

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.

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.

The Mayor also laid before the Council a communication from the General Conference Corporation of the Seventh Day Adventists wherein they offered to contribute the sum of \$2500.00 toward the construction of the proposed bridge and to pledge themselves to the collection of \$1000.00 additional through private subscription therefor.

After an extended and informal exchange of views by the Mayor and Councilmen in regard to the various phases of the proposed bridge, Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to confer with Mr. Douglas, consulting engineer, and to enter into an agreement with him for the preparation of detailed plans and specifications for a reinforced concrete bridge across the Sliqo in the vicinity of the present Garrall Ave. bridge, said bridge with necessary grading, filling and approaches thereto, to be within an estimated cost of \$8500.00. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill also moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into an agreement with the General Conference Corporation, Seventh Day Adventists, whereby, in consideration of a contribution by them of \$2500.00, and the guarantee of an addition amount of \$1000.00 through private subscription or otherwise, the collection of which the Conference Corporation will agree to assume, the Town of Takoma Park will provide for the expenditure of an additional sum of \$5000.00 toward the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge across the Sliqo stream at such point as may be mutually agreed upon, it being understood that said bridge, including grading, fills and resurfacing of approaches thereto, shall come within the estimated expenditure of \$8500.00, and that said bridge shall be constructed at the earliest practicable date; provided, that the General Conference Corporation will agree to deed to the Town of Takoma Park the necessary right of way for approaches to said bridge.

The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben O. Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, September 14, 1908

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the two subsequent special meetings were read by the clerk and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, duly examined and approved by the Finance Committee was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report -----	\$ 3914.32	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant; miscellaneous -----	\$ 14.74
From general taxes -----	\$ 503.17	gasoline -----	58.80 \$ 73.54
" special " (cement walks) -----	38.85	Waterworks; miscellaneous -----	17.50
" " " (Carroll Ave. water main) -----	69.97	Street work; labor -----	49.15
" water rents -----	49.85	Street lighting; oil -----	20.80
" permits -----	9.00	miscellaneous -----	1.25 22.05
" builders' deposits -----	10.00 680.84	Carroll Avenue proposed bridge -----	58.00
	4595.16	General expenses: printing -----	5.25
		telephone rental -----	4.00
Of balance on hand of -----	\$ 3813.86	miscellaneous -----	6.58 15.83
There belongs to general improvement fund -----	\$ 117.40	Legal expenses -----	339.23
plumbers deposits -----	95.00	Water tapping fees -----	10.00
builders " -----	30.00	Disbursement special fund, water meters -----	40.00
telephone company's deposit -----	12.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer -----	25.00
bal. due cement walk contractor -----	86.21	lamplighter -----	40.00
lamplighters deposit -----	10.00 350.61	engineer -----	55.00
Available balance -----	3463.25	laborer -----	36.00 156.00
			781.30
		Balance on hand -----	3813.86
			4595.16

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

A communication from Mrs. Annie L. Davis, in behalf of Miss Margaret J. Carson, owner of certain lots on Carroll and Sycamore Aves., requesting that steps be taken to obviate damage done her property from street drainage turned upon them, was referred to the street committee for report.

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had received a communication from the Takoma Park Citizens' Association in which it was stated that the authorities of the District of Columbia were considering the feasibility of sewerinq Eastern Ave. and disposing of the sewage into the District of Columbia system, by means of a pump. To do so, however it was desired to connect with the Maryland sewers in order that there might be proper disposal of sewage in case of temporary damage of any kind to the proposed pump.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the matter was referred to the Committee on Water and Sewers to confer with the proper committee of the Citizens' Association and to consider and report to the Council, with recommendations, upon any proposition that may be submitted by the District officials.

A communication was presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., requesting that, in lieu of their previous request for cutting down two trees on Spring Park, they be permitted to use an aerial conduit between poles 11 and 12, attaching same to one tree in such a manner as not to be injurious.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the proposed method was approved and the necessary permission therefor granted.

