

Takoma Park, Md., April 13, 1908. *No fire*

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

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

The Treasurer submitted his monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Through the Finance Committee)		Takoma Park, Md., April 1, 1908.	
Gentlemen:—The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of March, 1908:			
Balance on hand last report	-----	\$ 2901.37	
<i>Receipts:</i>			
From general taxes	-----	\$ 1496.66	
" special " (cement walks)	-----	460.00	
" " " (water main)	-----	45.77	
" water rents	-----	86.75	
" permits	-----	5.00	
" redemption of property sold at tax sale	-----	63.51	2157.69
			\$ 5059.06
Of balance on hand of	-----	\$ 4223.45	
There belongs to			
cement walk fund	-----	\$ 198.36	
plumbers deposits	-----	75.00	
due on sewer contract	-----	100.00	
telephone Co. deposit	-----	15.00	
builders' deposits	-----	20.00	
redemption fund	-----	63.51	471.87
Available balance	-----	\$ 3751.58	
Examined and found correct.			
JOHN HANSEN,			
Chr. Finance Committee			
<i>Disbursements:</i>			
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	-----	\$ 29.20	
gasoline	-----	66.70	\$ 95.90
Sewerage system: miscellaneous	-----		6.75
Street work: labor	-----	38.20	
material	-----	36.10	74.30
Street lighting: oil	-----		20.80
General expenses: printing	-----	3.25	
telephone	-----	5.20	8.45
Improvement bond No. 2, Series I	-----		500.00
Interest two mos. on improvement bond	-----		4.58
Water tappers fees	-----		5.00
Plumbers deposits refunded	-----		10.00
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	-----	25.00	
lamplighter	-----	29.83	
engineer	-----	55.00	109.83
			835.61
Balance on hand	-----		4223.45
			\$ 5059.06
Respectfully submitted:			
BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.			

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

A petition was presented from certain property owners on and in the vicinity of Montgomery Avenue asking for the graveling of that street from Pine to Hickory Avenues. The petition was referred to the street committee for report.

A communication was presented from George N. Day, engineer at the pumping plant requesting permission to take out and use the brick in the tanks at the abandoned sewer farm and making an offer of \$5⁰⁰ for them. The communication was referred to the water and sewer committee.

A communication was presented from Mr. T. E. Bowen requesting that the excavation on the watertower lot be either filled or drained, and the same was ordered referred to the water and sewer committee with power to take the necessary action that the committee might deem desirable.

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

Standard Oil Co. 230 gals. oil @ 8¢	\$ 18.40	H. H. Spencer, Masonry on Buffalo Ave.	\$ 20.00	Town Treasurer, contingent expenses	\$ 1.58
" " " 650 " gasoline @ 11 1/2	74.75	Thos. Somerville Co. 2 3/4' taps and fgt.	9.25	Geo. N. Day, Water tapping fees	5.00
" " " 1 bbl. lubricating oil @ 23 1/2	12.69	Wilkins & Jordan, 3 bbl. cement	6.30	G. W. Farsberg, repair parts for engine	4.25
Can. P. Tel. Co. Rental and messages	4.00	Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamps, etc. and fgt.	10.92	Pioneer Press, printing	2.00
Natl. Elec. Supply Co. 1/2" semi-bronze packing	1.80	Ing. Richardson Co. St. signs and fgt.	40.44	Samuel Queen, 2000 brick	20.00
Lamond Bros. Terra-cotta pipe	7.20	Wash. Co. College. Repairs to Sligo bridge	50.00	" " Hauling sewer pipe	6.00
Rudolph & West Co. Tools	1.10	Town Treasurer, legal expenses	5.98	E. N. Jackson, Surveying	5.00
					\$302.66

Mr. Grabill moved that the bills be paid except that of the Washington Training College for repairs to bridge, payment of which should be deferred until the items enumerated are checked up. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Hansen, for the Finance Committee, moved that the Treasurer be directed to pay and cancel one of the outstanding \$500 improvement bonds, said payment to be accredited to the town's annual proportion of the improvements for which said bonds were issued. Carried.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Assessors:

To the Mayor and Council.	Takoma Park, Md. April 10, 1908.
Gentlemen: - The undersigned, constituting a Board of Assessors appointed under resolution of the Council March 9, 1908, to revise the assessment of property for the purposes of municipal taxation, submit herewith the results of their labors. Inasmuch as it has been the policy of the Council to eliminate the assessment of personal property in the levying of taxes, the Board deemed it unnecessary to revise or consider that feature of the old assessment. As compared with the old assessment the Board has made decreases amounting to \$800.00; increases amounting to \$26495.00; a net increase of \$25695.00	
Respectfully	J. H. CLARK, Chr J. H. VAN HOUTEN BEN G. DAVIS } Board of Assessors.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was received and the Clerk directed to give the public notices, etc, required by the charter.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, reported that John Steele, lamplighter, had quit the job without notice, and that Mr. John T. Schaefer had been employed at \$40.00 per month and was doing the work satisfactorily.

