

Monday Evening, June 1, 1908.

A meeting of the Council was held this date, Mayor Platt presiding. There were present Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill and Rogers.

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

Addressing the Council briefly, Mayor Platt spoke of the expiration, with this meeting, of the terms of Councilmen Derrick and Hansen. Mr. Derrick, the Mayor stated, had been a member of the Council for six years and during that period had given earnest and faithful effort in the performance of every duty. Mr. Hansen's service of two years has been characterized by the same zeal and interest and the Mayor desired that there be of record this personal appreciation of the public service of these retiring members.

Concluding his remarks the Mayor stated that he had recently taken the oath of office for his new term before the clerk of the circuit court at Rockville and was now prepared to administer the oath of office to the members elect of the Council.

Messrs. L. R. Grabill, R. D. Rush and H. F. Taff, members elect for a term of two years, thereupon subscribed to the required oath and entered upon the discharge of their duties as members of the Council.

The Mayor stated the next order of business to be the election of a clerk and Treasurer.

Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be elected Clerk and Treasurer. The motion was carried. The Mayor administered the required oath and Mr. Davis thereupon entered upon the discharge of his duties.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the present bailiff, George N. Day, and deputy bailiffs, E. E. Blodgett, Thomas Rhine and J. A. Van Horn were reelected to their respective positions. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Blodgett, who was present.

On motion of Mr. Dyar, Mr. L. R. Grabill was appointed plumbing inspector, and on motion of Mr. Rush, Mr. E. E. Blodgett was appointed building inspector for the ensuing year. The Mayor administered the required oath to these two appointees.

A communication from Mr. M. Frank Ruppert, of 1021 7th St., N.W., requesting the construction of a sewer on Carroll Avenue in front of lot 6, block 37, was referred to the water and sewer committee for report and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council.

A communication from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, in reply to a letter of the clerk transmitting a copy of Resolutions presented to the Council by the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, as directed by the Council at its last meeting, was read by the clerk. In this communication the Company announced that they had given the question of telephone rates to the citizens of Takoma Park the "most careful consideration" and that

they are now authorized to offer within a radius of one mile of the central office at Takoma Park, District of Columbia and local Takoma service, at regular city rates. Relative to a reduction from 10¢ to 5¢ for outgoing messages from the low-priced, 4-party Maryland-District telephones at \$18.00 each, the letter stated this could not be done without distinct loss to the company. The letter stated further that the 4-party Maryland-District rate now becomes obsolete within the mile radius referred to and that no further contracts at that rate will be entered into within that area; but that the company has no thought at the present time of canceling existing contracts under the \$18.00 rate within this area. "The effect of all this," the letter concludes, "is to make Takoma Park within a mile radius of the existing Central Office at that point, a city exchange district, in which, under future contracts, only city rates will prevail."

The letter was informally considered at some length and was, upon motion of Mr. Rogers, referred to the Mayor, with authority to take up the matter further with the Telephone Company, at his convenience, and to report results to the Council.

The Mayor briefly outlined to the Council some of the pressing public improvements that were becoming necessities - the Spring Park matter, a filtration plant for the water supply and a new bridge across the Sligo on Carrall Avenue being among the most important. He stated that the list of standing committees would be announced at the next meeting and urged that all members of the Council give to these public questions earnest thought and consideration.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor.

Ben W. Davis, Clerk.

Monday evening, June 8, 1908

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

The minutes of the meeting of June 1st were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council, through the Finance Committee.		Takoma Park, Md, June 1, 1908	
Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, 1908:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 2176.39	Street lighting: oil	25.20
Receipts:		miscellaneous	6.00 31.20
From general taxes	\$ 5.05	General expenses: printing	3.50
" water rents	40.57	contingent	1.45
" special taxes, cement walks	23.34	telephone rentals	4.00
" permits	6.00	miscellaneous	12.00 20.95
" plumbers deposits	10.00	Plumbers' deposits returned	20.00
" deposit for construction of cement walks	30.00	Builders' deposits returned	10.00
" sale of crushed stone	3.00 117.96	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
	2294.35	lamplighter	40.00
Disbursements		engineer	55.00 120.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 6.75	Paid contractor for cement walks	134.42 738.60
gasoline	69.58 76.33	Balance on hand	\$ 1555.75
Waterworks: miscellaneous	34.70	Of bal. there belongs to cement walk fund	221.70
Sewer system: miscellaneous	9.38	plumbers deposits	65.00
Sycamore Ave extension	117.17 126.55	builders deposits	10.00
Street work: labor	164.45	balance due on sewer contract	100.00
Examined and found correct:		telephone company deposit	15.00
W. W. DYAR		deposit for cement walk	30.00
Finance committee.		Percent withheld from cement walk contractor	33.21 474.91
		Available balance	\$ 1080.84
		Respectfully,	BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was received and approved.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 4.10	Thos. Somerville Co. Taps and express	\$ 9.30	Stackett-Fiske Co. Tax book	\$ 12.00
G. W. Forsberg, repairs pumping plant	4.25	Standard Oil Co. 195 g. illum. oil	15.60	The Pioneer Press, printing	12.00
Fred J. White, manhole frames <sup>10.50</sup> <sub>fgt</sub> <sup>25</sup>	10.75	" " " 640 g gasoline	73.60		141.60

On motion of Mr. Grabill the recommendations of the Committee were approved and payment of the bills directed.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee reported verbally as to the amount of cement walk repairs made by the Brennan company. He also reported that the street committee had investigated conditions on Lincoln Avenue and recommended that \$50<sup>00</sup> be expended thereon. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation was approved and an appropriation of \$50 authorized.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the street committee would recommend that a street lamp be placed upon Spring Park and upon motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$5<sup>00</sup> was authorized therefor.

The condition of various street crossings was called to the attention of the Council by the street committee and after discussion thereof and on motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$20<sup>00</sup> was authorized for crossings at Oak and Eastern Aves. and at Chestnut and Takoma Aves.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, reported that the committee was collecting data in regard to filtration plants and that, in this connection, he had made arrangements to have a daily examination of the Sligo water made at the District filtration plant; that to do so, however, the water necessary would have to be delivered daily for several weeks. On motion of Mr. Rogers the chairman of the Water and Sewer committee was authorized to arrange for the delivery of the required amount of water at the District filtration plant, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the expenses involved.

