

Monday Evening, January 11, 1909

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

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

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 2537.58	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 30.68
From general taxes	\$ 507.94	gasoline	104.48 135.16
" special " cement walks	72.37	Waterworks	6.81
" water rents	46.00	Sewer system: miscellaneous	14.16
" permits	11.00	Warner sewer	150.62 164.78
" plumbers deposits	10.00	Street work: labor	101.38
" builders "	20.00 667.31	material	18.96 120.34
	3204.89	Street lighting: oil	37.20
		miscellaneous	27.92 65.12
		Cartoll Ave. bridge	205.40
Of balance of	\$ 2324.45	General expenses; contingent	2.23
There belongs to special impvt. fund	\$ 225.55	telephone rentals	3.60
plumbers deposits	125.00	miscellaneous	12.00 17.83
builders deposits	60.00	Water tapping fees	5.00
bal. due cement walk contr.	36.53 447.08	Plumbers deposits returned	20.00
Available balance	1877.67	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00
		bailiffs	20.00
		lanplighter	40.00
		engineer	55.00 140.00
			880.44
		Balance on hand	2324.45
			3204.89

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

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

Wm. Watkins, 1 ton coal	\$ 7.25	A. H. Deike, Installing meters	\$ 34.00	Contingent expenses	\$ 1.90
Cand. P. Tel. Co. Rental, etc	3.40	E. N. Jackson, Sligo bridge work	35.00	E. E. Blockett, supervising street work	5.00
Standard Oil Co. 585 g. gasoline	60.00	Arthur Skinner, Printing	1.00		191.46
" " " 175 g. illum oil @ 8¢	14.00	H. Mueller Co. 2 doz. corp. corks	17.01		
G. W. Forsberg, Wrench, etc	3.30	L. M. Mooers, Registration fees	9.60		

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

The following communication was laid before the Council:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md,

Takoma Park, D.C. Jan. 11, 1909

We hereby petition your honorable body to close *Evangeline Avenue*. This is an unused Avenue extending from *Sliquo Ave.* to *Flower Ave.* and passing through the north end of *Block 51*. Having purchased the land on both sides of this avenue, and erected our buildings, we intend to keep the entire block practically in one tract, rather than subdivide it. We therefore request that the street be closed as a public thoroughfare.

H. R. SALISBURY, President of Wash. Foreign Mission Seminary
D. H. KRESS, Medical Supt. Washington Sanitarium.

Without objection the communication was referred to the Judiciary Committee for report and recommendation.

The following petition was laid before the Council:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:—We, the undersigned, hereby petition your body to construct a cement sidewalk, four feet wide, from the intersection of *Carroll and Grant Avenues*, along *Carroll Avenue*, to the *Sanitarium entrance across the Sliquo*. We hereby agree to deposit with the Town of Takoma Park the amount of the estimated cost of said sidewalk adjacent to our respective property, whenever called upon by the Town to do so.

Washington Sanitarium Assn. Secy. A. Irwin, Pres.

E. N. Jackson, lot 8, blk. 50

S. M. Bushby, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, blk 50

Washington Training College, A. G. Daniels, Pres.

E. M. Spicer " 7 " 50

On motion of Mr. Rogers the petition was referred to the Street Committee for report and recommendation.

In connection with the proposed extension of the water main on *Hickory Avenue*, the following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 159.

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

Section 1. That, in accordance with the authority granted by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, it is deemed necessary for the public safety and comfort that the present 4-inch water main on *Hickory Avenue* be extended approximately 165 linear feet, abutting lots 24, 25 and 26, in block 17, and lots 19, 20, and 21, in block 20; and that one fire hydrant be placed at the intersection of *Hickory and Elm Avenues*; all at an estimated cost of \$225.00; said cost to be assessed proportionately to the frontage of the lots above mentioned and estimated at \$35.00 for each 50 feet of frontage.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council will meet at the office of the Town Clerk, 110 Oak Ave., in said town, on Monday evening, January 25, 1909, at 8 o'clock when and where the owners of the property herein described may be heard in regard to the proposed improvements.