The Finance Committee submitted the following approved bills, which, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, were directed to be paid:

<i>Cand P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages</i> \$ 3.90	<i>Standard Oil Co. Oil</i> \$ 30.40	<i>Thos. H. Rhine, Police duty</i> \$ 20.00
<i>Geo. F. Muth & Co. Globes and burners</i> 3.67	<i>" " " Gasoline</i> 99.75	<i>Wm. Thomas " "</i> 20.00
<i>The Pioneer Press, Letterheads</i> 1.75	<i>Rudolph, West Co. cotton waste</i> 5.00	<i>Geo. N. Day, Tapping fees</i> 5.00
<i>Eisinger Bros. Lumber and nails</i> 69.19	<i>" " " lock, keys and police whistles</i> 3.85	262.51

Mr. Grabill presented to the Council the results of the recent chemical and bacteriological analysis of the waters of Shigo stream and its tributaries, as made by the officials of the filtration plant of the District of Columbia, together with the comments of the state board of Health of Maryland thereon. Mr. Grabill explained briefly the salient points of the analysis, and pronounced the results as reasonably satisfactory. At his request the report was retained by the Water and Sewer committee for consideration in further study of the water supply and kindred matters thereto.

Mr. Dyar moved that the thanks and appreciation of the Mayor and Council be extended to Major Spencer Gosby, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., to Mr. E. D. Hardy, superintendent of the filtration plant, Washington, D.C., and to Mr. Grenville R. Jones, assistant chemist, for the courtesies extended in making for the Town of Takoma Park a most careful, painstaking and complete analyses, both chemical and bacteriological, of the waters of the Shigo stream. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill presented verbally a request from the Improvement Society of North Takoma for financial assistance in improvement of the public parks in that part of the town and upon his motion the sum of \$15.00 was appropriated for this purpose to be expended under direction of the committee on streets and lights.

On motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$25.00 was authorized for drainage and improvement of "Spring Park," to be expended under direction of the Committee on Streets and Lights.

On motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$50⁰⁰ was authorized for the purchase of a carload of 1/2 inch stone for street repairs.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben S. Davis, Clerk

Tuesday evening, October 6, 1908

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at his residence this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the plans for a proposed new bridge across Sligo branch, on Carroll Ave. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Mr. W. J. Douglas, Consulting Engineer, was also present, and laid before the Council, for its consideration detailed plans and specifications for the proposed bridge, together with the following letter of transmittal and estimates:

<i>Mr. W. G. Platt, Mayor of Takoma Park, Md.</i>		<i>Washington, D.C., October 6, 1908.</i>	
<i>Dear Sir: Pursuant to our agreement I herewith hand you plans and specifications for the proposed bridge on the line of Carroll Ave. (proposed) and across the Sligo Valley. The bridge is placed at the elevation of 175 and on the line suggested by the president of the general conference of the 7th Day Adventists.</i>			
<i>My estimate includes not only the construction of the bridge proper, but also the grading of the approaches and the macadamizing of both the approaches and the bridge itself. The estimated cost of this work is as follows:</i>			
<i>For the bridge complete, exclusive of lamps and macadam</i>	<i>--- \$ 8500.00</i>	<i>For 1900 cubic yards of grading</i>	<i>----- \$ 665.00</i>
<i>" 1247.6 linear feet of macadamized road</i>	<i>----- 1663.00</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>----- \$ 10828.00</i>
<i>It is my judgment that the grade and elevation of the bridge is the most advantageous for the development of the property east of the bridge. The grade of the bridge is level and that of the approach 7%. This bridge may be constructed within three months under favorable conditions of weather, but under no circumstances should it be constructed within extreme cold weather, say below 32 degrees, unless the contractor is willing to take extreme precautions to protect the concrete against cold, and further assumes all responsibility in the case of injury to the concrete by the cold.</i>			
<i>I would suggest that a lump sum be asked for the entire work, otherwise the actual cost may exceed the available funds.</i>			
<i>The work should be executed under the direction of a competent inspector at the compensation of \$5⁰⁰ per diem.</i>			
			<i>Very truly yours,</i>
			<i>W. J. DOUGLAS,</i>
			<i>Consulting Engineer.</i>

After informal consideration of the plans, specifications, etc, with Mr. Douglas, on motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary notices of advertisement, conforming to the terms of the charter, to have the same posted as required in the Town and to insert said advertisement once in each of the following county papers, namely, The Montgomery Press, of Kensington, Md., and The Sentinel, of Rockville, Md., and also to in

sent said advertisement twice within the required two weeks in the Evening Star and the Washington Post, of Washington, D.C., that bids will be received at the office of the Town Clerk up to 8 o'clock p.m., Saturday, October 24, 1908, and then and there opened, for the construction of a bridge across the Sligo branch in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Douglas. The motion was carried.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Messrs. M.L. Harper, T.E. Bowen and Ray L. Hendrick, residents of Sycamore Ave. requesting that a permit be granted the Washington Gas Light Company to extend their gas main from Poplar Ave., along Columbia, to Sycamore Avenue and thence on Sycamore to the residence of Mr. Bowen, stating that the company had agreed to the extension if the Council would grant the proper permission. On motion of Mr. Rogers the permission was granted as requested, the main to be located as directed by the committee on streets and lights.