Relative to the petition of Mr. Harris for the improvement of Lincoln Avenue, Mr. Blodgett reported verbally, that the committee had visited and looked over

the street and had concluded that it would be necessary to clear out the brush, etc., before any estimate could be made as to the cost of improving the street. The committee thought that the clearing ought to be done for about \$8⁰⁰ but had been unable so far to have it done for that amount. Further report would be made when conditions permitted the making of a reliable estimate.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that, in reference to the request of Mr. Gore relative to a crossing at Eastern and Laurel Aves., that the matter would be considered further in connection with the District authorities, the boundary line of the District and of the town being in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Blodgett called attention to repairs required on Columbia Ave. because of failure of Mr. Gagan, plumber, to place street in proper condition after excavating thereon, and moved that the cost of said repairs, \$1.⁸⁰ be charged to and deducted from Mr. Gagan's deposit. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be instructed to again notify the Brennan Construction Company of the necessity of immediate repairs to the cement sidewalks in accordance with their contract and that if no reply to such notification be received ten days after date thereof that the company's surety be notified and requested to have the repairs made. The motion was carried.

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Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, reported that the extension of the sewer on Sycamore Ave was under way and would be pushed

Mr. Grabill reported further that the foot bridge across the dam at the pump house was in bad condition and moved that the water and sewer committee be given authority to have it reconstructed. The motion was carried.

Mr. Derrick, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted drafts of proposed ordinances relative to the keeping of hogs within the corporate limits and the running of chickens at large. These proposed ordinances, after discussion at some length, were, on motion of Mr. Grabill, referred back to the Ordinance Committee, with instructions to consult with the Judiciary committee and resubmit the ordinances to the council.

Mr. Derrick submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 151

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md.
Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 4, 1908, in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel, Maple Ave., at which time the qualified voters of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., will cast their votes for one person as Mayor and for three persons as Councilmen, to serve for a term of two years. The polls will be open at 6 o'clock a.m. and will close at 6 o'clock p.m.
Section 2. Messrs. J. H. Clark, L. M. Rogers and S. E. McNeill are hereby appointed judges of said election.

Upon an aye and nay vote the ordinance was passed as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Derrick moved that the Town Clerk be authorized to call a meeting of citizens at a date not later than April 25th, 1908, at the Presbyterian chapel for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for Mayor and Council to be voted for at the election on May 4th. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, reported that all the papers in the Spring Park matter were in his possession and read to the Council the quit claim deed given by a previous Council purporting to convey to certain parties the rights of the town in said Park. Mr. Dyar stated that inasmuch as this deed was ~~executed~~ subsequent to the opinion rendered by him as to the invalidity of a prior conveyance of Spring Park by Mr. Gilbert, he was not prepared at this time to give a definite opinion upon the effect of the quit-claim deed given by the Council. This phase of the matter he would further investigate and report upon later.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$15.00 was authorized for compensation of the three members of the Board of Assessors of \$5.00 each.

The following communication was laid before the Council:

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

Takoma Park, Md., April 13, 1908.

Gentlemen:—I hereby tender my resignation as a Councilman of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. In explanation I regret to state that I am forced to take this step owing to circumstances over which I have no control. I have to thank you and the citizens of the town for past honors and courtesies shown me, and assure you that I shall still maintain an active interest in the affairs of this, my home town, and that I pledge my best efforts and most earnest support in behalf of good citizenship and continued honest administration. Respectfully,

J. B. DERRICK

On motion of Mr. Grabill the resignation was laid upon the table until the next meeting of the Council.

The following communication was presented for the information of the Council and was received and ordered to be filed.

The Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., April 13, 1908.

Gentlemen: The following is a statement of the disbursements made in connection with the macadamizing of a portion of Carroll Avenue:

Printing and advertising	\$ 13.16	Crushed stone	\$ 578.47
Tools and blacksmithing	5.05	Freight on stone	648.41
Labor	389.50	Unloading and hauling stone	335.07
		<u>total</u>	<u>\$ 1561.45</u>
			\$ 1969.66

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Mr. Lisle Morrison, representing a committee from the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian church, addressed the Council briefly, stating that, in consideration of the growth of the church, it has been found necessary to either make extensive repairs to the present edifice or to build a new one. That it has occurred to the Trustees, in view of the needs of the church for a new building and the great need of the Town for a public building for

municipal purposes that the purchase of the present church building by the town might be of advantage to all parties concerned.