Mr. Grabill moved that the ordinance be adopted, and the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Taff the clerk was directed to give the required legal notices in accordance with the law.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. Thos. O. May, Plumber, making application for two taps in the water main for service to the Bliss Electrical School; and, on motion of Mr. Grabill said permission was granted upon the usual payment of \$4.00 for each tap.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Bliss Electrical School be notified that it will be necessary for them to install a water meter without delay, of a pattern to be approved by the Inspector of Plumbing. Carried and so ordered.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following report of the Registrar of Vital Statistics:

To THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Gentlemen: As Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., I have the honor to report that during the year 1908 there have occurred in the Town 24 births, sixteen deaths and eight marriages, in detail as follows:

1908	BIRTHS	Sex	1908	DEATHS
Jan. 8	To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Derrick, Poplar Ave.	Girl	March 7	John F. Deqqs, age 63, Tubercular septisemia. Buffalo Ave.
Feb. 22	" " John A. Dennis, Carroll Ave	"	" 10	Leopold Wolff, age 42, Tuberculosis Pulmonalis. New York Ave.
Mar. 2	" " H. L. Morris Maple Ave	Boy	" 23	Charlotte Craig Brands, age 30. Mitral insufficiency. Sanitarium.
" 4	" " John W. Fanning, Grant Ave	Girl	" 27	Helen Marie Lawrence, age 13. Accidental Maple Ave.
" 21	" " Bartholomew C. Moore, Columbia Ave	Boy	May 28	Bertha A. Dennie, age 21. Tuberculosis Pulmonalis. Grant Ave.
" 23	" " W. W. Dyar, Holly Ave	Girl	" 31	Nancy E. Haddix, age 60. Malignant growth (internal) Sanitarium.
Apr. 20	" " Wm. A. Wallace, Baltimore Ave	"	June 29	Mary Catherine Carlisk, age 28. Tuberculosis Pulmonalis. Grant Ave.
May 18	" " John E. Redman, Spring St.	"	July 24	Arthur Fairfax Davis, age 31. " " " "
" 23	" " B. H. Callendar, Ridge Ave	"	" 25	Margaret S. Gilbert. Neurasthenia. Maple Ave.
June 7	" " Alexr. H. Taltamus, Pine Ave	"	Aug. 1	William M. Grimes, age 53. chronic Kidney disease Grant Ave.
" 10	" " E. B. Harrison, Elm Ave	Boy	" 16	Sarah Maddox Gartwright, age 54. Diabetes Sanitorium
" 25	" " Herbert C. Gore, Eastern Ave.	"	" 19	Inita Eulalie Chilson, age 2. cholera infantum. Ethan Allen Ave.
July 30	" " Clarence Province, Flower Ave	"	Sept. 19	George Schaefer, age 62. Killed by fall of tree. Ridge Ave
Sept. 6	" " Geo. M. Blackburn (Gold) Cedar Ave	Girl	Oct. 14	Sarah Bryant (colored) Tuberculosis. Chestnut Ave.
" 26	" " Donald M. Wallace, Baltimore Ave	Boy	" 23	Margaret A. Ourand, age 70. Hyperaemia of liver. Chestnut Ave.
Oct. 6	" " Charles Leaman, Sherman Ave	Girl	Nov. 7	Theodore Davis, age 9. Cerebro spinal meningitis. Oak Ave.
" 30	" " William R. Rose, Takoma Ave	Boy		
" 31	" " Clarence B. Smith, Holly Ave	"	1908	MARRIAGES
Nov. 7	" " Reginald N. Proctor, Flower Ave.	Girl	Jan. 18	Miss Cherry Ford, Maple Ave. to Dr. Henry A. Donaldson, Washington, D.C.
" "	" " Harry L. King, Sligo Ave	"	June 2	" Ruth Hollendecker to Mr. Oberg, Rev. H. R. Salisbury
" 24	" " Charles S. Davis, Buffalo Ave	Boy	" 8	" Francis Ayres to Mr. Ross A. Diehl. Rev. A. G. Daniells
Dec. 14	" " Wm. F. Wight, Holly Ave	"	Aug. 15	" Lillian M. Frazier to Mr. Gail T. Judd
" 20	" " Walter W. Crut, Poplar Ave	Girl	Sept. 15	" Mary E. Willard to Mr. Wm. H. Beech
" 30	" " Fred K. D. B. Austin, Tulip Ave.	"	Oct. 2	" Linda Whitmer to Mr. John Wm. Hite of Washington, D.C.
			Dec. 3	" Ruth Baumbach to Mr. Earle Nichols. Rev. Morris LuKens
			" 28	" Elsie Lane to Mr. E. Harmon. Elder E. B. Thompson