The request of Mr. M. Frank Ruppert for sewer on Carroll Avenue was presented by the Water and Sewer committee indorsed as follows:

" 2nd Indorsement. June 6, 1908. Respectfully returned to the Council with report as follows: The length of the sewer from Sligo Avenue to the upper line of lot 6 would be about 762 feet. The distance from lot 6 to Lincoln Ave., at Mr. Jackson's corner, is about 341 linear feet. It is believed the line when built should extend at least this far. It is recommended that about 1100 linear feet of 8-inch terra cotta sewer be constructed in Carroll Avenue between Sligo Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$850. to be assessed against all of the lots abutting thereon in blocks 37, 50 and 51; and that a public hearing with reference to this construction be had on Monday evening, June 29, 1908, at 8 p.m., at the basement of the Presbyterian church in Takoma Park for the purpose of hearing objections from the owners of the property to be assessed. The committee recommends the adoption of the necessary ordinance for the purpose.

L. R. GRABILL } W. and S. committee.  
W. W. DYAR }

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be received and referred to the Finance Committee for report in regard to the present expenditure of the necessary money from the revenues of the town. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, submitted a statement of the cost of the sewer extension on Sycamore Avenue, together with a list of the lots and frontages upon which the new sewer abuts and on motion of Mr. Rogers, the papers were ordered referred to the Finance commit-

tee with instructions to prepare the necessary assessment and submit the same at a special meeting of the Council as early as convenient. Carried.

In accordance with instructions of the Council, Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following proposed Ordinances:

### Ordinance No. 154.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland: That Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance LX entitled "Animals Running at Large", are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That whoever being the owner of, or having possession of any domestic animal of the species of horse, mule, goat, sheep, swine, or cattle, shall permit or suffer the same to run at large within the corporate limits, shall be fined not less than one nor more than five dollars for each offense; and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned in the county jail not more than ten days for each offense.

Section 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the bailiff or any deputy bailiff to take up and impound in the corporation pound or other secure place, every animal found running at large in violation of this ordinance. If the owner, or person entitled to the possession of such animal so found running at large is known to the bailiff, he shall at once give him a written notice of the impounding of his property, and the bailiff shall not release such animal until the owner thereof shall pay the sum of one dollar for each animal so impounded, and the cost of its maintenance while so impounded.

(b) When any fowl or fowls, running at large, shall trespass upon private property, the owner or occupant thereof, is <sup>hereby</sup> authorized to seize and detain the same, and thereupon to notify the bailiff who shall take possession of such fowls and impound them in the corporation pound, or other secure place. If the owner of such fowls is known to the bailiff he shall at once give written notice to such owner of the impounding of such fowls, and the bailiff shall not release them until the owner shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents for each fowl so impounded and the cost of maintenance while so impounded. If the owner fails to pay said sum within ten days from the date of such impounding then the bailiff shall sell the same for the best cash price obtainable. The proceeds of said sale shall be applied first to defray the cost of maintaining said fowls while impounded; and of the remainder one-half shall go to the bailiff in lieu of fees, and the other half shall be returned to the owner of said fowls.

Mr. Taff 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, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

### Ordinance No. 155.

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

That the keeping or maintaining of any animal or animals of the species swine within the corporate limits of Takoma Park, is hereby declared a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain such animal or animals, under a penalty or fine of not less than one dollar or more than three dollars for each animal so kept or maintained, upon the first conviction thereof, and not less than five or more than ten dollars per head for any offense thereafter; and in default of payment of said fine or fines the offender may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding fifteen days; provided however, that this ordinance shall not apply when the sty, enclosure or place in which such animal or animals are kept, shall be located more than 500 feet from any dwelling house other than that of the person keeping or maintaining such animals.

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, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

Relative to the request of Mr. T. E. Bowen for exemption from taxation of the Adventist School on Columbia Ave., Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, reported verbally that his investigation of the matter had not yet been concluded.

Referred by  
No. 1005 (21:7)  
fowls at  
large

Referred by No. 1093  
(21:65)

The Mayor announced the appointment of standing committees of the Council as follows:

Finance - Messrs. Taff, Dyar and Rogers

Health - Messrs. Rogers, Blodgett and Taff.

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

Water and Sewers - Messrs. Grabill, Rush, Dyar and Taff.

Judiciary - Messrs. Dyar, Taff and Grabill

Ordinance - Messrs. Rush, Rogers and Blodgett.

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

Benn Davis

Clerk.

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor.

\* The Clerk presented a verbal request by Mrs. Sophie Bushby, for permission for the Swiss society of Washington, D.C., to hold a picnic on her grounds upon the Swiss national holiday in August, and for target shooting on that occasion. On motion of Mr. Rogers the desired permission was granted, proper precautions to be taken against damage or accident in the target shooting.

Wednesday Evening, June 17, 1908

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk, this date, for the purpose of considering the cost of the sewer extension on Sycamore Avenue and the assessment therefor. There were present the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The Treasurer submitted the following statement of the cost of said sewer:

Advertising	\$ 6.00	April 24, 1908. Pay Roll	\$ 59.32	Tools	\$ 2.10
Apr. 10, 1908. Pay Roll	25.90	May 1. " " "	42.53	Manhole work	6.00
" 14 " Surveying	5.00	" 11 " terra cotta pipe	48.00	500 brick	5.00
" " " Hauling pipe	6.00	" " " " " "	1.14	Manhole castings	10.75
" " " " sand	.75	" " " blacksmithing	6.90	Miscellaneous sundries	1.06
" 17 " Pay Roll	42.95	" " " 5 bbl. cement	10.50		279.90

Upon the basis of 799.7 linear feet of abutting property, as submitted by the water and sewer committee, the Finance Committee presented the following assessment, figured at 35¢ per linear foot, the actual cost of the sewer:

Block	Lot	Owner	Front Ft	Side ft less 100	Total	Ass'mt	Block	Lot	Owner	Front ft	Side ft less 100	Total	Assmt
21	4	Frank C. Severance	53.5	-	53.5	\$ 18.72	22	1	Robert McMurdy	100	-	100	35.00
"	5	" "	50	-	50	17.50	"	5	" "	116	-	116	40.60
"	6	" "	50	-	50	17.50	"	6	Tyler E. Bowen	50	-	50	17.50
"	7	" "	50	-	50	17.50	"	7	Emma L. Clark	50	-	50	17.50
"	8	Francis R. Lamb	50	-	50	17.50	"	8	Ella M. Mills	50	-	50	17.50
"	9	A. Homrighaus	50	-	50	17.50	"	9	" " "	40.1	-	40.1	14.04
"	10	" "	50	-	50	17.50							
"	11	Mary A. Cady Lee	40.1	-	40.1	14.04			Totals	406.1	-	406.1	279.90

The Finance Committee respectfully submits the above assessment and recommends its adoption.

H. F. TAFF  
H. E. ROGERS } Committee

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

### Ordinance No. 156

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

That the special assessment submitted this date by the Finance Committee for the payment of sewer extension on Sycamore Avenue, abutting lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 21, and lots 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, in block 22, 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. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt* Mayor.

*Ben G. Davis*  
Clerk

Friday evening, July 3, 1908

A special meeting, by direction of the Mayor, was held this date at the residence of Councilman Dyar, on Holly Ave. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill and Rush.

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called principally for the appointment of an additional deputy bailiff, it being deemed desirable in view of recent Saturday night occurrences on Carroll Avenue, that that section should be properly policed.

On motion of Mr. Dyar, following recommendation of the Mayor, Mr. William A. Thomas was appointed a deputy bailiff.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to have such bailiffs as he desired on duty at such times and places as he might deem necessary and to pay them reasonable compensation for their services.

On motion of Mr. Rush the Clerk was directed to purchase the necessary badges, hand-cuffs and clubs to equip the bailiffs.

Mr. Grabill called attention to the recent action of the clerk in granting a water connection permit to Dr. Lucas and Mrs. Shaffer, non-residents, which, in his opinion, was without authority, but, in view of the connection having been made, moved that the action of the clerk in these two cases, be approved, but that the parties named be notified that water meters must be installed in their premises, to cover the cost of which a deposit of \$20<sup>each</sup> should be made with the treasurer, any unexpended balance thereof to be returned. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that meter rates for water to non-residents be fixed at 20¢ per 100 cubic feet. Carried and so ordered.

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

Approved:

Mayor.

*Ben G. Davis* Clerk.



Monday evening, July 13, 1908

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.  
The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of June 17 and July were read by the Clerk and approved.  
The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)		Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1908.	
Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of June, 1908:			
Balance on hand last report	\$ 1555.75	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 8.75
From special taxes (cement walks)	\$ 37.99	gasoline	78.60 82.85
" " " (Sycamore Ave. sewer)	223.36	Waterworks: miscellaneous	9.30
" water rents	20.95	Sewer system	7.22
" permits	8.00	Sycamore Ave. sewer	10.50 17.72
" plumbers' deposits	20.00	Street work: labor	141.64
" builders' deposits	20.00 330.30	Street lighting: oil	15.60
	1886.05	Cement walk, Tulip Ave	27.00
Of balance on hand of	\$ 1418.93	General expenses: Printing	24.00
There belongs to cement walk fund	\$ 259.69	telephone	4.10
plumbers' deposits	75.00	legal	5.41 33.51
builders' deposits	20.00	Plumbers deposits returned	10.00
bal. telephone Co. deposit	12.00	Builders' " "	10.00
bal. due cement walk contractor	36.21	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	25.00
lamplighter's deposit	10.00 412.90	lamplighter	40.00
Available balance	\$ 1006.03	engineer	55.00 120.00
Examined and found correct:			467.12
H. F. TAFF	} Finance Committee	Balance on hand	1418.93
W. W. DYAR		Respectfully submitted:	1886.05
H. E. ROGERS		BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

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

The Finance Committee submitted the following approved bills and on motion of Mr. Grabill payment thereof was authorized and directed:

Standard Oil Co. 1015 gals gasoline @ 10 1/2 ¢	\$ 106.58	Eisinger Bros., lumber for crossings	\$ 15.04	C. M. Heaton, Trustee, rent of "log cabin"	\$ 36.00
" " 335 " illum. oil " 8 ¢	26.80	Thos. Somerville Co., lead, laddle & caulking	3.27	Geo. N. Day, tapping fees	7.50
Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe	18.40	Rudolph & West Co. Scythe & whetstones	2.10	D. N. Walford, handcuffs & blackjacks	11.50
Cand. P. Telephone Co. Rental & messages	4.20	Town Treasurer, Contingencies	1.95	Lamb & Tilden, bailiffs badges	2.25
Geo. F. Muth and Co. 1 Dietz lamp	3.75	Presbyterian Church, rent of basement	35.00	Springfield gas engine Co. electrodes	3.00
					277.34

The annual report of the Town Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council (Thro' the Finance Committee.)

Takoma Park, Md. July 1, 1908

Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908:

Balance on hand July 1, 1907 ----- \$ 981.89

Receipts:

From general taxes ----- \$ 7605.86  
 " special " (cement walks) ----- 1553.36  
 " " " (Carroll Ave. water main) ----- 178.87  
 " " " (Sycamore Ave. sewer) ----- 223.36  
 " water rents ----- 1924.54  
 " road tax refund, Montgomery Co ----- 737.07  
 " " " " Prince George Co. ----- 213.04

From permits ----- \$ 105.00  
 " interest on deposits in bank ----- 51.20  
 " special deposit for cement walks ----- 30.00  
 " redemption of property sold at tax sale ----- 156.44  
 " plumbers' deposits ----- 90.00  
 " builders " ----- 40.00  
 " miscellaneous sources ----- 5.50 12914.24  
 13896.13

Disbursements:

Pumping plant: miscellaneous ----- \$ 154.16  
 gasoline ----- 869.05  
 salary of engineer ----- 670.00 1693.21  
 Waterworks: miscellaneous expenses ----- 229.95  
 Sewer system: miscellaneous ----- 126.16  
 Sycamore Ave. extension ----- 273.59 399.75  
 Street work: labor ----- 691.11  
 material ----- 245.95  
 macadamizing Carroll Ave ----- 1969.66  
 cement walks constructed ----- 350.62 3257.34  
 Street lighting: oil ----- 254.80  
 miscellaneous ----- 107.56  
 salary of lamplighter ----- 504.83 867.19  
 General expenses: printing and advertising ----- 39.50  
 telephone rentals ----- 50.25

General expenses: (Contd) contingent ----- \$ 12.19  
 postage ----- 21.24  
 rents ----- 70.00  
 legal ----- 13.71  
 water tappers' fees ----- 50.00  
 miscellaneous ----- 146.33 403.22  
 Return of bal. B. and W. Ry. Co. deposit ----- 220.00  
 Interest: water and sewer bonds, 4% ----- 2160.00  
 general improvement bonds 5 1/2% ----- 311.67 2471.67  
 Disbursements from redemption fund ----- 164.87  
 Plumbers' deposits returned ----- 50.00  
 Builders' deposits returned ----- 20.00  
 Deposited to credit of sinking fund ----- 500.00  
 Salary of clerk and treasurer ----- 300.00  
 General improvement bonds paid ----- 1900.00 12477.20  
 Balance on hand ----- 1418.93

Sinking Fund:

Balance on hand July 1, 1907 ----- \$ 573.28  
 Interest credits ----- 11.42  
 Deposit to credit of ----- 500.00  
 ----- \$ 1084.70  
 Water and sewer bonds purchased and cancelled ----- 964.78  
 Balance on hand ----- \$ 119.92

Note: \$3000.00 of water and sewer bonds have been purchased and cancelled from the sinking fund to date.

Bonded Indebtedness:

Water and Sewer bonds (4%) 1st issue ----- \$ 37000.00  
 2nd issue ----- 10000.00  
 3rd issue ----- 7000.00 54000.00  
 General improvement bonds (5 1/2%) ----- 3900.00  
 Total ----- \$ 57900.00

There is no floating indebtedness and all bills are paid to date.  
 Very respectfully,

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasr

Mr. Taff, for the Finance Committee, stated, that, inasmuch as the books and accounts of the Treasurer are thoroughly and carefully examined and audited each month, the Finance Committee confined its examination of the above annual report to a careful checking of ledger accounts for each month and totals

thereof, which were found accurate and correct. On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was referred to the Finance Committee with authority for any further action that may be deemed necessary and for printing of the report as required by the charter, and distribution thereof.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

July 9, 1908. The Finance Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations for consideration of the Council:  
 That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be deposited to the credit of the sinking fund.  
 That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be appropriated to take up one General Improvement bond.  
 That all unexpended appropriations shall revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.  
 That the various committees shall make estimates of their probable financial requirements for the present fiscal year and submit the same to the Mayor on or before August 1, 1908.

H. F. TAFF  
 W. W. DYAR  
 H. E. ROGERS Finance Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee were separately considered and all duly approved and adopted, the first two on motion of Mr. Dyar and the last two on motion of Mr. Grabill.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., July 9, 1908.  
 Gentlemen: The Finance Committee is informed by the Clerk and Treasurer of the completion of 133.6 feet of cement sidewalk on Elm Ave. at a cost of \$86.84. The committee would therefore recommend that the cost thereof be assessed against the abutting property as follows:

Subdivision	Block	Lot	Owner	Side ft (less 100)	Cost
Fifield	F	1	Eleanor S. McKenney	133.6	\$86.84

In accordance with the above recommendation the committee submits the following proposed Ordinance:  
**Ordinance No. 156A**  
 Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:  
 That the special assessment submitted July 9th, 1908, by the Finance Committee, for the payment of a cement walk abutting lot 1 in block F of the Fifield subdivision, constructed under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

Very respectfully,  
 H. F. TAFF  
 W. W. DYAR  
 H. E. ROGERS, Finance Committee.

Mr. 156A

Mr. Dyar moved that the report of the committee be approved and adopted. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Rogers moved that the proposed ordinance submitted by the Finance Committee be adopted, and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The Finance Committee, to whom had been referred the application of Mr. M. Frank Ruppert for the construction of a sewer on Carroll Avenue, for report as to the availability of funds for the purpose stated, returned said application indorsed as follows:

4th Indorsement. Respectfully returned to the Council, with recommendation for favorable action on the application provided that the owners of abutting property representing at least one-half the estimated cost shall agree to deposit the entire amount of their proportion of the estimated cost of the work prior to its commencement.  
July 9, 1908.

H. F. TAFF  
W. W. DYAR  
H. E. ROGERS } Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation of the Committee was approved and the Clerk directed to so notify the applicant.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights laid before the Council a communication from Messrs. John and George Powell relative to bad condition of Sliqo Ave. and the lack of an improved road from that street to their properties. Mr. Blodgett explained to the Council that Butternut Ave., if located definitely, might be opened and sufficiently improved to give the Messrs. Powell the desired relief.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Street Committee was directed to have Butternut Avenue definitely and accurately located, by surveying if necessary, and to submit to the Council an estimate of the amount necessary to so improve it as to give a public highway to the property of the Messrs. Powell.

Mr. Blodgett called attention to bad condition of pipe across Ethan Allen Avenue, and on motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to have the same cleaned out <sup>and</sup> the broken portions, if any, replaced.

Mr. Grabill moved that an appropriation of \$75.00 be authorized for repairing and improving Sliqo Avenue from Carroll Avenue to the pumping station. The motion was carried and the work directed.

Mr. Dyar called attention to several depressions on Holly Avenue resulting from cuts made and improperly filled in placing house water connections.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be directed to have these depressions filled and that the cost of the work be charged to the deposits of the plumbers who did the work, if such deposits were still available. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was directed to submit at the next meeting of the Council estimates for two new street crossings on Takoma Ave., one on New York Ave. and one on Carroll Ave.

