

Monday Evening, July 12, 1909.

Taff

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 16th were read by the Clerk and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, examined and certified correct by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows.

Balance on hand last report -----	\$ 2277.15	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous -----	\$ 235.51
Special taxes, Hickory Ave. water main -----	\$ 103.74	gasoline -----	106.88
Water rents -----	3.50	Water works: -----	82.32
Permits -----	1.00	Sewer system -----	9.75
Proceeds bridge bonds, Montgomery county -----	2500.00	Street work: labor -----	63.45
	2608.24	Cement walk, Carroll Avenue -----	422.58
	4885.39	Street lighting: oil -----	21.20
		miscellaneous -----	4.22
Of balance on hand of -----	\$ 1186.64	Carroll Avenue bridge -----	\$ 2551.50
There belongs to improvement fund -----	\$ 705.67	General expenses: printing -----	6.50
plumbers' deposits -----	95.00	telephone -----	4.70
builders' deposits -----	70.00	postage -----	10.62
due cement walk contractor -----	102.11	Salaries: clerk and treasurer -----	25.00
Sligo bridge fund -----	385.23	bailiffs -----	20.00
Deficiency -----	171.37	lanplighter -----	40.00
		engineer -----	60.00
		laborer -----	34.52
			179.52
			3698.75
		Balance on hand -----	1186.64
			4885.39

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

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

J.N. Meredith, cement tests, Sligo bridge -----	\$ 2.50	Grand P. Telephone Co. Rentals, etc. -----	\$ 5.25	Standard Oil Co. 680 gals. gasoline @ 9/24 -----	\$ 64.61
Presbyterian church, Rental church basement -----	35.50	Geo. N. Day, water tapping fees -----	7.50	" " " 70 " illum. oil @ 8¢ -----	5.60
C.M. Heaton, Trustee, Rental log cabin -----	36.00	Pioneer Press, Printing -----	3.50	Thos. H. Rhine, painting hydrants -----	11.80
Lamond Bros., Terra cotta pipe -----	8.70	Treasurer, Contingent expenses -----	4.56	J. H. Cissel, 2 bu. cow peas -----	3.80

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

The Treasurer submitted his annual report as follows:



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

Takoma Park, Md., July 1, 1909.

Gentlemen: The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909:

Balance on hand July 1, 1908----- \$ 1418.93

Receipts:

From general taxes-----	\$ 7901.66	
" Special " (cement walks)-----	869.57	
" " " (Carroll Ave. water main)-----	111.08	
" " " (Hickory " " " )-----	103.74	
" " " (Sycamore Ave. sewer)-----	46.72	
" water rents-----	2153.98	
" permits-----	159.00	
" contributions, etc., to Sliquo bridge-----	5000.00	
" plumbers' deposits-----	80.00	
" builders' deposits-----	80.00	
" interest on deposits in bank-----	47.13	
" road tax rebate, Prince Georges County-----	50.00	
" " " " Montgomery "-----	742.50	
" miscellaneous sources-----	33.05	
" special deposits for public work-----	535.60	
" redemption of property sold for taxes-----	23.36	17937.39
		<u>19356.32</u>

SINKING FUND:

Balance on hand July 1, 1908:-----	\$ 119.92
Interest credits-----	3.96
Deposit to credit of-----	500.00
	<u>Balance on hand \$ 623.88</u>

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS:

Water and Sewer bonds (4%) 1st issue-----	\$ 37000.00	\$
2d "-----	10000.00	
3d "-----	7000.00	54000.00
General improvement bonds (5 1/2 %)-----		2900.00
		<u>Total bonded indebtedness 56900.00</u>

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

Examined and found correct:

H. F. TAFF

R. D. RUSH

Finance Committee.