The general health conditions of the Town have been good. There have been no serious epidemic diseases, and no case of typhoid fever. Of the sixteen deaths, the cause of six were reported as some form of tuberculosis, and in view of the special interest which has been more recently aroused throughout the country toward this disease, it may be well to inquire if any conditions of the Town are to be considered in any way responsible for their origin or termination. In three of these cases it is known that the disease was contracted and far advanced before coming to Takoma Park. Two others, young women of the same family, came here from Washington in the fall of 1907 in hope that better air and changed conditions would avert the threatened danger, but without avail, for they died of pulmonary tuberculosis, one in May and the other in June. The other case, a colored

woman, born in Virginia of a mother who died of consumption, succumbed to the same disease after years of failing health. There is nothing in the climate or other conditions of the Town or vicinity especially favorable to the contraction or fatal course of this disease and the cases of original or long-time residents of the Town who have died of it are very few. In order to protect the well from infection by those suffering from tuberculosis the state has enacted into law certain regulations requiring registration of tuberculosis patients by the State Board of Health and for the care of such patients in the home. These laws are set forth in Chapters 399 and 412 of an "Act to protect the citizens of Maryland from certain communicable diseases, especially tuberculosis of the Lungs, etc." (Act of 1904. This act makes it the duty of the physician attending any case of pulmonary tuberculosis to provide for the safety of all individuals occupying the same house," etc., and further makes it the duty of the local health board to see that this is done. These regulations of course are in the interest of the efforts being made to lessen the number of deaths from consumption and to stamp it out if possible.

January 1, 1909

Very Respectfully, L.M. MOGERS
Registrar for the Town of Takoma Park.

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on streets and lights submitted a detailed report of street work completed to date, which report, on motion of Mr. Grabill was accepted and ordered filed

Mr. Blodgett directed the attention of the Council to the fact that the recent improvement to the roadway at Spring Park was being largely nullified by hauling of water from the spring by means of a drag which plowed up the gravel and ruined the driveway.

Mr. Dyar moved that the Clerk be directed to notify, in writing, any person or persons known to be using a drag to the injury of the road at Spring Park or elsewhere in the town, that such use must cease; and that the bailiffs be directed to enforce obedience to such notice. The motion was carried.

On recommendation and motion of Mr. Blodgett an appropriation of \$6⁰⁰ was authorized for the purchase of material for a street crossing on Montgomery Avenue at Pine Avenue.

Upon application therefor, on motion of Mr. Blodgett, permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect one pole and string the necessary wires thereon, on Oak Avenue, to furnish electric service to the apartment house of Mr. Brainard. said permission being granted upon the usual condition that said pole should be located as directed by the chairman of the street committee.

Mr. Grabill reported that the water and sewer committee had awarded the work of overhauling the pumping machinery to Mr. G. W. Forsberg at a price not to exceed \$200.00

Mr. Grabill stated that the contractor for the Sliquo bridge had made verbal request to tap the water main in the vicinity of the bridge, stating that he desired to use about 50000 gallons of water in cement work, and moved that the desired

permission be granted upon payment of the usual tapping fee; provided that a cut-off be installed and the water cut off there by when not required; and that no charge be made for the water used. The motion was carried

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

Approved:

Ben W. Davis, Clerk

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Monday Evening, January 25, 1909

Pursuant to public notice duly given as required by law the Mayor and Council met at the office of the Clerk at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of a public hearing from parties interested in the extension of the water main on Hickory Avenue. Present: Mayor Platt and Messrs. Blodgett, Dyar and Rogers.

The purpose of the meeting was announced by the Mayor but no one appeared to express any views upon the proposed work.

Thereupon the following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 160

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

Section 1. - That, in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary for the public safety and comfort that the four-inch water main on Hickory Avenue be extended and a fire hydrant installed as provided in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 159, passed and improved January 11, 1909.

Section 2. - The whole cost of extension of said water main and installation of said fire hydrant shall be assessed against such of the abutting property mentioned in said Section of said Ordinance No. 159, as shall be adjudged by the Mayor and Council to be specially benefited thereby.

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

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Mr. Rogers moved the adoption of the ordinance, and upon an aye and nay vote the ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Ben W. Davis, Clerk

Mayor.