From the Water and Sewer Committee Mr. Grabill reported that the committee had been considering the problem of the best method to clean out the "well" or "cistern," from which the water is pumped into the water-tower, and upon the bottom of which sediment is, of necessity, being constantly deposited; that the committee is of opinion that a centrifugal pump will best do the work, for the operation of which a portable engine can be occasionally rented; that such a pump can be secured and installed for about \$100.00 and that the committee recommends the purchase and installation thereof.

Mr. Dyar moved that an appropriation of \$125.00 be authorized for the purchase and installation of a four-inch centrifugal pump for the purpose of

cleaning out the "well" or "cistern" at the pumping station, said appropriation to be expended by the Water and Sewer Committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill read to the Council a communication from the Secretary of the State Board of Health in which was quoted the law relating to protection of the water shed from which municipal water supplies are obtained and expressing willingness of the Board to cooperate to the fullest extent with local boards in the protection of such water sheds. Mr. Grabill reported further that the committee had had notices printed and distributed in relation to sprinkling hours and to the penalties for violation thereof.

Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer Committee, reported, as a preliminary to the possible introduction of water meters in all residences, and to provide an experimental test thereof, that the committee would recommend the purchase and installation of four meters, in such residences as the committee may deem advisable, at a cost not exceeding \$80.00, for experimental purposes; it being understood, in case of the adoption of the meter system throughout the town, that the four meters provided for, shall be paid for by the respective property owners, on the same basis as may be hereafter adopted by the Council, for property owners in general.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation of the Water and Sewer committee was approved and the appropriation of \$80 authorized.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee submitted the following ordinance amendatory of Ordinance No. 95

#### Ordinance No 157

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

Section 1. That section 2 of Ordinance No. 95, passed and approved August 4, 1902, and amended December 7, 1903, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: "Section 2. That no person shall use a fountain, street washer, lawn sprinkler or other hose connections except between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock a.m., and 5 and 8 o'clock p.m., under a penalty of two dollars for the first offense, five dollars for the second offense and ten dollars for each subsequent offense. It shall be the duty of the bailiff and any deputy bailiff who shall personally observe such prohibited use of water out of hours, to immediately turn off the water from the premises and report the fact thereof to the town treasurer. The water shall not again be turned on until the amount of the penalty herein provided shall have been paid to the treasurer. Any person claiming that the water has been unjustly turned off from his premises, may appeal to the Mayor who shall hear and determine the case.

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, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The Council discussed briefly, and informally, the matter of a proposed new bridge across the Sligo on Carrall Ave. In connection therewith Mr. Grabill stated that he had consulted <sup>w.l.</sup> Mr. Douglas, the Superintendent of Bridges in the District of Columbia and that Mr. Douglas would prepare sketch plans and estimate of cost of a bridge for \$40.00 and in case of acceptance of his design, will furnish all necessary plans, elevations, details and complete specifications for 2 per cent of the contract price of the bridge.

repealed by No. 165  
(2-1-17)

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Mr. Dyar moved that the sum of \$40<sup>00</sup> be appropriated for the sketch plans and estimate of cost of the proposed bridge by Mr. Douglas, in accordance with the statement of Mr. Grabill. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers laid before the Council a petition from a majority of the land owners on Willow Ave., between Carroll and Tulip and on Carroll Ave. between the log cabin and the District Line, requesting the construction of a cement curbing along those streets as designated, at the expense of the abutting property. In a letter transmitting said petition, it is stated that if the town does not wish to bear any of this improvement that Mr. Baird be permitted to build it at the expense of the respective land owners.

The petition was referred to the committee on Streets and Lights for consideration and report.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, stated that he was ready to submit reports on the "Spring Park" matter and on the request of Mr. T. E. Bowen for exemption from taxation of the Adventist School on Columbia Avenue, but in view of the lateness of the hour suggested that the matter be deferred for consideration at a special meeting of the Council.

Such action seeming to meet the approval of the Council, the Mayor stated that he would therefore call a special meeting for Monday evening next, the 10th instant, at the usual time and place.

The Council thereupon, at 11:10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*W. G. Platt* Mayor.

*Ben Davis*, Clerk

Monday evening, July 20, 1908

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor the Council met in special session for the consideration of such business as the committees may desire, convening at 8:10 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The petition of Willow and Carroll Ave. property owners for cement curbing which had been referred to the committee on streets and lights, was returned by the committee with the following report:

Your committee on Streets and Lights, to whom was referred the petition for curbing to be placed on specified portions of Willow and Carroll Aves, would report that the distance for which this curbing is asked is approximately 2200 feet. Inasmuch as all the owners of abutting property have signed this petition, and are willing that the General Conference Corporation shall do the work and apportion the cost thereof pro rata;

We recommend, that the General Conference Corporation be and is hereby authorized to construct the curbing in harmony with their petition, under the general direction of the Committee on Streets and Lights, and to collect the cost thereof from the owners of abutting property.

We further recommend, that all amounts in excess of one hundred feet on side of lots, be paid for by the Town of Takoma Park, as are all similar improvements, as provided for under section 40, subsection f, of the Town Charter. In this instance this will involve paying for fifty-five feet, at an estimated cost of twenty-five to thirty cents per lineal foot frontage. Respectfully submitted:

F. E. BLODGETT.  
L. R. GRABILL  
R. D. RUSH  
H. E. ROGERS } Committee

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

In accordance with the instructions of the Council the street committee submitted the following report in regard to street crossings:

Your committee on Streets and Lights would recommend that crossings be placed at the following locations, at an estimated expense of \$90.00:

One crossing on Takoma Avenue at New York Avenue

" " " New York " " Takoma "

" " " Takoma " near Baltimore "

One crossing on Carroll Avenue at Willow Avenue

" " " " " " Laurel "

" " " Columbra " " Carroll "

F. E. BLODGETT  
R. D. RUSH  
L. R. GRABILL  
H. E. ROGERS  
Committee.

Mr. Taff moved that the report of the committee be accepted and its recommendations approved except that the crossing on Carroll at Willow be constructed of cement and the estimated expense increased to \$100. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers, for Mr. L. B. Smith, submitted the verbal request of that gentleman for permission to obtain water from the yard hydrant at one of the houses of Mr. R. H. P. Holt, agreeing to pay the usual water rates therefor.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the desired permission was granted provided Mr. Smith file with the town clerk a letter from the occupant of Mr. Holt's house that such permission is agreeable to him.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, returned to the Council the request of Mr. T. E. Bowen, for exemption from taxation of the Adventist School on Columbia Avenue, with the following report:

In respect to the application of T. E. Bowen, chairman of the Board of Trustees, asking that the Adventist School on Columbia Avenue be exempted from taxation, and suggesting that the same is exempt under the laws of the state, your committee, after some examination of the laws relative thereto, report as follows: The general provision relating to exemptions in Maryland is contained in Article 81 of the Public and General Laws of Maryland, 1888, as amended by the Acts of 1896, Chapter 120. This article contains entire the general tax laws of the state and is entitled "Revenue and Taxes." Its scope prior to the amendment of 1896 is shown by the first section, which in the revision of 1888 reads as follows:

"Section 1. All State and County taxes, and all taxes in the City of Baltimore, shall be levied upon the assessment heretofore made and such further assessments as may hereafter be made agreeably to law" etc.

Sections two and three enumerate the various kinds of property that shall be taxed and prescribe how and where the assessments and levies shall be made. Section four, which is the exemption clause, reads, in part, as follows:

"The provisions of this Article shall not apply to any bonds or stock \* \* \* nor to buildings, furniture, equipment or libraries of incorporated educational or literary institutions, or to the ground appurtenant thereto," etc. etc.

It seems clear by the first section that the whole scheme of taxation is limited to "State and County taxes and taxes in the City of Baltimore." This limitation is further shown by the fact that all the means, methods and machinery provided in the subsequent sections of this long Act for assessment, revision, levy and collection of taxes, have reference only to state and county taxes and taxes in the City of Baltimore.

It is to be noted that the language of the exemption clause is peculiar. It does not declare that the various kind of property therein enumerated shall be exempt from taxation in Maryland; but it says "this Article shall not apply" to said property.

It seems clear therefore that the exemptions provided for were only from the taxation provided for in the Article, namely, state and county taxation and taxation in the City of Baltimore; and that it had no relation whatever to municipal taxation in other incorporated towns and cities operating under their own charters, which charters provided their own methods of taxation.

By the amendment of 1896, however, the language of the first section was broadened so as to declare that all state, county and municipal taxes shall be levied, etc.; and it might, with some show of reason, be claimed that this language also broadened the scope of the language in section four so as to exempt the enumerated kinds of property from municipal taxation generally.

But it is a well settled rule that general legislation applicable to the state as a whole does not repeal the charters of particular municipalities, unless it is clearly so stated. And in the case of Mayor and Council of Salisbury vs. Jackson, 89 Md. 518, the court of appeals of this state has expressly so ruled in respect to this amendment of 1896. In that case it appeared that before the date of that amendment the Town of Salisbury was operating under a charter which provided for the taxation of all property therein, but exempted "judgments and private securities," and it was claimed that such amendment of the general law superseded and repealed this provision. But the court held that this was not the case. Quoting and approving the opinion of the court below, the court of appeals said:

"The general revenue and tax laws were passed to provide a proper system of taxation for the whole state so that no property in the state should be permitted to escape bearing its proper burden of taxes for the public benefit. It cannot be for a moment supposed that in so doing the legislature intended to alter the charters of many of the Towns of the State. In those charters the property liable to taxation for municipal purposes was defined with precision, also how and on what terms the corporations should exercise the sovereign power of levying taxes. It is not possible that while providing a general system of taxation, the legislature intended to sweep away all the provisions that were designed for the protection of the inhabitants of the towns from wanton and improper exercise of a power by which they could be divested of their property.

"To warrant holding a charter provision repealed by implication, it must clearly appear in the statute that the legislature intended to abrogate the charter provision," citing Snowden vs. State 69 Md. 208; Cumberland vs. McGrunder 34 Md. 381.

The situation of Takoma Park is even stronger than that of the Town of Salisbury; for the same legislature which passed the amendment of 1896 to the general tax laws, subsequently and in the course of a few weeks passed the amendment to the charter of Takoma Park by which there was first incorporated in said charter a complete system of taxation, differing fundamentally in many respects from the general law. And it is to be noted that this charter expressly declares that assessment shall be made "of all real and personal property within the limits of the town," and contains no exemptions.



whatever. So that, in order to maintain exemptions from taxation under the general law, it would be necessary not only to nullify the provision that "all real and personal property" shall be assessed, but to read into our charter the provisions of the general law relating to exemptions. We do not think this can be done.

We may therefore conclude that there are no positive provisions of law exempting from municipal taxation in Takoma Park any classes of property whatever. We think further that, until the law is shown to be otherwise, the Council may exercise the power of exempting from taxation properties which are exempt under the general policy of the State.

We therefore recommend as follows:

1. That the Adventist School in question, not being conducted for the profit either of individuals or of any corporation, be exempted from assessment and levy.
2. That as to the Washington Training School and the Sanitarium, located on block 51, no exemption should be granted because in order that these institutions might be located on this property, the Town voluntarily expended something like \$10,000 in extending its sewage and water systems and incurred further heavy burdens in respect to furnishing water to said institutions free or at minimum rates on the implied understanding, as we believe, that it would receive some recompense from the increased taxable value of this property.
3. That no exemptions be hereafter granted to institutions, private or incorporated, which are carried on in whole or in part, for profit.

W. W. DYAR  
L. R. GRABILL } Judiciary Com.  
H. F. TAFF }

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was adopted and the recommendations of the committee approved.

Mr. Dyar stated that the Judiciary Committee, as directed by the Council, had taken up the question of "Spring Park," and submitted the following report:

After some examination of the law bearing on the subject, your committee has reached the following conclusions:

1. That the plot of ground known as "Spring Park" was irrevocably dedicated to the public use as a park long before the Town of Takoma Park was incorporated as a municipality.
2. That the instrument dated August 6, 1900, purporting to be an agreement between Alvah Wiswell and wife on one side and the Town of Takoma Park Md., on the other, and also purporting to quit-claim the right and title of the town to said Wiswells, is void for want of power in the Mayor and Council to make the same.
3. That said ground remains now a Public Park free to the use of the inhabitants as such; that from the circumstances of the dedication and the subsequent use by the people, the inhabitants of the Town have a right of access to the spring for the purpose of carrying away water in vessels for their own domestic use; but that the use of the ground and the spring is subject to protection, control and regulation by the council.

