

Monday Evening, April 12, 1909

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 the subsequent special meetings of March 24 and 27, were read by the clerk and duly approved.

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public notice, the regular order of business would be suspended and opportunity given for the presentation of objections, if any, to the proposed cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue.

Mr. M. B. Newman, owner of lot 6 in block 50, protested against the construction of said walk. Mr. John W. Beak, representing the owner of land in the Carroll subdivision, informally discussed the matter with the Council but offered no objection to the proposed improvement. No further representations were presented by interested parties.

At 9:10 o'clock p.m., Mr. Grabill moved that the hearing be closed and the regular business of the Council resumed. The motion was carried.

Resuming in regular session Mr. Grabill moved that the proposed cement walk on Carroll Ave. be constructed on the northerly side of that street on a line outside the fence and shrubbery fronting the property of Mr. George N. Beale; provided that Mr. Beale will dedicate to the Town any right or title he may hold in any of the forty feet of roadway south from the fence line of his present property, said dedication to extend the entire length of his holdings. The motion was carried.

The following ordinance was thereupon presented;

Ordinance No. 163.

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 a four-foot cement sidewalk be constructed, and the construction thereof is hereby ordered, on that portion of Carroll Avenue, and at the estimated cost, as provided in Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 162, passed and approved March 27, 1909.

Section 2. The whole cost of the construction of said walk shall be assessed against such of the abutting property mentioned in said section 1 and 2, of Ordinance No. 162, as shall be adjudged by the Mayor and Council specially benefited thereby.

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

Mr. 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 Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 5857.15	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 17.86
From general taxes	\$ 1215.48	gasoline	62.50
" special " cement walks	245.60	Sewer system	5.35
" " " Carroll Ave water main	41.11	Hickory Ave. water main	56.12
" water rents	60.43	Street work: labor	24.69
" permits	12.00	Street lighting: oil	36.80
" builders' deposits	10.00	miscellaneous	2.25
" special deposit for cement walk	145.60	Carroll Ave. bridge	148.62
	7587.37	General expenses: postage	10.62
Of balance on hand of	7044.43	Plumbers' deposits returned	20.00
There belongs to genl. improvement fund	\$ 659.27	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	25.00
Plumbers' deposits	95.00	bariffs	20.00
Builders' "	60.00	engineer	60.00
Bal. due cement walk contractor	35.53	lamplighter	40.00
Sliqo bridge fund	3003.23	laborer	13.13
Special deposit for cement sidewalk	145.60		542.94
Available balance	3045.80	Balance on hand	7044.43
			7587.37

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

Mr. Fenlon, representing the Worthington Meter Company briefly addressed the Council in regards to the merits of the Worthington water meter and quoted prices, guarantees, etc., thereon.

A communication was presented from Mr. F. S. Larkin, of 651 8th St, N.E, Washington, D.C., requesting an extension of the water main on Chestnut Avenue so as to furnish water service to lot 27, block 12, of which he is owner and upon which he expects to build at an early day. The communication, without objection, was referred to the Water and Sewer committee for report and recommendation.

A communication was presented from the Washington Sanitarium Association, contractors for the Sliqo bridge, stating that, in view of a delay in receiving the eye beams for the bridge, they are unable to complete their contract in the specified time and requesting an extension of time for completion of the bridge to June 15, 1909.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the desired extension was granted without penalty to the contractors.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Assessors:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., April 10, 1909

Gentlemen: - The undersigned, duly appointed a Board of Assessors under resolution of the Council March 8, 1909, to revise the assessment of property for the purposes of municipal taxation, submit herewith the assessment as prepared and approved by the Board.

It having been the policy of the Council to eliminate the assessment of personal property in the levying of taxes the Assessors -- deemed it unnecessary to revise or consider that feature of the assessment. As compared with the assessment for the current year the Board has made decreases amounting to \$15000.00; increases amounting to \$20000.00; a net increase of \$5000.00.

Very respectfully

J. H. VAN HOUTEN }
E. N. JACKSON } Assessors.
BEN S. DAVIS }

Mr. Taff moved that the report be received and the Clerk directed to give the usual notice, and that the Council sit as a Board of Review at its regular May meeting to hear any objections that may be presented to the assessment as reported. The motion was carried.

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

B. F. Schrider, Sharpening tools	--- \$ 1.35	Lynchburg Foundry Co. lead, hemp, etc.	\$ 20.45	Arthur W. Skinner, printing	--- \$ 5.00
National Meter Co., Water meters	--- 31.20	" " " 12 meter box covers	15.65	Geo. N. Day, water tapping fees	--- 10.00
Neptune " " " "	--- 50.40	Rudolph and West Co. 48# waste @ 10¢	4.80	C + P. Tel. Co. rentals etc.	--- 11.25
Buffala " " " "	--- 7.00	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lub. oil	--- 11.75	Town Treasr. Contingencies	--- 1.80
Pittsburg " " " "	--- 8.60	" " " 290 gal. illum oil	--- 23.20	Evng. Star. Newspaper Co., Adv.	--- 9.45
H. R. Worthington " "	--- 7.50	" " " 625 " gaso. @ 10¢	62.50		336.45
Eddy Valve Co. 1 hydrant	--- 22.25	" " " 340 " " " 9 1/2 ¢	32.30		

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

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Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee reported the prevalence of several cases of measles, general health conditions con-

The Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance relating to the annual election.

Ordinance No. 164.

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of the charter of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 3, 1909, in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel, Maple Avenue, at which time the qualified voters of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., will cast their votes for three persons as Councilmen, to serve for a term of two years. The polls will be open at 6 o'clock a.m. and will close at 6 o'clock, p.m.

Section 2. The following named persons are hereby appointed as Judges of said election: L. M. Mooers, F. W. Langley and N. Brainard.

Mr. Rush 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 Bladgett, Strabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Clerk was authorized to call a public meeting of citizens at a date not later than April 27th, at the Presbyterian chapel, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for members of the Council, to be voted for at the election of May 3, 1909.

Upon their application therefor, and on motion of Mr. Blodgett, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. was granted permission to reset their poles on Tulip Ave., between Oak and Holly Avenues, the location of said poles to be designated by the Chairman of the street committee.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that the extension of the water main on Hickory Avenue had been practically completed and that a full report thereof would be submitted at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Grabill reported further that the authorized repairs to the pumping machinery had been completed and a bill therefor rendered, but that the committee was unable at this time to report the work as entirely satisfactory and would withhold the bill for the present.

Mr. Grabill moved that the clerk be authorized to order ten Worthington water meters with galvanized top casings, at \$6.⁵⁰ each f.o.b., Takoma Park. The motion was carried.

Relative to the petition for curbing on Carroll and Willow Aves., Mr. Blodgett reported that the committee are investigating the matter but are unable to submit a definite estimate of the probable cost of the work at this time.

There being no further business, the Council, at 10:35 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis.

Clerk

Thursday Evening, April 29, 1909.

Pursuant to public notice duly given as required by law, a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of 800 square yards, more or less, of cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor laid before the Council two bids, which, upon opening, were found to be as follows:

Bidders.	For sidewalks, including cut or fill, of 1 foot, with guarantee for 5 yrs accompanied by bond	For sidewalks, including cut or fill of 1 ft, with guarantee for 5 years, 10% to be retained	Extra grading, including haul	Extra concrete
H. H. Spencer	\$1.20 pr. sq. yd.	\$1.22 pr. sq. yd.	75¢ pr. cu. yd	\$7.00 pr. cu. yd
A. G. Daniells (For Wash. Sanitarium Assn.)	1.28 1/4 " " 14 1/4 ¢ pr. sq. ft.	1.35 " " 15 ¢ pr. sq. ft.	75 ¢ " " "	8.10 " " "

After due consideration of the bids submitted and it being apparent that the lower bid was that of Mr. Spencer Mr. Taff moved that the bid submitted by Mr. H. H. Spencer be accepted and that such acceptance be by Ordinance as follows:

Ordinance No 165.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:
 Section 1. That, in accordance with the specifications dated April 13, 1909, made and submitted in pursuance of the provisions of Ordinance No. 163, passed and approved April 12, 1909, ordering the construction of a cement sidewalk on a portion of Carroll Avenue, the contract for the work therein provided be and the same is hereby awarded to H. H. Spencer, of Takoma Park, Md., for the prices following: for sidewalk, including cut or fill of one foot, with guarantee for 5 years, accompanied by bond for that period, \$1.20 per square yard; for extra grading, including haul, Seventy-five Cents per cubic yard; for extra concrete, \$7.00 per cubic yard, as per his bid dated April 29, 1909.
 Section 2. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and sign said contract for and in the name of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., with the said H. H. Spencer for the construction of the said cement sidewalk.

The ordinance was thereupon passed by aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved: *W. C. Platt*
 Mayor

Ben Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 3, 1909

A special meeting of the Council, convening at 8 o'clock p.m., was held this date for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of the annual municipal election. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

Mr. Norman Brainard, Chairman of the Judges of Election, submitted to the Council the following report:

Report of the Judges of Election for Three Members of the Council, Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, held Monday, May 3rd, 1909, in the Basement of the Presbyterian Church, in said Town.

We, the undersigned, Judges at an election for the choosing of three members of the Council for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Maple Avenue, on Monday, May 3, 1909, respectfully submit the following report:

The Board of Judges appointed by Ordinance duly passed and approved by the Council are Messrs. L.M. Mooers, N. Brainard and F.W. Longley.

The Board organized by the election of N. Brainard as Chairman and selected Mr. J. H. Van Houten as Clerk. The oath of office was administered to the Judges and Clerk by Mayor W.G. Platt.

The polls were opened promptly at the legal hour of 6 o'clock a.m., and closed at 6 o'clock p.m.

The following persons were balloted for as Councilman and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

E. E. Blodgett	52	H. C. Gore	29	F. L. Lewton	31
H. E. Rogers	63	John Saunders	96		

The total number of votes cast was one hundred eleven (111). It appears from the official canvass of the ballots that the following named candidates for members of the Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., received the highest number of all the votes cast at said election and they are hereby declared duly elected members of the Council for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday of June, 1909:

E. E. BLODGETT. H. E. ROGERS JOHN SAUNDERS

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Mayor and Council.

*NORMAN BRAINARD, Chairman
LEWIS M. MOOERS
F. W. LONGLEY*

Judges of Election

*Attest: J. H. VAN HOUTEN,
Clerk.*

Mr. Rush moved that the report be received and filed and that an appropriation of \$12.00 be authorized for the payment of the Judges and Clerk of Election. The motion was carried.

The Mayor laid before the Council the bill of Mr. E. N. Jackson for \$31.50 for services as Inspector on the Sliquo bridge, said bill being duly approved by the Engineer in charge, and on motion of Mr. Grabill payment thereof was directed.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 10, 1909

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

In accordance with notice duly given pursuant to law the Council resolved itself into a Board of Review for the purpose of hearing any complaints in regard to the 1909-10 assessment as submitted by the Board of Assessors April 12, 1909.

A communication was presented from Miss Myra E. Ourand, Executrix for the estate of the late Mrs. M. A. Ourand, protesting against the increase of \$200 on the larger house located on lot 12, block 5. Mr. J. W. Martin also appeared in respect to this same property. In reply to question by the Board, Mr. Martin stated that an expenditure of \$1800⁰⁰ had recently been made on improvements and repairs to this property.

Mr. E. M. Douglas appeared before the Board and called attention to the decrease in valuation of his lots, 1 to 9, in block 43, occasioned by reason of the location of the sewage disposal fields adjacent thereto.

Mr. H. C. Gore protested against the \$200 increase on his house on lot 6, block 6, in view of the fact that no recent outlay had been put on the property and there had not been a general increase on the valuation of other properties.

There being no further appeals or complaints the Council proceeded to consideration of those presented.

Mr. Grabill moved that the assessment on the property of Mrs. Ourand's estate stand as submitted by the Assessors. The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyar moved that the assessment on lots 1 to 9, block 43, owned by Mr. Douglas, be reduced \$15⁰⁰ each. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Taff moved, in view of the fact that there did not seem to be a general increase in the valuation of other properties that the assessment on improvements on lot 6, block 6, owned by Mr. Gore, be reduced to \$1000.00. The motion was carried.

All complaints and appeals having been disposed of, Mr. Taff moved that the Board of Review recommend to the Council the adoption of the assessment as submitted by the Board of Assessors, with the reductions ordered by the Board of Review. Carried and so ordered.

The Board of Review thereupon adjourned sine die and the Council resumed its regular session.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of April 29 and May 3 were read by the clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 7044.43	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant; miscellaneous	\$ 17.55
From general taxes	\$ 173.67	gasoline	94.80
" special " cement walks	46.40		112.35
" water rents	35.93	Waterworks	139.99
" permits	36.00	Sewer system	3.00
" builders' deposits	30.00	Hickory Ave. water main extension	88.30
" redemption property sold at tax sale	23.36	Street work: labor	24.85
	345.36	Cement walk, Carroll Ave.	9.45
	7389.79	Street lighting: oil	23.20
		General expenses: printing	5.00
		telephone	11.25
		contingent	1.80
		miscellaneous	2.00
Of balance on hand of	\$ 5626.88		20.05
There belongs to improvement fund	\$ 705.67	Semi-annual interest on water and sewer bonds	1080.00
plumbers' deposits	95.00	Water tapping fees	10.00
builders' deposits	90.00	Cement walk, Takoma Ave.	63.86
bal. due cement walk contractor	16.93	Paid from redemption fund	23.36
bal. Sliqo bridge fund	3003.23	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	25.00
bal. special deposit cement walks	81.74	engineer	60.00
Available balance	1634.31	lamplighter	40.00
		bailiffs	20.00
		laborer	19.50
			164.50
			1762.91
		Balance on hand	5626.88
			7389.79

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

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

C. & P. Telephone Co. Rental and Messages	\$ 4.45	Geo. N. Day, water tap fees	\$ 17.50	John Bonifant, plowing	\$ 4.00
Standard Oil Co. 180 q. illum. oil @ 8¢	14.40	E. N. Jackson, Inspection Sliqo bridge	22.50	E. E. Blodgett, supervision, etc.	6.25
" " 639 q gasoline @ 9 1/2¢	59.85	Bu. of Standards, Cement tests	12.50		141.45

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

In connection with the bill of the Bureau of Standards for \$12.50 for cement tests, and at the suggestion of Mr. Douglas, Engineer in charge of construction of the Sliqo bridge, Mr. Dyar moved that the clerk, in transmitting check in payment of the bill, express the thanks of the Mayor and Council for the special prices given. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee submitted to the Council a statement of the engineer in charge of the construction of the Sliqo bridge

of work performed to April 16, 1909, by the contractors, in which he approves a payment on account of \$4650.00. Mr. Grabill called attention to a credited payment on said statement of \$1350.00, which should be \$1500.00, with which correction the approved payment should be \$4500.00

Mr. Dyar moved that the statement submitted by the engineer, with the correction indicated by Mr. Grabill, be approved and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to make payment of the amount stated as funds are available. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee submitted the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council: Takoma Park, Md. May 6, 1909.
Gentlemen:- The Street Committee reports the completion of the extension of the water main on Hickory Avenue at a total cost of \$161.56. In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 160, passed and approved January 25, 1909, the total cost of said work is to be assessed against the property benefited thereby. The Finance Committee deems the following described property so benefited and recommends that the cost of the work be assessed as follows:

Blk	Lot	Owner	Front feet	Rate ft	Amt. Dve	Blk	Lot	Owner	Front ft	Rate-ft	Amt. Dve
17	24	Paul P. Pierce	41	57¢	\$ 23.37	20	20	Emil G. Schafer	50	57¢	\$ 28.50
	25	Milton E. Kern	50	"	28.50		21	" " "	89	"	50.73
	26	" "	50	"	28.50						
20	19	Emil G. Schafer	2	"	1.14			Total	282		160.74

Respectfully submitted.

H.F. TAFF, Chr } Finance Com.
H.E. ROGERS }

In accordance with the foregoing recommendation, the Finance submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 166.

An Ordinance Adopting a Special Assessment for the Extension of Water Main on Hickory Avenue.
Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:
Section 1. That the special assessment submitted this date by the Finance Committee for the payment of a water main extension on Hickory Avenue in front of lots 24, 25 and 26, in block 17, and lots 19, 20 and 21, in block 20, 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. Taff 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 Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

In accordance with the action of the Council, sitting as a Board of Review, the Ordinance Committee submitted the following proposed Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 167

To Adopt an Assessment of Real Property for the Purposes of Municipal Taxation.
Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Section 1. That the assessment of real property made for the purposes of municipal taxation, under and pursuant to the resolution of the Council of March 8, 1909, by J. H. Van Houten, E. N. Jackson and Ben G. Davis, and reported by them April 12, 1909, with such corrections and adjustments made therein by the Council, sitting as a Board of Review, May 10, 1909, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1909; the Council having sat as a Board of Review at its regular meeting held Monday, May 10, 1909, and determined all appeals and complaints thereat presented; due notice of said meeting having been lawfully given and notices served, as required by the charter, on all persons whose assessment had been increased or diminished.

Upon an aye and nay vote as follows, the Ordinance was adopted: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

Voting nay, none.

The Finance Committee submitted the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council,

Takoma Park, Md., May 6, 1909.

Gentlemen;- The Finance Committee has given consideration to the tax rate for the fiscal year 1909-10, and would recommend that the present rate of \$1.40 for each \$100.00 of assessed valuation be adopted for the ensuing year. The following proposed Ordinance is therefore presented for adoption:

Ordinance No. 168.

To Levy a General Tax for Municipal Purposes and an Additional Tax for Interest, Sinking Fund and Maintenance of a Water and Sewer System.

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

Section 1. That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as shown by the assessment adopted May 10, 1909, be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1909.

Section 2. That an additional tax of Sixty-five Cents on each One Hundred dollars of the same assessed valuation, for the payment of interest, addition to the sinking fund and maintenance of a water and sewer system, is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1909.

Respectfully,

H. F. TAFF, Chr. } Finance Committee.
H. E. ROGERS. }

Mr. Taff moved that the report be approved and the Ordinance adopted as recommended and such action was taken upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

MR. Grabill, from the Street Committee, called attention to the failure sometimes of the foreman for the Telephone Company to consult the committee relative to the location of poles and the Clerk was directed to call this laxity to the attention of the company.

In reference to the construction of the cement walk on Carroll Avenue and the necessity of changing the street gutters along a part of that street, Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to have the necessary work done in connection therewith. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, to whom had been referred a communication from Mr. Francis S. Larkin, of Washington D.C., asking for the extension of the water main on Chestnut Ave. to lot 27, in block 12, where he desires to build, returned the application to the Council, indorsed as follows:

(2nd indorsement) - May 7, 1909. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The estimated cost of this extension is 320 ft. of 4" water main at \$1.00 per ft, amounting to \$320.00. In view of the present state of the town's finances, due to the expenditures for the Sligo Bridge, there do not seem to be sufficient funds available to warrant a favorable recommendation on this request at this time. Further action may be taken later, when funds are available.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report of the Committee was approved.

Mr. Grabill moved that the water and sewer committee be given authority to have the fire hydrants painted. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill reported that the water and sewer committee was giving due consideration to the matter of filtration of the water supply.

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Mr. Dyar submitted the following ordinance amendatory of Ordinance No. 35

Ordinance No. 169

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland: That Sections 2 and 3, of Ordinance No. 35, passed and approved June 12, 1893, be, and are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. That no person or persons shall ride any bicycle upon any walk, sidewalk or pavement, in the Town of Takoma Park.

"Section 3. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding Ten Dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding ten days."

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

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to have notices printed and posted relative to the ordinance just passed.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben Davis, Clerk

referred by
No. 174 (p. 208)

Monday Evening, June 14, 1909.

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Saunders and Taff. The Mayor announced that he had, on the 7th inst., administered the oath of office to Councilmen-elect Rogers and Saunders, but that owing to illness, Mr. Blodgett had not yet qualified.

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

The Mayor announced the first business of the meeting to be the election of a clerk and treasurer.

Mr. Rush moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be nominated as clerk and treasurer. No other nominations were presented and Mr. Davis was unanimously elected. The oath of office was administered by the Mayor and Mr. Davis entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Thomas H. Rhine be elected Chief bailiff and Messrs. George N. Day, E. E. Blodgett, William Thomas and J. E. Redmond, deputy bailiffs for the ensuing year. Carried and so ordered.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 5626.88	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline	\$ 59.35
From general taxes	\$ 1.98	Parks	4.00
" water rents	8.00	Street work: labor, \$29.93; material \$1.50	31.43
" permits	17.00	Street lighting: oil	14.40
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	Garroll Ave. bridge	2566.50
" miscellaneous	1.50	" " cement walk	400.00
	38.48	Takama " " "	69.20
	\$ 5665.36	Telephone rentals	4.45
Of balance on hand of	\$ 2277.15	Election expenses	12.00
There belongs to improvement fund	\$ 705.67	Water tapping fees	17.50
plumbers deposits	95.00	Plumbers deposits returned	10.00
builders "	70.00	Builders " "	20.00
due cement walk contractor	12.54	Salaries: clerk, \$25.00; bailiffs, \$20.00; lamplighter,	
bal. Sliquo bridge fund	436.73	\$40.00; engineer, 60.00; laborer, \$33.88	178.88
Available balance	957.21		3388.21
		Balance on hand	2277.15
			5665.36

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

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Mayor was requested to submit, at the next meeting of the Council a nomination for the joint offices of Building and Plumbing Inspector.

A communication from Mr. O.M. Judd, complaining of the condition of the cement sidewalk on the west side of Holly Avenue, which was covered with mud at every rainfall, was referred to the Mayor for action under existing ordinance.

A communication from Mr. Asa E. Phillips, Superintendent of the Sewer Department, District of Columbia, was laid before the Council, in which permission was requested for the use of the Town sewage system, to provide for an emergency overflow from a proposed method of sewerage portions of Cedar and Eastern Avenue in the District of Columbia; and requesting, in case of the granting of the desired permission, the issue of a permit to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to lay an 8-inch sewer connection from the north line of Eastern Avenue to the manhole on lot 1, block 7, and there connect with same, the pipe to be laid in standard D.C. section; the work to be well done and the surfaces to be restored as nearly as practicable to their present condition; the permit to allow entrance on the right-of-way belonging to the Town of Takoma Park, Md., across lot 1 of block 7, as recorded in liber 200, folio 423 of the land records of Montgomery Co, Md.

Mr. Taff moved that the desired permission be granted for the purpose indicated and that a permit be granted for the construction work necessary, as requested, it being understood that all expenses in connection therewith are to be borne by the District of Columbia. The motion was carried.

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

Lynchburg Foundry Co. 12 meter box covers \$15.70	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Globes and burners \$ 2.97	E. C. Gary, hauling .45
H. R. Worthington, 10 Water meters 65.00	C. & P. Telephone Co. Rentals + messages 4.70	E. E. Blodgett, Supervision, etc. 8.00
Rumsey & Co. Pump packing 10.80	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubricating oil 12.22	" " oil cans 1.00
G. B. Mullin, Street Sprinkling 40.00	" " " 265 gals. illum. oil 21.20	Thos. H. Rhine, painting sign posts 5.00
Evq. Star. Newspaper Co. Advertising 2.40	" " " 1125 " gasoline 106.88	
A. W. Skinner, Printing 6.50	E. N. Jackson, bridge + walk inspection 40.50	343.32

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

Mr. Rogers called attention to the fact that the overflow pipe leading from the spring at Spring Park was in bad condition and surrounded with decayed leaves, etc., and moved that the Health Committee be authorized to expend not exceeding \$20.00 (twenty dollars) in having the pipe cleaned and relaid in a proper manner. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. E. M. Douglas, of Eastern Avenue, requesting that a sign post be placed at the corner of Laurel and Eastern Avenues. Mr. Grabill moved that the request be referred to the Street Committee with directions to take favorable action thereon; and that the street committee be further directed to place the remaining posts and signs, and to replace such signs as have been removed or defaced. The motion was carried.

The Mayor called attention to the possibility of danger at the new bridge from speeding automobiles and suggested that action be taken toward the prescribing of a speed limit, not only at that point but throughout the town.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance committee be directed to prepare and submit at the next meeting of the Council, an ordinance relating to the speed of automobiles in the corporate limits. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers called attention to the necessity of some protection at the approaches to the new bridge to prevent accidents from driving over the embankments and moved that the street committee be authorized and directed to place strong and substantial guard rails at the bridge approaches. The motion was carried.

The Mayor submitted the following proposed ordinance, prepared by Mr. Dyar, at the request of the Council:

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.:

Section 1. That no fire cracker over three inches in length, and no gun, rifle, revolver, cannon, or other fire-arm, shall at any time be discharged within five hundred feet of any dwelling house, without a special written permit signed by the Mayor.

Section 2. That no firecracker, squib, torpedo or other explosive or noise-producing fireworks of any kind whatever shall be set off or discharged within the limits of Takoma Park before six o'clock A.M., nor after eleven o'clock, P.M.

Section 3. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty days.

Mr. Grabill moved that the ordinance be adopted and upon that motion a vote, by ayes and nays, resulted as follows: Voting aye, Messrs. Grabill, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, Mayor Platt and Messrs. Rush and Saunders. The vote being a tie the motion was, ^{lost,} and the ordinance defeated.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, returned a request from Mr. B. C. Shine, of 1018 N. C. Ave, S. E., Washington, D. C. for permission to lay a one-inch galvanized water service pipe from the water main on Carroll, along Sherman Ave. to Hancock Ave, a distance of about 375 feet, indorsed as follows:

June 14, 1909. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with recommendation that the request be denied, for the reasons that it is believed to be contrary to public policy to grant such a length of small pipe beyond the town mains, on account of danger of leaks; that the locality is not provided with sewer; and finally the title of the ground in the street is in dispute.

L. R. GRABILL
R. D. RUSH
H. F. TAFF } Water and Sewer Committee

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report of the committee was approved and the request denied.

The Water and Sewer Committee, through Mr. Grabill, presented a proposal from Mr. Thomas H. Rhine to paint the fire hydrants, one coat of the best green paint for twenty-cents each and recommended its acceptance. On motion of Mr. Taff the recommendation of the committee was approved.

The Water and Sewer Committee submitted the following report:

The Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md. June 14, 1909

The water and Sewer Committee recommends that on and after July 1st, 1909, the use of lawn sprinklers and other hose connections shall be limited to two hours daily, between the hours 7:00 o'clock and 8:00 o'clock a. m., and 6:30 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock p. m., except to premises where the water supply is metered. It therefore recommends adoption of the following amendments to ordinance No. 95, "to regulate the use of water, etc.," viz: In section 2, after the words "5 o'clock and 8 o'clock p. m.," strike out the remainder of the section and insert the words: "on premises where the water is paid for by measurement; and between the hours of 7:00 o'clock and 8 o'clock a. m. and 6:30 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock p. m., on premises where the water is not paid for by measurement. In case of violation of this regulation upon premises where the water supply is not measured, or of any other waste or misuse of water upon such premises, the Council may proceed to give notice to the owner of the premises to install within 30 days, a meter for the proper determination of the amount of water supplied; and if such notice is not complied with, the Mayor shall then proceed to have such meter installed and to charge the cost of installation against the owner of the premises; and the supply of water shall be cut off from the premises until such cost and all incidental charges shall be paid to the town treasurer. In case of violation of the hours of sprinkling on premises where the supply is measured, the owner or tenant, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$10.00 for each offense, and the supply of water shall be cut off until such fine is paid."

The committee further recommends the adoption of a new section, to be numbered section 9 as follows: "Section 9. On and after July 1, 1909, meters for the measurement of water supplied shall be installed upon the service pipe of each house erected thereafter within the limits of the town; and any owner or tenant may have furnished by the town and installed on his service pipe a meter for the measurement of his water supply, provided that there be first deposited by him with the town treasurer an amount sufficient to pay the estimated cost of installation. All meters installed under the operation of this ordinance shall be supplied by the town and shall remain the property of the town, the cost of installation only being borne by the owner of the premises. All meters shall be of a standard pattern and the manner of installation shall be uniform so far as practicable, and shall conform to specifications to be approved by the Inspector of Plumbing. After the installation of a meter upon the water service pipe of any premises the payments for water used shall be determined by the measured amount of water supplied, at such rate as may be fixed by the

Council, and shall be payable quarterly; but a deposit of not less than \$5⁰⁰ shall be made in advance in all cases where water is to be supplied by meter, to insure the Town against any loss by default in payment of water dues."

L. R. GRABILL }
 R. D. RUSH } Water and Sewer Committee.
 H. F. TAFF }

In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee Mr. Grabill submitted the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

Ordinance No. 170.

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, 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 7:00 o'clock and 8 o'clock, a.m., and 5:00 o'clock and 8 o'clock, p.m., on premises where the water is paid for by measurement; and between the hours 7:00 o'clock and 8 o'clock a.m., and 6:30 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock p.m., on premises where the water is not paid for by measurement. In case of violation of this section upon premises where the water supply is not measured, or of any other waste or misuse of water on such premises, the Council may proceed to give notice to the owners of the premises to install within 30 days a meter for the proper determination of the amount of water supplied; and if such notice is not complied with, the Mayor shall then proceed to have such meter installed and to charge the cost of installation against the owner of the premises; and the supply of water shall be cut off from the premises until such cost and all incidental charges shall be paid to the Town Treasurer. In case of violation of the hours of sprinkling on premises where the supply is measured, the owner or tenant, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$10.00 for each offense, and the supply of water shall be cut off until such fine is paid."

Section 2. That there is hereby added to said Ordinance No. 95, a new section, to be known as Section 9, as follows: "Section 9. On and after July 1, 1909, meters for the measurement of water supplied shall be installed upon the service pipe of each house erected thereafter within the limits of the town; and any owner or tenant may have furnished by the Town and installed on his service pipe a meter for the measurement of water supplied to his premises, provided that there be first deposited by him with the Town Treasurer, the estimated cost of the installation thereof."

"All meters installed under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be supplied by the Town and shall remain the property thereof, the cost of installation only being borne by the owner of the premises. All meters shall be of a standard pattern and the manner of installation shall be uniform, so far as practicable and shall conform to specifications to be approved by the Inspector of Plumbing."

"After the installation of a meter upon the water service pipe of any premises, the payments for water used shall be determined by the measured amount of water supplied, at such rate as may be fixed by the Council, and shall be payable quarterly; but a deposit of not less than \$5⁰⁰ shall be made in advance in all cases where water is to be supplied by meter to insure the Town against any loss by default in payment of water dues."

repealed by m. 175 (p. 215)
 8-12-08
 7-7-1

Upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Saunders and Taft. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was instructed to formulate a set of regulations, formulating as briefly as possible, the salient points of Ordinance No. 95, as amended, and, upon approval of the same by the Water and Sewer Committee, to have sufficient copies thereof printed for distribution among the water-takers of the Town.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the fixing of the street gutter on Carroll and Eastern Avenues was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Commenting upon the useful services rendered the Council by retiring-councilman W.W. Dyar, Mayor Platt suggested that a continuance of that service might probably be secured by the appointment of Mr. Dyar as corporation attorney or counsel. Thereupon Mr. Taff moved that Mr. W. W. Dyar be appointed Corporation Counsel and the motion was unanimously carried. (See p. 190 for list of committees)

There being no further business the Council, at 10:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben O. Davis, Clerk

Wednesday evening, June 16, 1909

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Rush, Saunders and Taff. The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for a reconsideration of the ordinance relating to firecrackers, fireworks, etc, there having been a misunderstanding as to the status of the matter at the last meeting, owing to the tie vote occasioned by the vote of the Mayor, which vote undoubtedly defeated the Ordinance. The Mayor stated that there was practically no opposition to the tenor of the Ordinance and recommended, in order that there could be no doubt as to the legality or illegality of the action of the last meeting, that the Ordinance be again presented with perhaps a change of time from 6 o'clock a. m., to 5 o'clock a. m.

In accordance with the Mayor's recommendation Mr. Taff presented the following ordinance and moved its adoption:

Ordinance No. 171.

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

Section 1. That no firecracker over three inches in length, and no gun, rifle, revolver, cannon, or other fire-arm shall at any time be discharged within five hundred feet of any dwelling house, without a special written permit signed by the Mayor.

Section 2. - That no firecracker, squib, torpedo or other explosive or noise-producing fireworks of any kind whatever shall be set off or discharged within the limits of Takoma Park before five o'clock a. m., nor after eleven o'clock p. m.

Section 3. - Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty days.

The ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Rush, Saunders and Taff. Voting nay,

Repealed by Res. 1003 (2/17)

In view of the possibility of town legislation at some time in which the questions of the Mayor's right to vote and what constitutes a ^{might be of vital importance} quorum of the Council, Mr. Taff moved that the corporation counsel be requested to give his opinion on the following questions: Does the charter constitute the Mayor a part of the Council, and if so, has he the right to vote on all questions, the same as Councilmen. If not a member of the Council, what are the voting privileges of the Mayor. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Rush the Clerk was directed to have printed and posted 25 copies of Ordinance No. 171 passed and approved this date.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Clatt

Mayor

Ben G. Davis

Clerk

(Continuation of minutes of June 14th meeting)

The Mayor announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

Finance. - Messrs. Taff, Rogers and Rush.

Judiciary. - Rush, Taff, Grabill.

Water and Sewer. - Grabill, Rush, Taff and Rogers.

Streets and Lights - Blodgett, Grabill, Rush and Saunders.

Health and Sanitation - Rogers, Saunders and Blodgett.

Ordinance. - Saunders, Blodgett and Rogers.