Monday Evening, February 8, 1909

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. with the following present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of January 25, were read by the Clerk and duly approved. The monthly report of the Treasurer, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 2324.45	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 10.55
From general taxes	\$ 142.48	gasoline	60.00
" special " cement walks	69.50	Waterworks: miscellaneous	51.57
" water rents	1486.13	Sewer System "	1.50
" interest on deposits in bank	28.45	Street work: labor	5.94
" permits	4.00	Street lighting: oil	14.00
" contribution to bridge fund	2500.00	Carroll Avenue bridge	1535.00
	6555.01	General expenses: printing	1.00
		contingent	1.90
		telephone rentals	3.40
		miscellaneous	9.60
Of balance on hand of	\$ 4616.98	Semi-annual interest on \$2900 ⁰⁰ bonds	79.75
There belongs to improvement fund	\$ 287.63	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
plumbers deposits	125.00	lanplighter	40.00
builders "	60.00	engineer	55.00
due cement walk contractor	35.53	bailliffs	20.00
bridge fund	1000.00	laborer	23.82
Available balance	\$ 3108.82		1938.03
		Balance on hand	4616.98
			\$ 6555.01

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

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

Wilkins & Jordan, 2 bbl. cement	\$ 4.00	Thos. Somerville Co. Pump leather	\$ 1.65	Town Treasr. Contingent expenses	\$ 1.65
G. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals, etc.	3.90	Wash. Foreign Mission Sem. Hauling dead horse	5.00	U.S. Fidelity Co., Prem. treasurers bond	10.00
John Benifant, plowing	4.00	Standard Oil Co. 470 g illum. oil @ 8¢	37.60	Evening Star. Advertising	9.45
Springfield Gas Engine Co. Repair parts	7.75	" " " 605g. gasoline @ 10¢	60.50	E.E. Blodgett, Street works	8.50
Eisinger Bros. Lumber	5.81	Geo. N. Day, Tapping fees	12.50		172.31

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported verbally, relative to the petition for a cement sidewalk on Carroll Ave. from Grant Avenue eastward, that the committee has been taking the matter up with the property owners in an effort to get all of them to sign the petition; that this had

not yet been accomplished, but it was hoped to present the entire matter at the March meeting of the Council.

Mr. Blodgett, for the Street Committee, reported further that the posts and street signs thereon had been erected and completed. In this connection he stated that some of the signs in North Takoma had been removed from the posts and had been informed that the culprits were students in attendance at the School of Electricity. Efforts had also been made to displace some of the posts, but so far as he knew, without success, since they had been reset and anchored.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was requested to write to the Principal of the Electrical School in regard to the information given by the Chairman of the Street Committee, and in regard to such other complaints against the students of the school as may seem advisable, and to urge his influence and cooperation with the Council toward a betterment of these conditions.

On motion of Mr. Grabill it was further ordered that the Mayor and Council offer a reward of five dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any party for injuring, defacing or removing any pole, post, street sign, or lamp; and the Clerk was directed to have a reward and caution notice printed and attached to lamp and street sign poles.

A verbal request of Mr. G. W. Davis for permission to cut the trees from Flower Avenue south of Carroll, was presented by Mr. Rogers and referred to the Street Committee for report and recommendation.

Referring to the action of the Council in directing that a water meter be at once installed at the temporary building of the Bliss Electrical School, Mr. Grabill presented a letter from Mr. W. D. Weston, Secretary of the School, in which it was requested, in view of the incompleteness of their future plans and the desire to avoid needless expense, that the Council bear with them for sixty days within which time they hope to have their plans definitely determined.

Mr. Grabill moved, in view of the statement submitted, that the Water and Sewer Committee be authorized to reply to Mr. Weston's letter and inform him that, under the circumstances, the Mayor and Council will hold the matter open for sixty days. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted the following report of the Committee and of an appendix by the Chairman of the Committee, on the subject of meters:

Report of Water and Sewer Committee on subject of Meters.

Takoma Park, Md., Feb. 8, 1909

First: The number of meters required at present would be about 200. The cost per meter, including installation, would depend on the kind installed, but would approximate \$15 to \$16, making a total cost of \$3000 to \$3200. The committee considers that it would be impracticable to raise this amount at the present time.

The committee therefore recommends that meters be installed gradually from time to time as current revenues will permit them to be paid for, the installation beginning at once, the location to be determined according to circumstances.

The committee believes that the policy of installing meters for every consumer is necessary to conserve the water supply; and that the meters should be owned and paid for by the Town.