We therefore recommend that the grantees of the said Wiswell's be notified that they will not hereafter be permitted to exercise any authority or control over said premises, or erect any building or other structure thereon, or to lay any pipe line thereon to convey away the waters of said spring.

We think however, that the Council probably has power to control the disposition of the surplus waters of the spring; and if it should appear that the grantees of said Wiswell's have in good faith paid or given a valuable consideration for their alleged title, and have built up a business for the sale of the waters, then the Council should give them the preference in any arrangement it may make for the disposal of surplus waters.

W. W. DYAR  
L. R. GRABILL } Judiciary Committee.  
H. F. TAFF }

On motion of Mr. Dyar the report was adopted and the recommendations of the committee approved.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Clatt

Mayor

Ben S. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, August 10, 1908.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of July 20th were read by the Clerk and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

To the Mayor and Council, Through the Finance Committee.

Takoma Park, Md, August 1, 1908

Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of July, 1908:

Balance on hand last report ----- \$ 1418.93

Receipts:

From general taxes -----	\$4102.93	
" special " (cement walks) -----	268.89	
" " " (Sycamore Ave Sewer) -----	39.04	
" water rents -----	53.01	
" plumbers' deposits -----	20.00	
" permits -----	20.00	
" deposit for water meters -----	40.00	
" interest on deposits in bank -----	18.68	
" sale of crushed stone -----	3.20	4565.75
		<u>5984.68</u>

Of balance on hand amounting to ----- \$ 3914.32

There belongs to sidewalk fund -----	\$ 28.58	
plumbers' deposits -----	95.00	
builders' deposits -----	20.00	
bal. Telephone Co. deposit -----	12.00	
bal. due cement walk contractor -----	86.21	
lamplighters' deposit -----	10.00	
deposit for water meters -----	40.00	291.79
Available balance -----		<u>\$ 3622.53.</u>

Disbursements:

Pumping plant: miscellaneous -----	\$ 3.00	
gasoline -----	106.58	109.58
Waterworks: miscellaneous -----		4.52
Street work: labor -----	17.65	
material -----	35.54	53.19
Street lighting: oil -----	26.80	
miscellaneous -----	3.75	30.55
General expenses: printing -----	1.75	
contingent -----	1.95	
telephone -----	4.20	
postage -----	10.62	18.52
Rentals -----		71.00
Miscellaneous expenses -----		13.75
Water tapping fees -----		7.50
Semi-annual interest on \$5900 general impt. bonds -----		107.25
General improvement bonds paid -----		1000.00
Deposit to credit of sinking fund -----		500.00
Salaries: clerk and treasurer -----	25.00	
lamplighter -----	40.00	
engineer -----	55.00	
laborer -----	34.50	154.50
		<u>2070.36</u>

Balance on hand ----- 3914.32

5984.68

Examined - Approved.

H. F. TAFF

W. W. DYAR

H. E. ROGERS

Finance Committee

Ben D. Davis Treasurer

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

The Mayor stated that the various committees had submitted their estimates of expenditures for the ensuing year, but inasmuch as the last one had just reached him he had had no opportunity to analyze them, and upon his suggestion, the matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

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

National Meter Co. 2 meters and express	\$ 21.70	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubricating oil	\$ 12.24	G.W. Forsberg, Repairs to pump plant	\$ 2.50
E.N. Jackson, Surveying for bridge	18.00	" " " 560 gals gasoline @ 10 1/2	58.80	Pioneer Press, printing	5.25
Louis Hartig, Duck and tacks	1.25	" " " 260 " illum. oil @ 8¢	20.80	A.H. Deike, repairing street lamps	1.25
W.F. Mattingly, Disinfectants	3.00	Lee Grabill, Carrying water for analysis	17.50	Rudolph & West Co. lock and rope	2.33
C. & P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	4.00	Geo. N. Day, Water taps	10.00	W. J. Douglas, Bridge plans	40.00

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park;  
 Takoma Park, Md., August 10, 1908

Gentlemen: - Your committee on Streets and Lights have the honor to submit the following report relative to work on streets:

Regarding the complaint of John Powell and others as to the condition of manhole at Sligo Mill, we would report that gravel has been hauled and washout repaired.

Regarding the place on Ethan Allen Ave. near Sligo Mill road, where the pipe had become filled and rains washing the road bed, we would report that the pipe has been taken up, cleaned out and relaid, the gutters cleaned and road rounded up; but more gravel is needed to finish the work. This will be completed as soon as convenient.

Recent rains have damaged the gutter on the west side of Poplar Ave., washing out the gutter and cutting under the walk from six to eighteen inches. This has been repaired, filling with clay well rammed and covering with sod to hold earth in place.

For the work on Lincoln Ave. there was an appropriation of \$50. The work has been completed, gutters cut, stumps cut out, hill cut down and low places filled, and street rounded up, at a cost of \$51.52, \$1.52 in excess of appropriation, which was necessary to have the work completed.

The lumber for crossings has been purchased and part of it has been delivered. On the delivery of the remainder, the work will be completed.

E.E. BLODGETT. R.D. RUSH  
 L.R. GRABILL H.E. ROGERS.  
 Committee on Streets and Lights.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved.

Mr. Blodgett presented a request from the C. and P. Telephone Co. for permission to erect the necessary poles to supply service to the Bliss Electric School.

Mr. Grabill moved that the desired permission be granted provided that a representative of the company confer with the Chairman of the street committee and locate the necessary pole at such point as the latter may designate. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee presented a request from The Collins-Querry Co. of Washington, D.C., requesting the construction of a sewer through lots 5 to 10, in block 74, owned by Mr. B.H. Warner, and stating that Mr. Warner was willing to deposit the estimated cost of the sewer and to deed the necessary right of way. The communication was indorsed by the Water and Sewer committee as follows:

2nd indorsement. Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. This committee estimates the cost of the sewer at \$350.00. It is recommended that the sewer be constructed upon the filing with the clerk of the deed for the right of way and the deposit of the estimated amount with the treasurer.