Disbursements:

Public works, from special deposits-----	\$ 523.06	
Pumping plant: miscellaneous-----	\$ 346.19	
gasoline-----	940.14	1286.33
Waterworks: miscellaneous-----	523.70	
Sewer system: "-----	59.20	
Extension of water main, Hickory Avenue-----	153.87	
Parks-----	32.00	
Street work: labor-----	497.23	
material-----	164.85	662.08
Cement walk, Carroll Avenue-----	832.03	
Street lighting: oil-----	299.20	
miscellaneous-----	52.93	352.13
General expenses: printing-----	21.25	
contingent-----	12.38	
telephone Rentals-----	51.95	
postage-----	31.86	
rentals-----	71.00	
miscellaneous-----	82.88	271.32
Sliquo bridge-----	7114.77	
Legal expenses, including judgment, atty's fees, etc-----	339.23	
Interest on bonds-----	2347.00	
Water tapping fees-----	75.00	
Redemption of property sold at tax sale-----	23.36	
Plumbers' deposits returned-----	60.00	
Builders' " "-----	30.00	
Improvement bonds paid and cancelled-----	1000.00	
Deposited to credit of sinking fund-----	500.00	
Salaries: clerk and treasurer-----	300.00	
bailiffs-----	235.00	
lamp lighter-----	490.00	
engineer-----	690.00	
laborer-----	269.60	1984.60
		<u>18169.68</u>
		<u>Balance on hand 1186.64</u>
		<u>19356.32</u>

Respectfully,

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was approved and the Clerk authorized to have a sufficient number printed and distributed to the tax-payers of the Town.



A petition from residents on Ridge Avenue, requesting improvement of that street was presented by Mr. Saunders and referred to the street committee.

The clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. Thos. H. Rhine resigning the position of bailiff and on motion of Mr. Grabill the same was laid upon the table for one month.

A communication was presented from Mr. L. F. Starr requesting permission to construct a cess pool on his property, lot 8, block D, of the Cunningham subdivision, and the same was referred to the Health Committee for investigation and report.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication:

Hon. W. G. PLATT

Mayor of Takoma Park, D.C.

Washington, D.C., July 9, 1909.

Dear Sir: - We hereby formally apply for an ordinance permitting the use of that land lying in Prince George County, bounded by Ethan Allen and Cypress Avenues to Sligo Creek, thence along Sligo Creek to Aspen Avenue, thence along Aspen Avenue to the Beale property for cemetery purposes and that part of the Carroll and Beale tracts lying in Montgomery County for horticulture purposes only with the privilege of constructing a right-of-way and approach to the property in the rear. It is understood that there will be no monuments, vaults or tombstones of any character on the Carroll or Beale properties and that that portion of this property which lies only in Prince George County, will be used for burial purposes. If the Town Council agrees to give us this franchise the corporation will issue to the city \$10000 worth of the preferred stock of the Company, which draws a guaranteed dividend of 6%, in lieu of taxation, as we understand that cemetery property is not subject to taxation under the laws of Maryland. This is many times greater than the amount that the taxes would be on this property and as it now stands, we submit that this feature alone would make it pay the city of Takoma to encourage this enterprise; in addition to which, the landscaping and horticultural effects along Carroll Avenue would enhance the value and desirability of the immediate neighborhood, to which fact we are willing to submit to the property holders of the immediate neighborhood, who have indicated a favorable disposition toward this undertaking.

At first blush, a cemetery proposition put up on the community is met with consternation, but we would call to your attention that this project contemplates the alienation of 100 acres of land which has for years been unmarketable, having a tendency to lessen the values of adjoining properties. The owners of these respective properties are desirous and anxious to sell. In passing upon this question we would ask you to consider also the stimulus that the sale of this land would bring to other adjoining properties, the desires of the present owners in connection therewith and the great improvements contemplated by the promoters along your main line of traffic. We are,

Respectfully

TAGGART-FRASER Co.,

E. H. TAGGART, Pres.

On recommendation of the Mayor the communication was referred to the Judiciary and <sup>Health</sup> ~~Ordinance~~ <sup>Ordinance</sup> Committees for joint consideration and <sup>Recommendation</sup> ~~Recommendation~~.

Upon their application therefor, and on motion of Mr. Taff; permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect one pole on Ethan Allen Avenue, thirteen poles on Sycamore Avenue and two poles on Beech Avenue, and to string two wires thereon, to furnish electric service to residents on said streets; such permission being granted on condition that poles be located as directed by the chairman of the street committee.