It also recommends that meters be required to be installed with the plumbing of all houses hereafter constructed, the meter being furnished by the Town, the installation to be at the expense of the builder.

L. R. GRABILL, Chm

H. F. TAFF

R. D. RUSH

Appendix submitted by Chairman of the Committee:

In connection with this report attention of the Mayor and Council is called to the following facts indicating the need for meters:

The amount of time required for pumping the daily supply, now, in ordinary weather, is from 6 to 6½ hours. This indicates a consumption per diem of about 90000 gallons, or about 500 gallons per day for each house supplied; or, if there is an average of 5 persons to each house, 100 gallons per day per capita. The quantity necessary for an ample supply for one person per day is not to exceed 25 gallons; and assuming that with 180 houses there would be 900 persons supplied, we should use not over 22250 gallons per day, one-fourth the amount now used. This indicates that ¾ of the amount paid for gasoline, lubricating oil and repairs, even in winter, weather, is wasted, and the waste in summer is far greater in proportion to the necessary amount. The only doubtful quantity in the above calculation is the number of individuals using the water, assumed at 900. The cost of gasoline for 1908 was \$809.05. Three-fourths of this is \$651.78. Add to this ¼ of the miscellaneous items for repair and running cost, not including items for maintenance of distribution system, we have a probable total of at least \$767 paid for pumping wasted water, last year, which amount, or most of which, should be saved by using meters. Each additional hour of pumping costs the town 50 cents for gasoline alone, to say nothing of wear and tear. It has been recently reported to your committee by a plumber who knows that probably one-half of the water closets in the Town have leaky valves. It has been shown by the experience of one member of the Council, who has a meter, that such a leak will easily double the amount of water consumed. His meter showed a consumption of 42 gallons per day with a leaky closet for each person, against from 17 to 23 gallons for others.

To show the increase in consumption in 4 years, the number of hours pumped in November, 1904, for the whole month, was 60½, or about 2 hours each day. The number of hours pumped in November, 1908, (the last month for which the reports are complete) is 203½, or after deducting 8½ hours for the Bliss School fire, 195 hours, or just 6½ hours per day, being ¾ times as much as four years ago, and 1/3 times as much as one year ago. The waste seems to have increased about in proportion to the number of consumers, or somewhat faster, showing that it is probably not in the mains but in the private service pipes.

If the present rate of consumption is maintained for four years more, we will then be pumping about 12 hours a day in winter and 16 hours a day in summer and will probably have quite reached the limit of the present supply in dry weather. If, on the other hand one-half of the pumping can be saved by using meters the cost will be in four years no more than at present, and no more water will be used than now. It seems possible from the above figures that the actual saving in expense to the town in four or five years would pay for the meters if the present revenue from water rents is maintained for that length of time, and that, after paying for the meters, the average water rate could be considerably reduced.

Respectfully submitted:

L. R. GRABILL, Chm. Water and Sewer Committee.

After discussion of the main report of the Committee Mr Grabill moved that the final recommendation of the Committee that meters be required to be installed with the plumbing of all houses hereafter constructed, the meters to be furnished by

the Town and the installation to be at the expense of the builder, be adopted; and that the remaining recommendations be referred back to the committee for the submission of regulations, etc., to make the same effective, and for recommendation as to a scale of meter rates, etc. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted the following:

<i>To the Mayor and Council.</i>	<i>Takoma Park, Md., Feb. 8, 1909</i>
<i>The Water and Sewer Committee respectfully recommends that the salary of George Day, pumping engineer, be increased to \$60 per month beginning January 1st, 1909. Mr. Day is a most faithful, willing and efficient employe. He has worked for the town for eight years, 365 days in the year. He willing responds to every emergency and has occasionally worked night and day without any rest whatever. He is entitled to the highest pay the town can afford to give him, as well as to our warm support and appreciation. It is recommended that a copy of this indorsement be sent him by the Clerk, if approved. It is also recommended that the committee be permitted to employ a man to relieve Mr. Day at least two Sundays each month.</i>	
<i>L. R. GRABILL, Chr. H. F. TAFF R. D. RUSH</i>	

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

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

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Approved: *W. G. Clatt*

Mayor.