L.R. GRABILL  
 R.D. RUSH  
 W.W. DYAR

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report and recommendations of the committee were approved.

A communication from Mr. W. R. Rose, in which he requested permission to tap and use the house sewer of his present residence, corner of Takoma and Baltimore Avenues, for sewerage a new house being constructed by him on Takoma Avenue, which street is devoid of sewer, was returned by Mr. L. R. Grabill in his capacity as plumbing inspector, disapproved. Mr. Grabill recommended that the new house be connected <sup>by</sup> ~~with~~ separate sewer with the Baltimore Avenue sewer, and that in case of such connection, any future transfer of the property traversed, should provide for sewer right of way in the deed therefor.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation of the plumbing inspector was approved.

The Mayor laid before the Council the sketch plans of Mr. W. J. Douglas, C. E., for a cement bridge across Slijo branch, and they were referred to the Committee on Streets and Lights for use in further consideration of the matter.

In connection with permission recently granted the Washington Swiss Society to hold a picnic on the grounds of Mrs. Sophie Bushby, Carroll Avenue, the Mayor requested that there be placed upon the records the following letter written by him to Mrs. Bushby upon learning that said picnic was to be held on Sunday and that beer was to be used and sold thereat:

Mrs. Bushby, Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, D. C., August 6, 1908

Dear Madam:—Some time ago the Mayor and Council, at your request, granted permission to the Swiss Society of Washington, D. C., to celebrate the Swiss National Holiday and to use rifles in target practice, at your place on Carroll Avenue. In presenting your request Mr. Davis stated that the event would occur sometime during August. I have just learned that the exercises will be next Sunday. Had the Mayor and Council known that the exercises were to be on Sunday, they would not have granted the request, and I feel that it is my duty to inform you that if there is objection on the part of any citizen to the use of firearms, the firing must cease. I have been informed also that beer would be sold, although in an indirect manner. If this information is correct I desire to say that under no circumstances would the Mayor and Council permit this to be done. I trust that you will place this letter in the hands of the committee in charge of the exercises, in order that there may be no misunderstanding to mar the pleasure of the guests assembled on the day of the exercises.

Very Respectfully, W. G. PLATT, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the action of the Mayor was approved and entry of his letter upon the minutes directed.

The Mayor invited the consideration of the Council to the advisability of some sort of police protection within the town limits, and upon his suggestion the matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Blodgett called the attention of the Council to the fact that the Potomac Electric Power and Light Co. were stringing wires at various points in the town without permission therefor, and were also attaching electric lighting wires to telephone poles, all in violation of the town ordinances.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, the clerk was directed to transmit a copy of the ordinance relating to the stringing of wires, to the Potomac

Electric Power and Light Company and to inform them that any wires erected or strung in violation of said ordinance should be removed and application made as directed therein.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the last paragraph of Section 8 of the plumbing regulations was amended to read as follows:

*"No permit shall be given for the erection of any building or for connection with public water mains or sewers until said plans and specifications of the plumbing work shall have been presented and approved. These plans and specifications shall be kept on file in the office of the*

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt* Mayor

*Ben Davis* Clerk

Monday Evening, August 31, 1908

A special meeting of the Council, called by the Mayor for the purpose of considering requests of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, for the erection of poles and stringing of wires thereon, was held this date at the office of the Clerk. There were present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers and Rush.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, submitted a request from the Potomac Electric Power Company for permission to extend their wires from the bridge over the railroad in North Takoma, on recently erected poles, to the Bliss Electrical School; stating that they had granted permission to the telephone company to occupy these same poles, the construction to be in accordance with a standard specification, a copy of which they inclose. The communication was indorsed as follows:

*[2nd Indorsement.] August 31, 1908. Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council recommending that permission be granted for the pole line requested and the stringing of wires thereon, same to be constructed in accordance with inclosed specification, provided that poles be located as directed by the chairman of this committee, the inclosed blue print being wrong; and provided further that no injury be done to intervening trees.*

*E. E. BLODGETT. L. R. GRABILL } Street Committee  
R. D. RUSH. H. E. ROGERS }*

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

The street committee also presented the following applications of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company with recommendations thereon:

1. For the erection of new poles on Buffalo, Baltimore and Takoma Aves.; - three poles and two anchors on the west side of Takoma Ave., south of Baltimore

Ave., and one pole on the south side of Baltimore Ave. just east of Takoma Ave.; also three poles on the north side of the line of Buffalo Ave. The committee recommended that the desired permission be granted.

2. To erect a pole and guy stub at the intersection of Buffalo and New York Avenues. The committee recommended the granting of the desired permission with request that the guy pole be as high as possible to keep the wires above the street.

3. To erect poles and anchor on Poplar Avenue, to remove street lamp at expense of company, to erect pole and anchor on Spring Park, and to cut down two trees on Spring Park. The committee recommended that no permission be granted to remove the trees as requested and that the company be informed that the desired line of poles should be so located as to obviate the necessity of removing or disfiguring trees and that a newly submitted plan would receive the attention of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Rush the recommendations of the committee were approved in each instance, the permits granted with the usual proviso that the exact location of each pole should be designated or approved by the chairman of the street committee.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:30 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Benn D. Davis, Clerk.

W. A. Platt Mayor.

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Wednesday evening, September 9, 1908

Upon call of the Mayor, a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of considering matters in relation to the proposed construction of a new bridge over the Sligo at Carroll Ave.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The Mayor stated to the Council that since the receipt of the sketch plans of Mr. Douglas and in further consultation with him upon the subject it had developed that a reinforced concrete bridge, with grading and approaches, could be erected at a saving of one-third to one-half of the original plans; that such a bridge could be raised considerably over the height of the first proposed bridge and could be carried, by span, at less cost than grading, over Sligo Avenue. In the opinion of the Mayor such a bridge could be constructed, including cost of necessary grading and approaches, for about \$8500.00.