Mr. Grabill, upon the conclusion of Mr. Morrison's remarks, moved the appointment of a committee by the Mayor, to consist of the Mayor and two members of the Council, to meet the committee of Trustees of the church, relative to the matter presented by Mr. Morrison, said committee to report at the next regular meeting of the Council. The motion was carried the Mayor announcing that appointment of the committee would be made later.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 4, 1908.

The Council met in special session at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Derrick, Dyar and Grabill.

Mr. S. E. McNeill, Chairman of the Judges of Election thereupon presented the following report:

Report of the Judges of an Election for Mayor and Three Councilmen at a Municipal Election held on Monday, May 4, 1908, in the Basement of the Presbyterian Church, Takoma Park, Maryland.

We, the undersigned, judges at an election for the choosing of a Mayor and three members of the Council for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel, Maple Avenue, on Monday, May 4, 1908, respectfully submit the following report:

The Board of Judges appointed by Ordinance of the Council are Messrs. J. H. Clark, L. M. Mooers and S. E. McNeill.

The Board organized by the election of Mr. S. E. McNeill as Chairman and Mr. E. N. Jackson as Clerk. The oath of office was administered to the Judges and the Clerk by the Mayor.

The polls were opened promptly at the legal hour of 6 o'clock a.m. and closed at 6 p.m. The following persons were balloted for and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

For Mayor. *W. G. PLATT* 65

For Councilmen: H. C. GORE ----- 20
L. R. GRABILL ----- 62
R. D. RUSH ----- 59
H. F. TAFF ----- 51

The total number of votes cast was 66.

It appears from the official canvass of the ballots that the following named candidates for Mayor and Councilmen received the highest number of votes cast at said election and they are hereby declared duly elected to the positions mentioned and for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday of June, 1908: Mayor, *W. G. Platt*; Councilmen, *L. R. Grabill*, *R. D. Rush* and *H. F. Taff*.

In compliance with a resolution adopted at a public meeting of the citizens of the Town the following proposition was placed upon the official ballot:

"Shall the Mayor and Council reassert the rights of the people of Takoma Park to the

ownership of Spring Park, by legal proceedings, or otherwise, as may be necessary?"	All of which is respectfully submitted to the Mayor and Council.
Upon this question the vote was as follows:	S.E. McNEILL, Chr
Yes ----- 56	L.M. MOGERS } Judges of Election
No ----- 2	J.H. CLARK }
Not Voting ----- 8	E.N. JACKSON, Clerk.

Mr. Derrick moved that the report be accepted, the persons named declared elected to the offices stated, and that the report and its inclosure be filed in the official records of the Town. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr Dyar an appropriation of \$12.00 was authorized for payment of the Judges and clerk of election at \$3⁰⁰ each.

Mr. Blodgett stated to the Council that, in regard to work on Lincoln Avenue, the committee had found it necessary to have the underbrush cut out and burned and that this had been done at an expense of \$8.00.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the expense so incurred was approved and its payment directed.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the Brennan Construction Company was now engaged in overhauling and repairing the cement sidewalks in accordance with the terms of their contract.

There being no further business the Council, at 8:50 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:
W.G. Platt Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk.

Monday evening, May 11, 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 and of the special meeting of May 4th were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

In accordance with public notice and on motion of Mr. Grabill the Council resolved itself into a Board of Review to consider any objections to the assessment as presented at the last meeting by the Board of Assessors.

A communication was read from Mr. T.E. Bowen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Adventists School on Columbia Avenue requesting that this institution be exempt from taxation as it should undoubtedly be classed with public or parochial schools, which under the state law, are entirely exempt.

Mr. Bowen's communication was considered at length and finally, on motion of Mr. Dyar, it was ordered referred to the Judiciary committee for investigation and report at the next meeting of the Council, it being understood that action on a request for exemption from taxation could properly come before the Council at any time.

A communication was presented from Mr. A.O. Tingley, of 10 Quiney Place, N.E. Washington, Executor of the estate of Adeline N. Chalker, requesting reduction on assessment of \$115.00 on lot 20, block 61; of \$135.00 on lot 4, block 64, and of \$55.00 on lot 11, block 34. An examination of the assessment list having shown that the lots enumerated were assessed upon the same basis as contiguous lots in the same blocks, and a reduction therein would be unjust to the latter, the Board decided, upon motion of Mr. Dyar, that the assessment stand as submitted by the assessors.