Monday Evening, March 8, 1909

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The minutes of the last regular meeting were read 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	\$ 4616.98	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 10.25
From general taxes	\$ 378.93	gasoline	60.50
" special " (cement walks)	84.93		70.75
" water rents	396.47	Waterworks: miscellaneous	.62
" road tax rebate, Montgomery Co.	742.50	Hickory Ave. extension	9.45
" permits	20.00		10.07
	1622.83	Parks	4.00
	\$ 6239.81	Street work: labor	22.63
		material	9.81
Of balance on hand of	\$ 5857.15		32.44
There belongs to impvt. fund	\$ 372.56	Street lighting: oil	37.60
plumbers deposits	115.00	General expenses: contingent	1.65
builders deposits	50.00	telephone	3.90
due cement walk contractor	35.53	miscellaneous	15.00
bridge fund	3151.85		20.55
Available balance	\$ 2132.21	Water tapping fees	12.50
		Plumbers' deposits returned	10.00
		Builders' " "	10.00
		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
		lamplighter	40.00
		engineer	65.00
		bailiffs	20.00
		laborer	24.75
			174.75
			\$ 382.66
		Balance on hand	5857.15
			\$ 6239.81

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

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment:

Schmedtie Bros. 1 nickel clock	\$ 1.50	Lynchburg Foundry Co, Water pipe	\$ 47.47	C. & P. Telephone Co Rental, etc.	\$ 10.10
Standard Oil Co. 625 gals. gasoline	62.50	B. & O. Ry, freight on " "	6.43	Lamond Bros. 48' t.c. pipe	17.32
" " " 460 " illum oil	36.80	E. M. Jackson, Inspection Sligo bridge	69.00	E. E. Blodgett, supervising labor	11.50
Wm. Watkins, 1 ton eqq coal	7.25	W. J. Douglas, Cons. Engr. " "	20.00	Geo. F. Muth & Co. 9 Dietz burners	2.25
Natl. Electrical Supply Co, Batteries, etc.	9.11	S. S. Carroll, testing cement " "	2.30		\$ 303.53

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

Mr. W. Volkhardt, representing the National Meter Company, appeared before the Council and presented briefly the advantages resulting from a metered water supply. Mr. Volkhardt also gave the Council the benefit of his wide experience in regard to water rates for metered water and submitted for the benefit of the Council, a proposed form of ordinance governing the use of water meters, rates, etc. This and kindred matters were informally discussed with Mr. Volkhardt for some time, for purpose of general information on the subject.

A communication was presented from Mr. Henry Oldys relative to the new state law in regard to tax on dogs, in which it was suggested by Mr. Oldys that under the terms of the law the Town, by taxing dogs within its corporate limits, might reap something of a revenue therefrom. On motion of Mr. Grabill the communication was referred to the Judiciary Committee for investigation and report.

The Mayor laid before the Council a plat of the Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Addition to Takoma Park, submitted by Mr. J. W. Shadle as representative of owners of the tract, platted with a proposed sewer line from Carroll Avenue, northerly, and requesting permission to construct said sewer approximately as indicated.

Mr. Grabill moved that permission be granted to the applicants for the construction of a 12 inch terra cotta sewer along the lines approximately shown on the plat submitted: provided that, previous to the beginning of the work of construction of said sewer, the applicants shall file with the water and sewer committee, surveys, routes and plans in detail for said sewer, which plans, etc, shall be approved by the Water and Sewer committee prior to the beginning of any work; that said work shall be done entirely at the expense of the applicants, including the cost of supervision by a representative of the Town who shall see that the work is carried on under the general sewer specifications of the Town; and that all rights of way over any private properties shall be obtained and dedicated to the Town. The motion was carried.

The petition presented at the last meeting of the Council for a cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue east from Grant Avenue to Flower Avenue, was returned to the Council signed by all property owners affected from lot 17 in block 50 eastward to Flower Avenue, said petitioners agreeing to deposit with the Town Treasurer the estimated cost of said walk. The property in the Carroll subdivision from Grant Avenue eastward to lot 17, in block 50, was unrepresented in the petition.

Upon consideration of the matter Mr. Dyar moved that the petitioners be informed, of the estimated cost of a cement walk beginning

at Flower Avenue and extending westerly, abutting lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 49, thence along the route of the new bridge now building and its approaches, and thence abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16 and 17, in block 50, and that the construction of such walk be ordered upon the deposit with the Town Treasurer of the total estimated cost thereof; and that the Ordinance Committee be directed to prepare for submission to the Council the necessary Ordinances, notices and advertisements for the construction of a cement walk along the northerly side of Carroll Avenue from Grant Avenue easterly to connect with the proposed walk hereinbefore mentioned. The motion was carried.