The Mayor also laid before the Council a communication from the Bliss Electrical School for permission to install a four-inch water main on their grounds, together with a hydrant, for fire protection and stating their anticipation that this service would not be required to be metered; also asking if the Council would be disposed to defray any of the expense in connection with this work. The school further requested the location of a reel and hose at their building.

Mr. Grabill moved that the request of the Bliss school to lay a private 4-inch water main from the town main to their school for fire protection be granted, the work to be done ^{at the expense of the school} under the approval of the water and sewer committee, and that such service be not metered. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the water and sewer committee was authorized to locate at the Bliss Electrical School one of the hose carriages and its hose, provided a suitable and accessible storage place be provided by the school authorities and that a volunteer fire brigade be organized and drilled from the attendants at the school.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the water and sewer committee was directed to investigate the necessity of purchasing required additional hose nozzles with authority to take such action as they may deem necessary.

On motion of Mr. Grabill a special committee, to consist of Messrs. Blodgett and Rodgers, was appointed and directed to report at the next meeting of the Council relative to the probable cost of a building to be erected on the water tower lot for the storage of tools, hose reel, etc. and to contain cells for a lock-up.

Mr. Grabill also moved that the same committee be directed to report relative to the proper storage and care of town property now in the log cabin. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the sum of \$200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated for scraping streets.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Platt Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, October 12, 1908

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of October 6th were read by the Clerk and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3813.86	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 5.25
From general taxes	\$ 258.14	gasoline	99.75 105.00
" special " (cement walks)	31.73	Street Work: labor	47.40
" " " (Sycamore Ave. Sewer)	7.68	material	69.19 116.59
" water rents	7.25	Street lighting: oil	30.40
" permits	16.00	miscellaneous	3.67 34.07
" plumbers deposits	20.00	General expenses: printing	1.75
" builders "	10.00	telephone	3.90
" refund by county for disinfectants	3.00 353.80	miscellaneous	5.45 11.10
	\$ 4167.66	Legal expenses	40.00
Of balance on hand of	\$ 3711.90	Water tapping fees	5.00
There belongs to special improvement fund	\$ 141.88	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	25.00
plumbers' deposits	115.00	lamplighter	40.00
builders' "	40.00	engineer	55.00
telephone Co "	12.00	laborer	24.00 144.00
lamplighters "	86.21		455.76
due cement walk contractor	10.00 405.09	Balance on hand	3711.90
Available balance	\$ 3306.81		4167.66

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

A communication was presented from Mr. M. B. Newman requesting refundment of taxes, with interest, paid by him on lots land 2 blk "A." Cunningham subdivision, purchased by him at town tax sale under name of M. J. Wine, it appearing that M. J. Wine was never an owner of record of said lots. Without objection the communication was referred to the Judiciary committee for investigation and report.

The Clerk read a letter from States Attorney Bowie F. Waters, in which he stated, replying to the request of the Mayor and Council for appointment of a deputy sheriff for work in the county in the vicinity of Takoma Park, that the Sheriff will be pleased to appoint such a deputy and that if the Council will send a suitable man with proper recommendation, he can qualify for appointment.

Mr. Rush moved that the Mayor and Council recommend to the states attorney and the sheriff Mr. Thomas H. Rhine for appointment as a deputy sheriff for duty in Montgomery county in the vicinity of Takoma Park. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented to the Council from the Review and Herald Publishing Association in which they offer and agree to construct a suitable place on the west side of their main building as a public station for the town ladder truck and one of the hose carts, and to keep the place in good repair so as to protect the apparatus on condition that the Town will permanently keep said truck and hose cart in the place provided and also keep the apparatus in proper condition for use.

On motion of Mr. Taff the proposition submitted by the Review and Herald was accepted upon the conditions stated in their letter.