There being no further appeals or complaints presented Mr. Grabill moved that the Board of Review report the assessment list to the Council with recommendation that it be adopted as submitted by the Board of Assessors, and that the Board of Review adjourn without date. The motion was carried.

The Council thereupon resumed its regular session.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (thru' the Finance Committee.)
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of April, 1908:
Takoma Park, Md., May 1, 1908

Balance on hand last report	\$ 4223.45	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 26.40
From general taxes	\$ 85.58	gasoline	74.75
" water rents	63.06	Waterworks	1.50
" permits	2.00	Sewer system	11.25
	<u>150.64</u>	Sewer extension on Sycamore Ave	159.92
	4374.09	Street work: labor	30.20
		material	33.50
		Street lighting: oil	18.40
		miscellaneous	10.92
Of balance on hand of	\$ 2176.39	General expenses: printing	2.00
There belongs to cement walk fund	\$ 198.36	contingent	1.58
plumbers deposits	75.00	telephone rentals	4.00
balance due on sewer contract	100.00	postage	10.62
telephone company deposit	15.00	legal	5.98
builders' deposits	20.00	miscellaneous	57.44
Available balance	<u>1768.03</u>	Semi-annual interest on 4% water and sewer bonds	1080.00
		General improvement bonds paid	500.00
		Interest on " " "	5.73
		Water tappers fees	5.00
		Paid from redemption fund	63.51
		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
		lamplighter	35.00
		engineer	55.00
			<u>115.00</u>
			2197.70
		Balance on hand	2176.39
			<u>\$ 4374.09</u>

Respectfully submitted:

BEN G. DAVIS.

Treasurer

Examined and found correct:

JOHN HANSEN

W.W. DYAR

Finance Committee.

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

A communication was read from Mr. James W. Dyre, Secretary Takoma Park Citizens' Association, transmitting a copy of the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Association held in April:

"Whereas, at our last Citizens' Association meeting a resolution was passed calling upon the C. and P. Telephone Company to lower its toll rates from Takoma Park to the city from 10¢ to 5¢; and whereas, no answer has been received from the Telephone Company;
Resolved: that this Association, composed as it is of many citizens of Takoma Park, Md., call upon its Councilmen and Mayor not to give any further franchise or other privileges to the said Telephone Company until the discrimination in rates for telephone service has been removed."

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was instructed to transmit a copy of the Resolutions to the Chesapeake and Potomac Company with the statement that before acting on the Resolution the Mayor and Council would be pleased to have the views of the Company thereon.

A communication was laid before the Council from Mr. W. R. Saunders relative to the construction of a cess pool at his new residence on Blair Road, together

with the following report of the Health Committee, to whom the communication had been referred for investigation, thereon:

To the Mayor and Council:

Takoma Park, Md. May 11, 1908.

Your committee on Health and Sanitation have examined the cess pool which Mr. W.R. Saunders has petitioned the privilege of using in North Takoma. Its construction is such that we believe its use would be decidedly injurious, and it is our judgment that its proposed use should not be authorized.

H.E. ROGERS,
E.E. BLODGETT

Mr. Grabill moved that the application for the use of the cess pool as proposed, be denied. The motion was carried.

Mr. Saunders, who was present, was granted permission to address the Council. He stated that he has just completed a residence which he has provided with a modern system of sanitary plumbing; that in the absence of a public sewer in that part of town a cess pool is a necessity or else his plumbing system is rendered useless; that he is willing to reconstruct his cess-pool in accordance with plans which will be approved by the Council.

Upon further consideration of the matter Mr. Dyar moved that Mr. Grabill's motion be reconsidered. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar thereupon moved that Mr. Saunders be granted permission to construct a cess-pool upon his premises provided that the plans therefor and the construction thereof be approved by the Inspector of Plumbing and the Health Committee. The motion was carried.

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

The Pioneer Press, printing-----	\$ 3.50	Wilkins & Jordan, 5 bbl. cement-----	\$ 10.50	Dist. of Col. 2 4' 1/8 bends-----	\$ 3.05
Lamond Bros. terra cotta pipe-----	1.14	C & P. Tel. Co. Rentals-----	4.00	Town treasurer, contingent-----	1.45
B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing-----	6.90	Louis Hartig, Shovels and ball of line---	2.10	Geo. F. Muth burners-----	6.00
Springfield Gas Engine Co. Sundries---	3.00	Standard Oil Co. 3/15 gal oil-----	25.20	Thos. Somerville Sons-----	48.70
M. Lindsay Rubber Co. Boots and cement--	4.95	" " " 605 " gasoline-----	69.58		190.07

On motion of Mr. Grabill the bills were approved as recommended and payment ordered.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Review the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 152.

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

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

Section 1. - That the assessment of real property made for the purpose of municipal taxation, under and pursuant to the resolution of the Council of March 9, 1908, by J. H. Clark, J. H. Van Houten and Ben G. Davis, and reported by them April 10, 1908, be and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1908, the Council having sat as a Board of Review at its regular meeting held Monday, May 11, 1908, and determined all appeals and complaints thereat submitted, due notice of said meeting having been lawfully given and notices served as required by the charter on all persons whose assessment had been increased or diminished.

Mr. Dyar moved the adoption of the Ordinance and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Hansen, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following communication.

To the Mayor and Council.

Gentlemen: - The Finance Committee has given due consideration to the tax rate for the fiscal year 1908, and would recommend that it be fixed at \$1.40 per \$100⁰⁰ of assessed valuation, the same as for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Takoma Park, Md, May 8, 1908.

JOHN HANSEN } Finance Committee
W. W. DYAR }

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 153.

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, Md:

Section 1. That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as shown by the assessment adopted May 11, 1908, Ordinance No. 152, be and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 08.

Section 2. An additional tax of Sixty-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of the same assessed valuation, for the payment of interest, addition to the sinking fund and maintenance of a water and sewer system, is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1908.

Mr. Hansen moved the adoption of the Ordinance and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Hansen and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee reported verbally relative to progress of the work on Merimac Avenue connecting with the extension by the county, of Takoma Avenue. In regard to Lincoln Ave. Mr. Blodgett stated that the committee was not yet prepared to submit report or recommendation as to what should be done.

Mr. Blodgett also laid before the Council a communication from Mr. H. F. Taff, requesting that the cement walk on the southerly side of Tulip Ave between Willow and Maple Avenues, be extended fifty feet in front of his lot opposite the Maryland schoolhouse, for which purpose he would ^{dedicate} donate the required strip of land and pay the cost of the walk in the usual manner. Accompanying the communication was a recommendation of the street committee that the donation of land be accepted and the walk constructed upon the terms suggested by Mr. Taff.

A discussion of the matter developed that, under the law, the walk could be laid, waiving the necessary advertisements, notices, etc, only upon deposit of the total estimated cost of the work. Mr. Grabill thereupon moved that the offer of Mr. Taff to donate the required strip of ground

for a cement sidewalk in front of his lot on Tulip Ave, ~~be~~ accepted, and that, upon deposit by him of the sum of \$30⁰⁰ the estimated cost, a cement sidewalk be constructed extending ~~westerly~~ for a distance of fifty feet from the present walk on the southerly side of Tulip Ave. The motion was carried.

The communication of Engineer George Day for permission to use certain brick in the vaults of the abandoned sewer field, was returned by the Water and Sewer Committee, to which it had been referred, by the following indorsement:

2nd indorsement, May 7, 1908. Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with the recommendation that Mr. Day be allowed to use the brick named except those in one pit reserved for storage for barrels; and, in view of the fact that Mr. Day's services are rendered every day in the year, and that all his time is fully employed in the service of the town; and that, in cases of emergency he faithfully and cheerfully works at any time when needed, and at times has worked all night, for which extra service he receives no pay whatever, it is recommended by this committee that no charge be made against Mr. Day on account of the bricks and that they be given him in appreciation of his extra service so rendered.

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

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report and its recommendation were adopted.

Mr. Grabill submitted also the request of Mr. T. E. Bowen for draining of the excavation on the water tower lot indorsed as follows:

2nd indorsement, May 7, 1908. Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The pond has been drained by a ditch cut across an adjoining lot, at a cost of \$5.20. It is recommended that this excavation be used as a dump for ashes or clean earth so that it may finally be filled up and covered with the pile of surface material originally taken from the pit, which is still at the place.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the report was approved and its recommendation adopted.

Mr. Grabill reported to the Council that the sewer extension on Sycamore Avenue had been completed at a cost of about \$300 or 75¢ per running foot.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Water and Sewer committee be directed to investigate and prepare a report relative to the construction of a filtering plant for the town water supply and also upon the adoption of water meters throughout the town. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the bill of the Washington Training College for \$50⁰⁰ for repairs to Sligo bridge, held over from last meeting, was ordered paid.

The Mayor reported to the Council the terms of a bill, introduced in the state senate by Hon. Blair Lee, and recently approved by the Governor, hence being now a law, whereby the county commissioners are empowered to appropriate, from a special bond issue, the sum of \$2500⁰⁰ toward the construction of a new bridge on Carroll Avenue across the Sligo. The Council, at 10:10 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

W. H. Platt Mayor

Ben S. Davis, Clerk.