 170 gals illum. oil	\$ 13.60
G. W. Forsberg, Repairs to engines	2.50	Louis Hartig, Pricks and handles	4.05	Wm. Watkins. 1 ton stove coal	7.15
Rumsey & Co. 35# packing	21.00	Standard Oil Co. 1025 gals. gasoline	128.13	Geo L. Day, Tapping fees	7.50
Geo. F. Muth & Co., Founts and wicks	15.20				214.09

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on streets and lights, submitted samples of street signs and house numbers of iron enamel made by the Ingram-Richardson Manufacturing Co., of Beaver Falls, Pa., and, on motion of Mr. Grabill the streets and lights committee was directed to investigate and report

to the Council the number of signs that would be needed to properly designate the streets of the town.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that he had purchased the lumber for the street crossings ordered at the last meeting of the Council and that they would be put in at an early day.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee reported that, in compliance with the instructions of the Council, circulars had been printed and distributed in regard to the waste of water; and that an inspection of the plumbing fixtures of all houses had been made by Engineer Day and with but very few and inconsiderate exceptions, everything was found in excellent shape. Mr. Grabill reported further that discovery and repair of a considerable leak in the main leading to the Sanitarium, had resulted in a large reduction in the hours of pumping and was doubtless the cause of the water shortage.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, to whom had been referred the petitions for and against an extension of the sewer on Sycamore Ave, returned all the papers in the case with the following report:

[2nd Indorsement.] Jan 10, 1908. Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council, through the Clerk. The petitions herewith, together with other requests, of which the Council is aware, indicates that the owners of 554 feet, or about 60% of the frontage on both sides of the street, are in favor of the proposed extension of the sewer. The committee estimates the cost as follows: 450 linear feet of sewer at 70¢, \$315.00; (8' terra cotta pipe); 2 man holes @ \$40.00, \$80.00; Advertising, typewriting and engineering, \$30.00; Total \$425.00, or about 95¢ per foot, total. The cost will be approximately \$24.00 for each 50 feet of frontage. Your committee therefore recommends as follows: That 450 linear feet of 8-inch terra cotta sewer be laid in Sycamore Avenue, in front of lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, block 21; and lots 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 22, of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., at an estimated cost of \$425.00, to be assessed against said lots in proportion to the frontage of the lots abutting upon the line of the sewer when constructed. This work to be done by contract or otherwise. Also that an ordinance be passed at the January meeting of the Council providing for the construction as recommended above and setting the date for a hearing in the case, required by the Charter, for Monday evening, February 10, at 8 p.m.; that being also the date of meeting of the council; and that notice of such hearing be given as required by the charter. It is believed by your committee that an account of the necessary serious disturbance of the street surface, work upon the sewer should not begin before March 15 when weather conditions will be more favorable to a restoration of the roadway surface.

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

On motion of Mr. Rogers the reported was adopted. Whereupon the Ordinance Committee submitted the following

Ordinance No. 149.

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, 1907, it is deemed necessary for the public safety and comfort that the present 8-inch terra-cotta sewer on Sycamore Avenue be extended approximately 450 feet, fronting lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, block 21, and lots 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 22, at an estimated cost of \$425.00; said cost to be assessed proportionately to the frontage of the lots abutting thereon and estimated at \$24.00 for each fifty (50) feet of frontage.

Section 2. - That the Mayor and Council meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in said Town, on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1908, at 8 o'clock, p. m., when and where the owners of the property herein described may be heard in regard to the proposed improvement.

Mr. Grabill 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, Dyar, Grabill and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, February 10, 1908

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

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

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., February 1, 1908	
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of January, 1908:			
Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 1159.67	
<i>Receipts:</i>			
From general taxes	-----	\$ 106.91	
" special " cement walls	-----	137.32	
" water rents	-----	1319.77	
" interest on deposits in bank	-----	27.23	
" permits	-----	5.00	
" road tax, Prince George Co.	-----	213.04	
" " Montgomery Co.	-----	737.07	
" plumbers deposits	-----	10.00	
" miscellaneous	-----	2.50	2558.84
			\$ 3718.51
Of balance on hand of	-----	\$ 2555.40	
There belongs to cement walk fund	-----	\$ 140.75	
Plumbers deposits	-----	75.00	
balance due on sewer contract	-----	100.00	
telephone Co. deposit	-----	15.00	
builders deposits	-----	20.00	350.75
			Available balance
		\$ 2204.65	
<i>Disbursements:</i>			
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	-----	\$ 30.65	
gasoline	-----	128.13	\$ 158.78
Sewer system	-----	9.50	9.50
Street work: labor	-----	6.75	
material	-----	14.01	
macadamizing Carroll Ave	-----	600.36	621.12
Street lighting: oil	-----	13.60	
miscellaneous	-----	15.20	28.80
General expenses: telephone rentals	-----	5.00	
miscellaneous	-----	57.66	62.66
Semi-annual interest on \$4900.00 bonds	-----		134.75
Water tapping fees	-----		7.50
Plumbers' deposit returned	-----		10.00
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	-----	25.00	
lamp lighter	-----	50.00	
engineer	-----	55.00	130.00
			1163.11
			Balance on hand
			2555.40
			\$ 3718.51
Examined and found correct:		Respectfully submitted:	
JOHN HANSEN } Finance Committee. W. W. DYAR }		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer	

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

A communication was presented from Mr. Joseph U. Jackson, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, inclosing bill for water rental of the church for the current year and requesting a reduction therein, in view of its being for church property.