The finance committee submitted the following bills duly examined and recommended for payment:

Canad P. Telephone Co. Rental and messages	\$ 4.30	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Globes and wicks	\$ 8.67	Thos. H. Rhine, police duty	\$ 10.00
Standard Oil Co. 255g illum. oil @ 8¢	20.40	Columbia Pump Co. Centrifugal pump	190.00	Wm. Thomas " "	10.00
" " " 600g gasoline @ 10 1/2¢	63.00	Geo. N. Day. Water taps	7.50		336.72
Town Treasr Contingent expenses	2.85	Harry Thornton, cleaning sewer pit	20.00		

On motion of Mr. Rush the bills were approved and payment directed except that of the Columbia Pump Company, on which bill the Treasurer was directed to suspend payment until the Water and Sewer committee reported acceptance of the work.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an additional appropriation of \$65⁰⁰ to the original appropriation of \$125⁰⁰ was authorized for the installation of a centrifugal pump to clean out the "well" at the pumping plant, said amount being required by connecting the pump with the gasoline engine.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$3.50 was authorized to pay for five sets of plans for the proposed Sliqo bridge and on motion of Mr. Taff authority was granted for obtaining five additional sets of bridge blue prints.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported verbally relative to work done at Spring Park as authorized by the Council.

Relative to the complaint of Mrs. Annie L. Davis, for Miss M. J. Carson, owner of lots on Sycamore Avenue, relative to the drainage of surface water thereon from the public streets, the committee on streets and lights reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the complaint regarding the overflow of water off Sycamore Street, would respectfully report that we have examined the location and cannot find that there is great damage resulting from the discharge of water from the pipe in question. Further, since the drainage is a natural one, we do not believe that the town is under the necessity of diverting the water flowing through this pipe. We therefore recommend that the complainant be so informed.

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

Mr. Blodgett reported further that in scraping the streets the blade of the road scraper was broken and inasmuch as the machine is the property of the county and loaned to the town, moved that the necessary appropriation be authorized for the purchase of a new blade. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett stated to the council that in view of the near expiration of the 5-year warranty of the cement sidewalks, that the contractors, The Brennan Construction Company, of Washington, D.C., should be directed to make immediate repairs in accordance with the terms of their contract.

Mr. Rush moved that the Brennan Construction Co. be notified to repair the cement sidewalks constructed by them, as called for by their contract, and that the Clerk be directed, in case of their failure to reply or to begin the work of repairs within ten days from date of notice, that their bondsman be so notified. The motion was carried.

The application of Mr. B. H. Warner for a cement sidewalk on New York and Buffalo Avenues was returned by the Street Committee with verbal statement that in connection with the building of the sewer for Mr. Warner in the same square, surveys would be made and an estimate of the probable cost of the work submitted. The committee was of opinion that owing to the lateness of the season, construction of the walk at this time would be inadvisable, but that all necessary preliminaries could be completed without delay and the construction hastened in early spring.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Warner in accordance with the views submitted by the committee.

A communication was also presented from Mr. Alfred J. Wagstaff joining in Mr. Warner's request for cement walk provided it is the intention to make a continuous walk from his residence to Albany Avenue.

Mr. Grabill reported from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that it had become necessary during the month to clean out the pit at the sewer farm No. 3, and on his motion the expense incident thereto, \$20.00 was approved.

Mr. Grabill also reported that Mr. B. H. Warner had deposited with the town treasurer the sum of \$350.⁰⁰, estimated cost of proposed sewer through block 74 and that the Water and Sewer committee had taken up the matter of its construction.

Upon suggestion of the Mayor and on motion of Mr. Rush, the various ordinances of the Town now in force, were referred to the Judiciary committee for revision.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to employ two bailiffs for general police duty for such period as he may deem necessary, their services to be at the Town's disposal as may be required, and compensation at the rate of \$10.⁰⁰ per month each was authorized.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben W. Davis Clerk

Saturday Evening, October 24, 1908

Pursuant to public notice duly given the Council, at 8 o'clock, p.m., met at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of a reinforced concrete-steel bridge across Sliqa branch.

The following were present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the Mayor proceeded to open the bids submitted, which, classified as per the items in the specifications, were as follows:

Bidder	Bid A	Bid B	Bid C	Total	Bid a	Bid b	Bid C	Bid d	Remarks
Wm. A. Fry	\$ 12885.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 1785.00	\$ 15655.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 25.00	\$.50	\$ 1.50	
Lake Stone Co	12009.00	784.00	2767.00	15560.00	4.00	20.00	.40	2.40	
Wash. Sanitarium Assn.	10985.00	475.00 ^x	†						x for dirt; gravel 40¢ c.y. soft stone, 65¢ c.y. † \$1.75 per ton for lime rock laid on road but not rolled.