In accordance with the request of the Council at the June meeting the Mayor submitted the nomination of Mr. E. E. Blodgett as Building and Plumbing Inspector. Mr. Grabill moved that the nomination of the Mayor be confirmed and that hereafter be Clerk be authorized and di-



rected to issue all building permits upon approval of plans by the building and plumbing inspector. The motion was carried.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Mr. Rush, the Treasurer was directed to deposit \$500<sup>00</sup> in the sinking fund.

The Treasurer reported that the cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue from Grant Avenue to Lincoln Avenue had been completed and measurements properly verified and certified by the inspector and the chairman of the street committee; that the contractor had been paid all amounts due him except the retained ten per cent until the filing of his five-year maintenance bond; that said bond had now been filed, and requested that final payment on the work be authorized.

Mr. Grabill moved that the cement walk on Carroll Avenue, between Grant and Lincoln Avenues, be accepted and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the contractor the retained 10% of his contract price. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, submitted a detailed report of work on streets and lights during the past month. The report was approved and ordered filed.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized and directed to remove the old bridge across the Sligo on Carroll Ave. and to barricade the approaches thereto.

From the Water and Sewer committee, Mr. Grabill reported that the committee was continuing its investigation into plans and methods regarding filtration of the water supply.

Mr. Grabill moved that the clerk be instructed, upon notification from the Mayor or any member of the Council that any water taker was using water for sprinkling etc, outside of the prescribed hours therefor, to notify said person of such violation of the regulations for the use of water, and to warn them that upon a repetition of the offense, a water meter would be installed upon their premises. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$20<sup>00</sup> or so much thereof as may be necessary was authorized for the cleaning out of the pool on Sewer farm No. 2.

The Council discussed at some length the question of sprinkling hours upon premises where the water supply was metered and in accordance with the apparent sentiment of the Mayor and Councilmen, Mr. Grabill submitted the following ordinance:



**Ordinance No. 171 1/2**

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

That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 95, passed and approved August 4, 1902, and amended December 7, 1903, and further amended by Ordinance No. 170, passed and approved June 14, 1909, is hereby amended as follows: Strike out the words "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 substitute therefor the following: "That no person shall use a fountain, street washer, lawn sprinkler, or other hose connections except between the hours of 7:00 o'clock, a.m. and 7:30 o'clock p.m., on premises where the water is paid for by measurement."

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

The following communication from the Town Treasurer was laid before the Council:

To the Mayor and Council.	Takoma Park, Md., July 10, 1909
Gentlemen: The following is a statement of the cost of construction of the cement sidewalk on the westerly side of Carroll Avenue, from Grant Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, and of the frontage of one lot between Lincoln Avenue and the new bridge:	
Advertising-----	\$ 11.85
Contractor-----	895.75
Inspector-----	14.00
Total-----	921.60
Percentage for general expenses-----	49.45
Grand total-----	\$ 971.05

As this cost is to be assessed against 1471.31 feet of frontage, it is recommended that 66 cents per lineal foot of walk be established as the rate of assessment. The following assessment, based upon the rate stated, is therefore submitted for the approval of the Council:

Subdivision	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	No. of feet	Rate per ft	Amount due	Subdivision	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	No. of feet	Rate per ft	Amount due
Carroll	3	---	George N. Beale	318.1	66¢	\$ 209.95	Gilberts	50	6	Myer B. Newman	85.91	66¢	\$ 56.70
"	5	---	John B. Wailes	341.3	"	225.25	"	"	16	Angus Lamand	87.5	"	57.75
"	7	---	Katharine C. Beale	341.3	"	225.25	"	"	17	Augusta W. Long	78.5	"	51.81
"	9	---	Katharine C. Beale	218.7	"	144.34				Total	1471.31		\$ 971.05

The adoption of the following Ordinance is recommended:

**Ordinance No. 172**

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

Section 1. That the special assessment submitted in the report of the Town Treasurer under date of July 10, 1909, for the payment of construction of a cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue, abutting Sections 3, 5, 7 and 9, in the Carroll subdivision, and lots 6, 16 and 17, in block 50, of B. F. Gilberts subdivision, in accordance with the provisions, and by virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be, and the assessment aforesaid, is hereby approved and adopted.

Respectfully submitted:  
BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer



Mr. Taff moved that the report and recommendation of the Treasurer be approved and that the ordinance adopting the proposed assessment be passed, and upon an aye and nay vote as follows, the motion was carried: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Saunders and Taff. Voting nay, none.

There being no further business, the Council, at 10:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor.

*Ben G. Davis*, Clerk

Monday evening, August 9, 1909

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

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

A communication from Mr. E. V. Crittenden requesting that he be reimbursed for a water meter installed in his premises prior to the order of the Council requiring meters for all new houses, was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for recommendation and report.

The clerk called attention to a verbal request made thro' him, by Mrs. Edith Gulley, for refundment to the extent of the cost of the water meters supplied by the Town, she having installed a meter of larger capacity than those in general use, and such request was referred to the Water and Sewer committee for consideration and recommendation.

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

Cand. P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 3.80	Eisinger Bros, lumber	\$ 41.41	Wash. San. Assn. Constructing 3 man-holes	\$ 18.00
Standard Oil Co. 895 gals. gasoline	93.98	Henry R. Worthington, 10 water meters	65.00	John Bonifant, work on Park	6.00
" " " 325 " illum. oil	25.65	Geo. N. Day, Water tap fees	20.00	Laird Bros. T.C. pipe	2.40
					<u>276.24</u>

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

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



Balance on hand last report	\$ 1186.64	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline	\$ 64.61
From general taxes	\$ 4587.48	Waterworks: miscellaneous	11.80
" special " (Hickory Ave. water main)	57.00	Sewerage system	9.50
" " " (cement walks)	31.24	Street work: labor	\$ 60.75
" " " (cement walk, Carroll Ave.)	166.26	material	8.70
" water rents	78.02	Street lighting: oil	5.60
" " rent deposits	60.00	Carroll Avenue bridge	2.50
" permits	40.00	Cement walk on Carroll Ave.	89.57
" builders' deposits	20.00	General expenses: printing	3.50
" plumbers' "	20.00	contingent	4.56
" interest on deposits in bank	37.92	telephones	5.25
" miscellaneous sources	7.50	Rentals: log cabin and church basement	13.31
	5105.42	Water tapping fees	71.50
	\$ 6292.06	Interest on \$2900 improvement bonds	7.50
		Parks	79.75
Of balance on hand of	\$ 4612.92	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	3.80
There belongs to improvement funds	236.91	bailiffs	25.00
Plumbers' deposits	90.00	engineer	20.00
Builders' "	60.00	lamplighter	60.00
Due cement walk contractor	12.54	laborer	40.00
Sligo bridge fund	382.73		50.25
Water rent deposits	60.00	Plumbers' deposits returned	195.25
Available balance	3770.74	Builders' " "	25.00
		Improvement bonds paid	30.00
		Deposited to credit of sinking fund	500.00
			500.00
			1679.14
		Balance on hand	4612.92
			6292.06

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

The following communication was laid before the Council:

Mayor W. G. PLATT;  
 Dear Sir:- I have the honor to recommend the acceptance of the concrete trestle bridge recently erected for Takoma Park across the Sligo Valley. The contractor has fully and satisfactorily completed the bridge and approaches as specified under the contract. In recommending the acceptance of the work referred to, I wish to invite your attention to the fact that throughout the entire construction, the contractor gave every evidence of a determination not only to follow the plans and specifications to their true meaning and intent, but to improve upon the actual construction beyond that which could have been legally exacted under the terms of the contract. The money expended by him in excess of that which could legally have been exacted exceeded \$1200.00. I therefore respectfully suggest that in accepting the bridge and its approaches, you acknowledge the contractor's efforts to cooperate with you to attain work of a high standard. I wish also to acknowledge the efficient services of the engineer in charge of the construction.  
 Mr. Jackson: Thanking you for your confidence, I remain  
 Washington, D.C., August 9, 1909.  
 Very respectfully yours  
 W. J. DOUGLAS, C.E.



Mr. Taff moved that the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer be approved and that the bridge be accepted; and that the Mayor and Council hereby tender their appreciative thanks to the contractor for his earnest and successful effort, not only in following the plans to their true meaning and intent - but in improving upon the actual construction beyond the legal exactions of the contract; and also to the consulting engineer and the inspector for their earnest and efficient services in connection with the work. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rush moved that the final settlement in payment for the bridge, under the terms of the contract, be referred to the Finance Committee, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the contractor such amount as the committee may determine is due him and that the necessary appropriation therefor is hereby authorized. The motion was carried.

The resignation of Mr. Thomas Rhine as bailiff, referred over from the last meeting, was, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, allowed to lie upon the table for future action.

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, to which had been referred the application of Mr. L. F. Starr for the installation of a cess pool upon his premises for sewage disposal, returned said application, with report as follows:

To the Mayor and Council,

Takoma Park, August 10, 1909.

Your committee on Health and Sanitation has investigated the condition of the premises for which the attached request is made, and we find it quite impracticable for a connection to be made with the sewer system of the town. The location is away from the water shed where the supply of water is taken for the town's use, and the situation is such as to lend itself readily to the installation of an independent system of drainage.

We therefore recommend that the owner of the premises be permitted to install, under proper instruction and inspection on the part of the Town of Takoma Park, and an agreement to maintain continuously in a satisfactory condition, a septic tank for the purpose of sewage disposal from the premises located on lot 8, Blk D, of the Cunningham subdivision. Respectfully submitted;

H. F. ROGERS  
J. H. SAUNDERS  
E. E. BLODGETT. } Committee

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved and issue of a permit directed upon the conditions stated therein.

Mr. Rogers, in his capacity as Health Officer, submitted a brief report of work done in connection with an examination of the watershed of Slijo Branch, in connection with Mr. H. L. Stallings, special representative of the Maryland State Board of Health, Aug. 6, 1909. and on motion of Mr. Taff same was noted and filed for future consideration upon completion of the examination.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, recommended an expenditure of \$100.00 for repairs to Ridge Avenue, and upon his motion such recommendation was approved and the necessary appropriation authorized.



On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$54.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was authorized, for the construction of three cement road crossings as follows: one across Oak at Tulip Avenue; one across Tulip at Oak Ave. and one across Pine at Columbia Ave.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, stated that the committee had been continuing its investigation in the matter of establishing a filtering plant for the water supply and that representatives of two filter manufacturers had visited the town, looked over the ground and submitted estimates of the probable cost of the work; that the committee had arrived at the conclusion that to carry out its proposed plans it should have the sum of \$6000.00 to construct a plant capable of filtering 150,000 gallons of water per day; \$2500.00 for the purchase and installation of water meters and \$1500.00 to raise the dam for the purpose of increasing the water area - in all, the sum of \$10,000.00. The committee would therefore recommend that the matter be presented to the citizens of the Town to vote upon a proposed bond issue of \$10,000.00 for the purpose indicated.

Mr. Grabill moved that the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee, as presented by him, be approved, and that the Ordinance Committee be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance for the required election and to submit the same for consideration of the Council at a special meeting to be held at the Clerks Office, Thursday evening, August 12th, 1909. The motion was <sup>[carried,</sup>

The Mayor called attention to the bad condition of the street drainage on the north side of Takoma Avenue, between Philadelphia and New York Aves., where, during rainy periods, the sidewalks carry the water. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street committee was directed to have the necessary work done to regulate the drainage at the location stated.

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor

*Ben Davis*

Clerk



Monday Evening, August 16, 1909.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of considering the proposed ordinance relating to the issue of bonds for the installation of a filtration plant and the introduction of water meters.

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

The ordinance committee, in accordance with the instructions of the Council, presented the following proposed ordinance which had been examined and approved by Mr. W. W. Dyar, Corporation Counsel:

### Ordinance No. 173.

*Providing for the Issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness to Improve the Water Supply; and for a Special Election to authorize the same.*

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

*Section 1. That, subject to the approval of the voters of said Town, as hereinafter provided, the Mayor and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to borrow on the credit of the Town the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of constructing a filtering plant, and the necessary work in connection therewith, to improve the water supply; and for the further purpose of purchasing and installing water meters for the use of consumers, under such regulations as the Mayor and Council may prescribe. Said certificates shall be issued in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars each, shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, shall be numbered serially from one to twenty, and shall mature and be paid in numerical order to the face value of one thousand dollars per annum.*

*Section 2. That a special election of the qualified taxpayers of the Town be, and the same is hereby called for Monday, September 13, 1909, in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, in said Town, the polls for which shall be opened at six o'clock a.m., and closed at six o'clock p.m., of said day, for the purpose of voting on the question of creating said debt for the purposes above set forth.*

*Section 3. The Clerk is hereby directed to prepare, post and publish the notices of said election as required by law.*

Mr. Rush 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, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Saunders. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the clerk was instructed to prepare, and upon approval of the Water and Sewer committee thereof, to have printed and distributed to the qualified voters of the Town, a circular, setting forth therein the purpose and necessity of the proposed bond issue, the date and place of the election and the qualification of the voters thereat, and the proposed plan of the Council for the repayment of the proceeds of said bonds, namely: by an annual water-meter rent of \$3.00 upon each water-taker during the life of the bonds, such balance of said annual repayment of bonds and interest to be paid from the annual revenues, which in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, will necessitate no increase in the present tax rate.

Upon motion of Mr. Rogers Messrs. N. Brainard, L. M. Mooers and J. H. Van Houten were appointed Judges of the special elec-



tion called in Ordinance No. 173, passed and approved this date, and the Mayor was empowered to fill any vacancy among said Judges occurring prior to the date of said election.

Mr. Grabill presented to the Council a copy of the Maryland state law in regard to the regulation of motor vehicles and read extracts therefrom, and moved that, in view of the thoroughness of the law and its applicability to all requirements of the Town, that the Ordinance committee be relieved of further consideration of instructions to submit an ordinance on the same subject. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Council, at 10:20 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*W. H. Platt*

Mayor

*Ben O. Davis*

Clerk.

Monday Evening, September 13, 1909

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of August 16th were read by the Clerk and duly approved.

Mr. J. H. Van Houten, Chairman of the Board of Election Judges of a special election held this date, laid before the Council the following report:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., September 13, 1909

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, duly appointed by you as Judges of a special election held this date in the basement of the Presbyterian church for the purpose of voting upon the question of creating an additional indebtedness of \$10,000.00 for the construction of a filtration plant and the installation of water meters, respectfully report as follows:

The Board organized by the appointment of Mr. J. H. Van Houten as its Chairman and selected Mr. E. N. Jackson as Clerk. Before entering upon their duties the Judges and Clerk subscribed to the usual oath of office which was administered by Mayor Platt.

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

Upon the question of the creation of the proposed indebtedness, the ballots, upon being counted, were found to have been cast as follows:

For the Debt \_\_\_\_\_ 71

Against the Debt \_\_\_\_\_ 18

The total number of votes cast was 89. It therefore appears that two-thirds of the voters have voted in favor of the proposed indebtedness and the Council is authorized to incur the same.

Attest: E. N. JACKSON, Clerk

Very Respectfully

J. H. VAN HOUTEN  
NORMAN BRAINARD } Judges of Election.  
LEWIS M. MOGERS }



Mr. Taff moved that the report be received and that the result be declared as stated by the election Judges. The motion was carried.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 4612.92	<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Receipts:			Pumping plant: gasoline	\$ 93.98
From general taxes	\$ 452.52		Waterworks: miscellaneous	82.67
" water rents	149.12		Sewer system: "	19.01
" " " deposits	30.00		Street work: labor	\$ 42.00
" permits	13.00		material	41.41      83.41
" builders' deposits	20.00		Street lighting: oil	25.65
" plumbers' "	10.00		Carroll Ave. bridge	2.40
" miscellaneous sources	4.50	681.14	General expenses: postage	4.63
		5294.06	telephone rentals	3.80      8.43
Of balance on hand of		\$ 4792.26	Water tapping fees	20.00
there belongs to improvement fund	\$ 236.91		Parks	6.00
Plumbers' deposits	100.00		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
Builders' "	80.00		engineer	60.00
Due cement walk contractor	12.54		lamplighter	40.00
Sligo bridge fund	380.33		laborer	35.25      160.25
Water rent deposits	90.00	899.78		501.80
Available balance		3892.48	Balance on hand	4792.26
				5294.06

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

A communication was presented from Mrs. E. B. Beale requesting that action be taken to prevent the nuisance occasioned by the coasting of iron-tired hand wagons on the down-grades of cement walks the practice being both nerve racking and dangerous. Without objection the communication was referred to the street committee for report and recommendation.

A communication from Mr. Angus Lamond protesting against the excessive water rent for his apartments on Maple Ave. for the six months ending July 1, 1909 and requesting a partial refundment and reduction in water rate to 10¢ per 100 cu. ft. was referred to the water and sewer committee for investigation and report.

A communication from the Washington Sanitarium Association inclosing a statement of their expenses in connection with the construction of the bridge across Sligo Branch and stating they would be glad if the town saw fit to release any part of the one-year reserve fund and asking if the Council would consider reimbursing the Association for extras in the bridge and grading, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.



A communication was presented from the Potomac Electric Power Co. requesting permission to erect two poles on Columbia Ave and one pole on Pine Avenue and to string two wires thereon, to give electric service to Messrs. Rogers and Meyers, and on motion of Mr. Blodgett such permission was granted, the poles to be located as directed by the chairman of the street committee.

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

Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lub. oil <sup>11 99</sup> <sub>fgt. 25</sub> hauling <sup>50</sup> 12.74	The Pioneer Press, Printing ----- \$ 2.50	Geo. L. Tarbell, Paints and oil ----- \$ 9.80
" " " 270 gals. gaso @ 10 1/2¢ 470 gals. @ 11¢ 80.05	Card P. Tel. Co. Rentals, etc ----- 4.55	" " Buckets, rakes, etc. ----- 1.20
" " " 335 " illum oil @ 7 1/2¢ ----- 25.13	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Globes <sup>4.39</sup> <sub>fgt. 25</sub> ----- 4.59	Pioneer Press, Printing ----- 4.00
E.C. Achmoody & Co. Storage hire ----- 5.50	Geo. N. Day, water tapping fees ----- 7.50	----- 157.56

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

The Finance Committee submitted a proposal from Messrs. E.H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, Mass., to sell one of the Takoma Park water and sewer bonds for par (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) and accrued interest, and recommended acceptance thereof from the sinking fund account.

On motion of Mr. Rush the recommendation was approved.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, reported that the three cement crossings authorized at the last meeting of the Council had been completed at a cost of \$47.00.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, stated briefly to the Council the results of the examination of the water shed of the Sliq by the State Board of Health, analysis of the water, etc., and the progress being made by the committee in the consideration of improving the water supply, installation of filtration plant, etc., and in connection therewith submitted the following motions which were approved by the council:

That the thanks of the Mayor and Council be extended to the Sucro Filtration Co., and their representative, Mr. Marvin, for their courtesies in setting up and demonstrating their filter and thus cooperating in getting the people interested in the matter of filtration of the water.

That the Clerk and Treasurer and the Mayor be authorized to take the required action in reference to the disposal of the bonds authorized by the taxpayers at the election held this date and to advertise for proposals therefor, if deemed necessary, in such financial papers as they may deem proper, such proposals to be opened at the office of the clerk on October 1st, 1909

That the Water and Sewer Committee be directed to secure bids for the installation of water meters and to submit the same with their recommendation, at a special meeting of the Council to be held at the office of the clerk, October 1st, 1909.



That the Water and Sewer committee be authorized to request bids, by correspondence, from such water meter companies as they may deem advisable, for the furnishing of the requisite number of meters to supply the town, such bids to be submitted to a special meeting of the Council to be held at the clerk's office. October 1st. 1909.

And that the water and sewer committee be authorized to take up the matter of securing competent professional advise in the proposed filtration installation and to report relative thereto not later than October 1st. 1909.

The Mayor stated that he had been asked by a prospective purchaser the price for which the town would dispose of its stone crusher, and on motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sell it at 50% of its cost price to the town.

On motion of Mr. Rush an appropriation of \$12.00 was authorized for payment to the Judges and Clerk for services rendered in the special election held this day.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben W. Davis, Clerk.