Water rental for
Presbyterian
church

After informal consideration of the matter Mr. Grabill moved that the water rent be reduced one-half for the year 1908. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills examined by the committee and approved for payment:

C and P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages \$ 6.20	Standard Oil Co. 310 gals. illum. oil @ 8¢ \$ 24.80	U.S. Fidelity Co. Premium on Treas. bond ----- \$ 10.00
A.W. Skinner, Printing 200 circulars --- 1.50	" " " 325 " gasoline " 12½ - 40.63	Town treasurer contingencies ----- 1.05
Evening Star, Advertising ----- 6.00	" " " / 30-gal. can ----- 3.25	<u>93.43</u>

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, invited the attention of the Council to the insanitary conditions at the Takoma spring and suggested that action should be taken to the improvement and beautifying of its surroundings.

Takoma spring

This suggestion renewed discussion as to the status of the spring property and the rights of the town in connection therewith and on motion of Mr. Grabill the Judiciary committee was instructed to investigate the matter fully and to report their conclusions with recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, submitted a communication from Mr. John Beale, requesting street lamps and board walk on Grant Avenue, with report as follows:

Street lamps, etc
Grant Ave.

Feb. 8, 1908 - Respectfully forwarded to the Mayor and Council with the recommendation that two street lamps be erected on Grant Ave. at an estimated cost of \$10.00. In regard to the walks it is recommended that Mr. Beale be informed as to the policy of the Council in regard to laying of board walks and that he be informed that a petition for a cement walk on Grant Ave, the total cost thereof to be assessed against abutting property, will be promptly considered if presented to the Council.

E.E. BLODGETT,
L.R. GRABILL
H.E. ROGERS Street committee.

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

Mr. Blodgett reported verbally that the town lamplighter, Jerry Kendall, had quit work, without notice, at the end of January, and had been rounded up for violation of District of Columbia law in the city of Washington and was now reposing in the District jail; that John Steele, who had assisted Kendall, in lamplighting, had been engaged to complete the lighting period and had done the work satisfactorily, and requested instructions as to future action.

Lamplighter

Mr. Dyar moved that the action of the Street committee in hiring Steele be approved and that the committee be authorized to enter into such future arrangements for street lighting as they may deem advantageous to the town. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett, for the Street committee, presented the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council

Takoma Park, Md., Feb. 8, 1908

Gentlemen:- In compliance with the instructions of the Council the committee on streets and lights have given due consideration to the matter of placing street signs at intersecting streets and would recommend that 100 street signs be purchased from the Ingram-Richardson Co. and properly placed. For this purpose an appropriation of Ninety Dollars (\$90⁰⁰) is recommended.

Very respectfully,

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

Mr. Dyar moved that the recommendation of the committee be approved and \$90⁰⁰ appropriated for the purchase of 100 street signs and the erection thereof complete. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. Walter J. Proctor wherein he requested that permission be given him to collect garbage throughout the town and to charge persons using the service ten cents per week for two collections in that period.

Mr. Dyar moved that Mr. Proctor be granted authority to collect garbage within the town, under such regulations as the health committee may deem necessary and that he be authorized to charge ten cents per week for two collections, such charge to be paid by the user of the service; and that the clerk is authorized to have 300 circulars printed setting forth the authority herein granted and furnish them to Mr. Proctor for distribution to the householders in the town. The motion was carried.

The Mayor invited the attention of the Council to the necessity of having someone instructed in the care and running of the pumping machinery, so that in case of illness or other emergency to the engineer, the water supply would not be affected, and suggested that Henry Fields, whom he knew to be thoroughly reliable, be employed for a portion of each month. The matter was discussed at length and, while definite action was not taken, it was the understanding that the Mayor should ascertain what arrangements should be made, to employ Fields for the present, and that any arrangements or employment made would be subsequently approved and authorized.

The Mayor announced that, pursuant to advertisement and notices duly given the Council was now ready to hear from any persons interested in the matter of sewer extension on Sycamore Avenue.

The Clerk reported that the necessary advertisement and notices required by the Charter had been properly given.

As no one appeared either in favor of or against the proposed sewer extension, the Ordinance Committee submitted the following:

Ordinance No. 150

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary for the public safety and comfort that the 8-inch terra cotta sewer on Sycamore Avenue be extended as provided in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 149, passed and approved January 13, 1908.

Section 2. - The whole cost of construction of said sewer shall be assessed against such of the abutting property mentioned in said Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 149, as shall be adjudged by the Mayor and Council to be specially benefited by the construction thereof.

Section 3. - The special assessments resulting from the work herein specified shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the completion of said work; provided that said special assessments, where desired, may be divided into and made payable in five (5) equal installments, the first payable within thirty (30) days of completion of the work and the remaining installments payable on the first day of each July following, all deferred payments bearing 6% interest per annum; provided that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, with accrued interest, may be made within the payment period if desired.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Ordinance be adopted, and the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers; voting nay, none.

Mr. Dyar stated to the Council that the special committee, consisting of himself, the Mayor and Mr. Rogers, who were looking into the matter of a new bridge across the Sliquo and the further improvement of Carroll Avenue, had been in consultation with Senator Blair Lee and that consideration was being given to a proposition to have the legislature authorize the macadamizing of Carroll Ave. and the building of a concrete bridge over the Sliquo on the basis of one-half payment by the state, one-eighth by Prince George county, one-eighth by Montgomery county, and one-quarter by the Town of Takoma Park. The proposition, however, had not yet definitely developed and the committee will give it thorough consideration.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor

Ben Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, March 9, 1908

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

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

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

The Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., March 1, 1908.	
Gentlemen:—The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of February, 1908:			
Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 2555.40	
Receipts:		Disbursements:	
From general taxes	-----	\$ 304.87	
" special " (cement walks)	-----	101.19	
" water rents	-----	288.50	
" permits	-----	5.00	
" plumbers' deposits	-----	10.00	709.56
			3264.96
Of balance on hand of	-----	\$ 2901.37	
There belongs to cement walk fund	-----	\$ 192.59	
plumbers' deposits	-----	85.00	
bal. due on sewer contract	-----	100.00	
telephone Co. deposit	-----	15.00	
builders deposits	-----	20.00	412.59
		Available balance	-----
			2488.78
Examined and found correct.			
JOHN HANSEN } Finance Com.			
J. B. DERRICK }			
			363.59
		Balance on hand	-----
			2901.37
			3264.96
Respectfully submitted			
BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer			

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

A petition was presented from George F. and Ellen E. Harris requesting the improvement of Lincoln Avenue south from Carroll Ave. The petition was referred to the street committee for investigation and report.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Miss Elizabeth Balloch complaining of damage done her yard and flowers by neighborhood chickens running at large. In connection therewith the Mayor called the attention of the Council to the difficulty of enforcing the present cumbersome ordinance relating to fowls, and suggested that some action be taken toward the adoption of an ordinance that might prove effective in solving this very vexed question.

Mr. Grabill thereupon moved that the Ordinance Committee be directed to prepare and submit to the Council at its next meeting an Ordinance relating to chickens running at large, which, in the judgment of the committee, will be capable of enforcement; and that the Ordinance committee be further instructed to prepare and submit at the next meeting of the Council an Ordinance relative to the keeping of hogs within the corporate limits. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment:

The Pioneer Press, Printing circulars	\$ 1.75	Standard Oil Co. 580g. gasoline @ 11 1/2 ¢	\$ 66.70	C. & P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 5.20
" " " " " "	1.50	Rudolph & West Co. Tools	8.25	Geo. V. Day. Water tapping fees	5.00
Standard Oil Co. 260g. illum. oil @ 8 ¢	20.80	Wm. Watkins 1 ton egg coal	7.15		116.55

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights, presented copy of an agreement which he had made with John Steele for lighting the street lamps, and on motion of Mr. Grabill, the same was approved.

Mr. Blodgett also called attention to minor street repairs that should be made in various sections of the town. Mr. Grabill moved that the street committee be directed to make such minor repairs to streets as the committee may deem necessary. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Blodgett laid before the Council a communication from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company requesting ^{permission} to practically reconstruct its present line of poles on Holly, Oak and Tulip Avenues.

Mr. Grabill moved that the desired permission be granted in accordance with blue print plan submitted, except that no guy pole be permitted on the west side of Holly Avenue opposite Tulip Ave., and provided further that if the change of location of the pole corner Tulip and Oak Avenues, necessitates the removal of the board crossing across Oak Avenue at that point, such change shall not be made until the company has deposited with the Town Treasurer the sum of \$1600 the estimated cost of replacing said crossing, and repairing the street. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee reported that, owing to a washout, emergency work had been necessary on sewer farm No. 3, and on motion of Mr. Hansen, the expenditure occasioned thereby was approved.

The Mayor reported that, in accordance with the implied permission of the Council he had had Henry Fields assisting at the pumping station during the past month learning to operate the machinery and had him engaged also on street and sewer work. In view of the importance of having an emergency man to run the pumping machinery the Mayor suggested that Fields' employment be continued for the present.

Mr. Grabill moved that the action of the Mayor in employing Henry Fields at the pumping plant and on street and sewer work during the past month be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to continue such employment so long as he may deem it to the interest of the town. The motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick moved that, in compliance with the charter, requiring the appointment of a Board of Assessors, that Messrs. J.H. Clark, J.H. Van Houten and Ben G. Davis be appointed a board to prepare the annual assessment of property for the purposes of taxation for the ensuing fiscal year. The motion was adopted.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt
Mayor

Ben G. Davis
Clerk