Mr. Grabill moved that the bids be referred to a special committee to consist of the Mayor and two members of the Council, to be appointed by the Mayor, and that said committee consider and return the bids, with recommendations thereon, to the Council, not later than Monday evening next. The motion was carried.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Messrs. Grabill and Dyar as the additional members of the Committee.

Upon informal discussion, it was agreed that the special committee should submit its report Monday evening, Oct. 26, 1908, and, there being no further business, the Council, at 9:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned, to meet that date, at 7 o'clock p.m.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben W. Davis, Clerk

Monday Evening, October 26, 1908

Pursuant to the adjournment of the special meeting of the 24th instant, the Mayor and Council met at 7 o'clock, p.m. at the Clerk's office. There were present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

Prior to considering the report of the special committee in regard to the bids for the proposed Sliqo bridge, the Council, upon recommendation of the Mayor, and on motion of Mr. Taff authorized the appointment of Messrs. J. A. Ridgeway, Blair Thomas, Fred Austin, Hughes, J. M. Cady, G. A. Roqqen Kamp and William White, as special deputy bailiffs for service on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31, and directed that they be suitably recompensed for such service.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Clerk was instructed to purchase four additional bailiff badges.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee presented an application from the Potomac Electric Power Co. for permission to erect 19 poles on Takoma and Boston Aves, and to string the necessary wires thereon, to furnish electric service to Messrs. Weston, Crittenden, Faber and Didier.

Upon consideration of the request, on motion of Mr. Taff, the desired permission was granted, subject to the provision that the exact location of the poles shall be designated by the chairman of the street committee.

Mr. Dyar, for the special committee to consider the bids submitted for the proposed Sliqo bridge, reported verbally that the committee had carefully examined the three bids received and inasmuch as all were in excess of the funds available, the committee would recommend that all bids be rejected; that the specifications be amended in slight particulars suggested by the Engineer, and that new proposals be invited, to be received at the office of the Clerk, up to 8 o'clock, Wednesday, November 11, 1908, and then and there opened.

Mr. Dyar moved to adopt the report and its recommendations. Carried and so ordered.

The Council thereupon, at 8:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben G. Davis, Clerk

Monday Evening, November 9, 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 two subsequent special meetings, were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

The regular monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3711.90	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline	\$ 63.00
From general taxes	\$ 573.34	Waterworks: miscellaneous	194.00
" special " (cement walks)	11.30	Sewer system "	21.50
" water rents	5.34	Labor on Spring Park	21.00
" permits	7.00	Street work: labor	\$ 83.00
" deposit for sewer construction	350.00	material	8.25 91.25
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	Street Lighting: oil	20.40
" fines	10.00	miscellaneous	8.67 29.07
	\$ 4678.88	Proposed Carroll Ave. bridge	7.00
Of balance on hand of	\$ 2952.81	Sewer construction from special deposit	27.00
There belongs to special impvt. fund	\$ 153.18	General expenses: contingent	2.85
" plumbers deposits	125.00	telephone rentals	4.30
builders deposits	40.00	miscellaneous	2.00 9.15
telephone Co. deposit	12.00	Water tapping fees	7.50
bal. due cement walk contr.	86.21	Semi-annual interest on Water and Sewer bonds	1080.00
bal. deposit for sewer	323.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
Available balance	\$ 2213.42	lanplighter	50.00
		engineer	55.00
		balliffs	20.00
		laborer	25.50 175.50
			1726.07
		Balance on hand	2952.81
			\$ 4678.88

Without objection the report was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and approval.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment:

John Bonifant, plowing	\$ 3.00	D. Feldman, boots	\$ 3.75	B. F. Schrider, Blacksmithing	\$ 2.30
A. M. and E. H. Parkins, typewriting	7.80	Lamb and Tilden, badges	3.00	R. Seek Sign posts	21.60
Montgomery Press, advertising	2.50	C + P. Telephone Co.	4.25	Standard Oil Co. gasoline	63.00
Washington Post "	3.60	W. E. Favorite & Sons, miscel	.90	" " " illum. oil	16.40
E. N. Jackson, Surveying	26.00	Rudolph & West Co. police whistles	60	Evening Star, Advertising	8.40
E. H. Marsell, Oil Cans and funnel	1.20				\$ 168.30

On motion of Mr. Taff the bills were approved and payment directed.

Communications were presented from M.E. Kern and R.P. Pierce requesting extension of water main on Hickory Avenue, and without objection, the same were referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights reported that an additional lamp was needed on Maple Avenue between Tulip and Miss Gorses residence, and moved that the Street Committee be authorized to erect the same and to purchase one-half dozen new lamps. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the appropriation for the improvement of Spring Park was exhausted but that about \$4.00 more was needed to complete the work; also that a new crossing was greatly needed at Elm Avenue to the Spring.

On motion of Mr. Taff an appropriation of \$4⁰⁰ for completing the work at Spring Park was authorized and on motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$8⁰⁰ for a crossing to the Spring was directed.

The application of Messrs. B.A. Warner and A.J. Wagstaff for a cement sidewalk on New York and Buffalo Avenues was returned by the Street Committee with the following report:

"Your committee on Streets and Lights would respectfully report upon the attached application for a sidewalk on New York and Buffalo Avenues, that the applicants, Messrs. Warner and Wagstaff be notified that the estimated cost of the walk is 80 cents per lineal foot; and that if they will deposit the amount required to build the sidewalk opposite their respective frontage, that the same will be constructed as soon as the weather conditions will permit; and that steps will be taken to construct the remainder of the walk on Buffalo Ave., where as yet no application has been made for a walk."

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was adopted.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that the sewer being constructed for Mr. B.A. Warner, would probably be completed within a few days.

Mr. Dyar, speaking relative to the destruction of the Bliss Electrical School by fire, requested that the members of the Council give thought to the possibility of the Town extending financial aid in some way to the institution—either by a possible bond issue or by the guarantee of the school bonds; that he had given the legal aspect of the matter some attention but was doubtful of any authority to extend such assistance; that he would investigate further and report his conclusions.

The communication of Mr. M. B. Newman asking refund of taxes paid on lots 1 and 2, block "A," Cunningham subdivision, which he had purchased at tax sale and which sale he stated was invalidated through neglect of M. J. Wine to record the tax deed given him by the Town was returned by the Judiciary committee indorsed by the Treasurer and by the committee as follows:

1st indorsement, Oct. 15, 1908. Respectfully forwarded, by direction of the Mayor and Council, to the Judiciary Committee, for consideration and recommendation. It appears from the records that these lots were sold under the name of G. E. Terry, April 16, 1897, to Angus Lamond, for delinquent taxes. Mr. Lamond subsequently transferred his tax certificate to M. J. Wine and a tax deed was issued to the latter July 21, 1899. The lots were then transferred on the books of the Town to M. J. Wine. Under name of M. J. Wine these lots, with about 20 others, were sold at delinquent tax sale April 16, 1903, to M. B. Newman and again sold April 12, 1906, under name of M. J. Wine, to Mr. Newman, the latter sale being under the new tax law, and was duly confirmed by the circuit court of Montgomery Co. Deed was given to Mr. Newman in May or June last. Mr. Newman, from 1903 to date has paid about \$15⁰⁰ taxes on the lots. BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

2nd indorsement, Nov. 9, 1908. From the foregoing it appears that Mr. Newman now has a valid tax deed to these lots, confirmed by the court, and there is no reason why his money should be refunded. We recommend that the clerk be directed to write him stating the facts as shown in the 1st indorsement and advising that his request is refused.

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

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

Mr. Taff, on recommendation of the Mayor, moved that Mr. William Hughes be appointed deputy bailiff vice J. A. Van Horn. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:20 p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Wednesday Evening, November 11, 1908

In accordance with public notice duly given as required by law, the Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of opening such bids as may be presented for the construction of a concrete-steel bridge across Sligo branch.

The following were present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers and Rush.

Bids were presented and opened as follows:

Bidders	Bid A	Bid B	Bid C	Total	Bid a	Bid b	Bid c	Bid d	Remarks;
Wm. A. Fry	\$ 11885.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1700.00	\$ 14185.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 20.00	\$.40	\$ 1.50	Submits alternative bid of \$9700.00 for A if built under Kahn system.
Wash. Sanitarium Association	10005.00	665.00	1273.84	11943.84	3.00	15.00	.35	1.10	
Lake Stone Co.	10190.00	588.00	2000.00	12778.00	4.00	20.00	.35	2.00	

On motion of Mr. Rush the bids were referred to the special committee, consisting of Mayor Platt and Messrs. Dyar and Grabill with the understanding that a special meeting of the Council will be called by the Mayor when the committee is ready to report.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Floyd E. Fish, mail messenger for the Seventh Day Adventists had made request for permission to carry some means of personal protection inasmuch as his duties required trips to the postoffice, frequently after dark, and that the Mayor had suggested to Mr. Fish, that he might be appointed a deputy bailiff, to which idea Mr. Fish was favorable.

Thereupon, on Motion of Mr. Rogers Mr. Fish was appointed a deputy bailiff.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, clerk

Saturday Evening, November 14, 1908.

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor the Council met in special session at the Clerk's office for the purpose of considering the bids submitted for constructing a bridge across Sliquo branch. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen, Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The Mayor, for the special committee, submitted an itemized statement of the bids received, from which it appeared that the Washington Sanitarium Association was the lowest bidder for the work, the committee having ignored the alternative bid of Wm. A. Fry to construct a bridge under the Kahn system for \$9700.00.

After an informal discussion of the matter in all its phases, principally pertaining to the probable expenditure of from \$750⁰⁰ to \$1000⁰⁰ in excess of the Town's proposed appropriation of \$2500⁰⁰ for the work, Mr. Dyar moved that the proposal of the Washington Sanitarium Association for the complete work, including bridge, grading and macadamizing, be accepted and that the following ordinance be adopted:

Ordinance No. 158.

Awarding a Contract for the Construction of a Reinforced Concrete-Steel Bridge Across Sliquo Branch.

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

Section 1. That, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared for the construction of a reinforced concrete-steel bridge across Sliquo Branch and the proposals received in compliance therewith, and duly opened on Wednesday evening, November 11, 1908, the contract for the construction of said bridge is hereby awarded to the Washington Sanitarium Association, of Takoma Park, D. C., at the following prices: Bid A. For the bridge complete, exclusive of lamps and macadam roadway, \$10005.00; Bid B. For the grading complete, \$665.00; Bid C. For the macadamizing of the bridge and approaches, complete, \$1273.84, a total of \$11943.84. And for unit prices as a basis for addition or deduction from the quantities indicated on the drawings: a. per cubic yard for trench excavation, \$3.00; b. per cubic yard for reinforced concrete, \$15.00; c. per cubic yard for grading, measured in cut, 35¢; d. per lineal foot, 16 feet wide, of macadam roadway, \$1.10.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said contract for and in the name of the Town of Takoma Park with the said Washington Sanitarium Association for the work designated therein.

Mr. Grabill moved to amend the Ordinance by striking out the award for macadamizing. Lost for want of a second.

Upon Mr. Dyar's motion the ayes and nays were taken as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, Mr. Grabill. So the ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Dyar moved that Mr. W. J. Douglas, C.E., of Washington, D.C., be appointed Engineer in charge of the construction of the new bridge. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill moved that the employment of an inspector of the new bridge be authorized at a compensation not to exceed \$5.00 a day, and that the employment of said inspector be left to Mr. Douglas, engineer in charge of construction. Carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the thanks of the Mayor and Council be extended, through the District Commissioners to the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, for efficient services rendered on the occasion of the recent fire which destroyed the Bliss Electrical School. The motion was carried.

The Council thereupon, at 9:50 p. m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

BEN DAVIS, Clerk.

Monday evening, December 14, 1908

The Council met at 8 o'clock p. m., with the following members present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of Nov. 11 and 14, were read by the clerk and approved.

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

Standard Oil Co, 55q. lub. oil @ 23 1/2¢	\$ 12.93	H. H. Spencer, bldg. cement crossing	\$ 21.50	Contingent expenses	\$ 2.23
" " " 370q. illum. oil @ 8¢	29.60	C. F. Thomas & Son, 1000 brick	9.75	W. J. Douglas, bridge plans	200.10
" " " 995q. gasoline @ 10 1/2¢	104.48	Wilkins & Jordan 12 bbl. cement	23.70	R. S. Gielow, blue prints	3.05
Fred J. White, M. H. and L. H. frames	21.00	Laumont Bros. sewer pipe	9.12	Rudolph & West Co. Wrench	.70
Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamps, etc.	27.92	" " " "	60	E. E. Blodgett, directing public work	21.00
B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing	1.05	" " " "	35.50	Eisinger Bros, lumber	6.66
Rumsey & Co. Packing and express	14.65	A. M. & E. H. Parkins, typewriting	2.25	Standard Oil Co. 95q. illum oil @ 8¢	7.60
H. H. Spencer, bal. due, bldg manhole	1.00	C. & P. Tel. Co. Rental and messages	3.60	Lynchburg Foundry Co. 5 meter boxes	6.23
" " Retained 10% cement walks	18.60	Geo. N. Day, Tapping fees	5.00		589.82

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved and payment of bills directed except that of H. H. Spencer for withheld percent of amount due for cement walk construction, which was order paid when approved by street committee.

The Treasurer submitted the following report of receipts and disbursements for the month of November, duly approved by the Finance Committee;

Balance on hand last report	\$ 2952.81	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant; miscellaneous	\$.80
From general taxes	\$ 43.60	gasoline	63.00 \$ 63.80
" water rents	2.07	Waterworks; miscellaneous	26.27
" permits	6.00	Sewer system; miscellaneous	3.94
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	Warner sewer	157.03 160.97
" road tax rebate P. & Co.	50.00 111.67	Parks	3.00
	3064.48	Street work; labor	27.16
		material	21.60 48.76
Of balance on hand of	\$ 2537.58	Street lighting; oil	16.40
There belongs to improvement fund	\$ 153.18	miscellaneous	1.20 17.60
plumbers' deposits	135.00	Carroll Ave bridge	42.75
builders "	40.00	General expenses; telephone	4.25
telephone Co "	12.00	Miscellaneous	4.50
bal. due cement walk contractor	36.53	Salaries; clerk and treasurer	25.00
bal. deposit for Warner sewer	165.97 542.68	bailiffs	35.00
Available balance	1994.90	lamplighter	40.00
		engineer	55.00 155.00
			526.90
		Balance on hand	2537.58
			3064.48

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, recommended that the crushed stone now on hand be used to macadamize for a distance of eight or ten feet, the streets crossing or entering the macadamized portion of Carroll Avenue, and on motion of Mr. Grabill such action was authorized.

The Water and Sewer Committee submitted the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council.		Takoma Park, Md., Dec. 10, 1908	
Gentlemen: The following is a statement of the cost of the sewer constructed for Mr. B. H. Warner and for which he deposited with the Town Treasurer the sum of \$350.00:			
Surveying	\$ 3.00	Manhole castings (2) and freight	\$ 15.25
Blacksmithing	1.15	Lamp hole " " " "	6.25
Labor	181.28	1000 bricks	9.75
Cement, 6 bbl	12.00	Terra cotta sewer pipe	44.62
Manhole irons		\$ 1.60	
		274.90	
Add 5% for general expenses		13.75	
		288.65	
Respectfully submitted:		L. R. GRABILL, CHR. H. F. TAFF R. D. RUSH. } W. and S. Committee.	

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved and the Treasurer directed to refund to Mr. Warner \$ 61.35, the unexpended balance of his \$ 350.00 deposit.

The Water and Sewer committee returned the petitions of Messrs. M.E. Kern and P.P. Pierce for extension of water main on Hickory Avenue, indorsed as follows:

Dec 10, 1908. - The water and sewer committee respectfully returns this application with recommendation that 165 linear feet of 4-in. water main (more or less) be laid in Hickory Avenue, abutting lots 24, 25 and 26, block 17, and lots 19, 20 and 21, block 20, of the Town of Takoma Park; and that one fire hydrant be placed at the intersection of Hickory Ave. and Elm Ave.; all at an estimated cost of \$225.00; to be assessed against the said lots and parts of lots abutting thereon as provided by law.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation of the committee was approved and the report adopted, and on motion of Mr. Grabill the necessary legal requirements were directed to be taken.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed in sending out water bills for the ensuing year to have printed thereon a notice to the effect that the amount of the bill would be subject to adjustment in case water meters are installed during the year 1909.

Mr. Grabill submitted a detailed statement relative to necessary repairs to the pumping machinery and on his motion the Water and Sewer committee was authorized to expend the sum of \$200⁰⁰ thereon and to expend the further sum of \$25⁰⁰ for general supplies.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be authorized and directed to place in passable condition the road from Blair Road to the pumping station, via Ridge and Lee Avenues, and that an appropriation of \$ 20.00 be authorized therefor, the work to be done at the earliest practicable date. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the clerk was authorized to have printed suitable blanks for plumbing and building deposits.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben J. Davis Clerk