A petition was also presented from Robert S. Brown and Alberta K. Brown, requesting the construction of a cement sidewalk along the southerly side of Takoma Avenue a distance of about 206 linear feet, the petitioners stating that they are the owners of all the land abutting thereon. On motion of Mr. Dyar the Ordinance Committee was instructed to include this proposed walk in the Ordinance directed in his previous motion. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett, Mr. Brown was authorized to lay, at his own expense, a temporary walk from his new house on Takoma Ave. across that street to the present cement walk.

Upon their written request and on motion of Mr. Dyar, permission was granted the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. to erect a 30-foot pole on Takoma Ave., to relocate pole #2 on Takoma Ave., to place an anchor to pole #3 and to erect two additional poles on Sycamore Ave. This permission was granted under the usual provision that the exact location of all poles shall be designated by the chairman of the street committee.

Mr. Dyar, from the Finance Committee moved that Messrs. J. H. Van Houten, E. Norman Jackson, and Ben G. Davis be appointed a Board of Assessors to prepare the usual assessment for the ensuing fiscal year. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, stated that the committee had recently granted permission to Messrs. A. G. Daniels and G. A. Irwin to construct a sewer from their new residences on Carroll Ave. to connect with the sewer on the grounds of the Washington Sanitarium Association; that this sewer has been extended through lots 1, 2 and 3, block 49, to Flower Ave. with the intention of sewerinq additional proposed residences therein; in view of which he moved that Messrs. Daniels and Irwin

be requested to submit an accurate plat of said sewer to the Council, together with a dedication of the right of way thereof as a public sewer; and that similar dedication be requested of the Washington Sanitarium Association for the sewer passing through their grounds. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, to which had been returned their report submitted at the last meeting of the Council, relative to the use of water meters, for submission of regulations, rates, etc, returned said report indorsed as follows:

2nd indorsement. March 5, 1909. Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The Water and Sewer Committee recommends:
1st: That for the present the meters purchased for use in new houses be of the Empire type, that style being the one in most general use in the town; but that meters offered for trial may also be used, subject to the results of the trial. 2d. That the rates for water when metered
now in use, shall be maintained until the necessity of a change is apparent.
 L. R. GRABILL, Chr. W. and S. Com.
 W. W. DYAR.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Council authorized the purchase of such water meters as have been sent and installed for trial and bills therefor were directed to be sent to the Finance Committee for approval.

Mr. Dyar, from the Judiciary Committee, returned the application of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary and the Washington Sanitarium Association for the closing of Evangeline Avenue with the recommendation "that this petition be granted, as the Avenue has never been used, and as, from the map, there appears to be no one who can be inconvenienced, no hearing seems to be necessary."

Mr. Dyar, in line with the recommendation of the committee, submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 161.

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING EVANGELINE AVENUE.

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

Section 1. That Evangeline Avenue, being that street or Avenue now unused, extending from Sligo Avenue, and passing through the northern end of Block 51 to Flower Avenue, be, and the same hereby is forever closed and abandoned as a street, avenue or highway.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill, Dyar, Rogers and Rush. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Health committee was directed to have samples of water from the Takoma spring sent to the State Board

of Health for chemical and bacteriological analysis, and on motion of Mr. Grabill the committee was further requested to have a similar analysis made by the Health authorities of the District of Columbia, if it could be done.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:05 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. H. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk

Wednesday Evening, March 24, 1909.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the C. and P. Telephone Co. for permission to replace their poles on Carroll Avenue which were destroyed by the storm of March 3d. The Mayor stated that, in view of the urgency of the matter he had authorized the company to proceed in the work of reconstruction and on motion of Mr. Taff the action of the Mayor was approved.

The Clerk presented the bill of Mr. E. McLean Long, C.E., for \$40⁰⁰ for inspection at the Bethlehem steel works of the iron for the Slijo bridge. Said bill was approved by Mr. Douglas, Engineer in charge, and, on motion of Mr. Taff, payment was directed.

Mr. Blodgett stated that Mr. Robert S. Brown had expressed a desire to deposit the estimated cost of a cement sidewalk on Takoma Avenue from Chestnut to his new house, and moved, that upon deposit of \$145.60, the estimated cost, that the walk be constructed. The motion was carried.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting principally for the consideration of the petition for a cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue, but in view of the absence of three members of the Council he was loath to take any action owing to the probability that money would have to be borrowed if the walk were constructed, a condition which the entire Council should consider. The subject of the walk was informally considered by the Council in con-

junction with Messrs. Daniels, Evans, and Baird, of the petitioners for the walk. It was agreed that the Council should again meet at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, to further consider the matter.

The Council thereupon, at 9:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

B. G. Davis, Clerk.

Saturday Evening, March 27, 1909.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at 8 o'clock p.m. at the Clerks Office. Those present were Mayor W. G. Platt, and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The Mayor announced that the meeting had been called to consider the matter of a cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue.

Mr. Rogers thereupon laid before the Council the following communication;

<p>To the Town of Takoma Park, Md.</p>	<p>Washington (D.C.) Sanitarium Association, March 26, 1909.</p>
<p>Gentlemen: The Washington (D.C.) Sanitarium Association herewith submits to you the following proposition concerning the building of a cement sidewalk along Carroll Avenue, from Lincoln Avenue to Sanitarium Avenue.</p>	
<p>We hereby propose and will agree to build a four-foot cement sidewalk, on grades approved by the Town Council, and according to such specifications as you may name, and will collect from the owners of a butting property the cost of constructing said walk, having an agreement with them to this effect, with the exception of the owner of Lot No. 6, of Block 50.</p>	
<p>With the exception of this Lot, we propose to construct the proposed walk from Lincoln Avenue to the Western end of the Sligo Bridge, and from the Eastern end of the Sligo Bridge to the Avenue leading to the Sanitarium.</p>	
<p>This proposition is made with the understanding that we shall keep this walk in good repair for five years, after which time it shall be kept in repair by the Town of Takoma Park without special assessment to the owners of a butting property; and further that the Town of Takoma Park will continue this walk from Lincoln Avenue to the intersection of Carroll and Grant Avenues, to be completed by the fifth day of May, 1909.</p>	
<p>GEO. A. IRWIN, Pres.</p>	

Mr. Dyar moved that the proposition of the Washington Sanitarium Association to construct a cement sidewalk upon the terms and conditions outlined in their letter of March 26, 1909 be accepted, provided the Association agrees to a modification of the condition requiring completion of the walk from Grant to Lincoln Avenues by May 5, 1909, to completion of said walk at the earliest practicable date. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar thereupon presented the following proposed ordinance;

Ordinance No. 162.

Relating to the Construction of a Proposed Cement Sidewalk on a Portion of Carroll Avenue,
Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Section 1. - That, by authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, it is hereby deemed necessary for the public safety and convenience that a sidewalk, composed of cement, gravel or crushed stone, and sand, mixed with water in the proper proportions, and of the width of four (4) feet, be constructed on Carroll Avenue, contiguous to and abutting on the following described property in said Town: Sections 3, 5, 7 and 9, of General S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, Md., and lots 6, 16 and 17, block 50.

Section 2. - That the real property deemed to be specially benefitted by the said improvement, and which will be assessed to pay the entire cost thereof, and the approximate cost of which each of said parcels may be assessed therefor, are as follows: In Carroll Addition: Section 3, \$250.60; Section 5, \$238.91; Section 7, \$238.91; Section 9, \$135.60. In block 50: lot 6, \$59.59; lot 16, \$61.53; lot 17, \$54.81. That the total estimated cost of the proposed improvement is \$1039.95.

Section 3. - That the Mayor and Council meet in the basement of the Presbyterian church, in said Town on the 12th day of April, 1909, at 8 o'clock, p.m., when and where the owners of the property herein designated may be heard in regard to the proposed improvement.

Mr. Dyar moved that the ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the ordinance was adopted as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Dyar, Rogers, Rush and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Rogers laid before the Council a petition signed by all but one of the property owners on Willow Avenue and all of the owners of the property on Carroll Avenue from Laurel to Willow requesting the laying of a curbstone in front of their properties and agreeing to pay in advance the estimated cost thereof. Without objection the petition was referred to the Street Committee for an estimate of the cost of the desired work and recommendation relative thereto.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Clerk was authorized to order six "Trident" water meters for installation in new houses now building.

Mr. Blodgett called attention to the continued disappearance and mutilation of the new street signs in North Takoma and stated his belief that the students of the Bliss School were guilty of the vandalism. On motion of Mr. Rush the Mayor was requested to write Mr. Bliss and ask him to use his influence to stop the damage being done.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk.