

street committee be authorized to have a new snow plow constructed and that the removal of snow from the walks be placed under the personal supervision of Mr. Blodgett. The motion was carried.

In the absence of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Taff, for the water and sewer committee, reported that plans for the proposed filtration plant had been received from the Pittsburg Filtration Company, that such plans had been examined by both the Water and Sewer committee and at an informal meeting of the Council, in connection with the company's representative, but that the committee desired to submit no recommendation in the matter until the return of Mr. Grabill.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, January 10, 1910

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 were read by the clerk and duly approved.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment:

Standard Oil Co. 16bl. lubricating oil... \$ 11.99	C. F. Thomas & Son, 1 ton egg coal... \$ 7.25	John Mitchell, jr. Plumbing supplies... \$ 78.00
" " " 850 gals gasoline... 93.50	C. & P. Tel. Co. Rental + messages... 7.50	Hersey Mfg. Co. 1 1/2' water meter... 8.60
" " " 280 " illum. oil... 19.60	Rudolph & West Co. Sundries... 1.44	A. W. Skinner, Printing... 7.50
Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe... 14.58	Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamp globes... 4.34	\$ 254.30

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved and payment directed, with the understanding that the bill of John Mitchell, jr. for

plumbing material be adjusted by credit for return of a portion of goods supplied and that of the Hersey Meter Co. be verified by the Water and Sewer committee.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 389.58	Disbursements:		
Receipts:			Pumping plant: gasoline		\$ 80.30
From general taxes	\$ 158.33		Waterworks: miscellaneous	\$ 12.75	
" special " cement walks	59.02		meter installation	259.78	272.53
" water rents	19.56		Sewer system: miscellaneous		12.00
" permits	13.00		Street work: labor	31.50	
" road tax refund, Prince George Co.	50.00		material	8.48	39.98
" miscellaneous	2.60	302.51	Street lighting: oil		26.95
		4194.09	General expenses: printing	12.25	
			contingent	4.10	
			postage	10.62	
			telephone rentals	7.40	34.37
Of balance on hand of		\$ 3554.41	Water tapping fees		7.50
There belongs to genl. improvement fund	\$ 307.93		Parks		11.80
Plumbers' deposits	100.00		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00	
Builders' "	80.00		lamplighter	40.00	
Due cement walk contractor	12.54		engineer	60.00	
Water rent deposits	115.00	615.47	laborer	29.25	154.25
Available balance		2938.94			639.68
					3554.41
					4194.09

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

The Treasurer reported that final payment of all special assessments for the first cement walk construction had been made and that the amount to the credit of that fund was \$ 307.93. That there was outstanding \$ 2400.00 of the original \$ 22000.00 bonds issued for this purpose, which amount, less the credit stated, would have to be made from revenues of the Town.

Mr. Taff moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay off one of the \$ 500 bonds of the remaining \$ 2400 of bond issue referred to, on February 1st next, date of semi-annual interest payment thereon. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted draft of proposed advertisement, bid, and specifications, for the installation of a filtration plant. The Council informally considered the matter at some length, adopting several changes agreeable to the Water and Sewer Committee. Mr. Grabill thereupon moved that the Clerk be authorized to have the advertisement as approved

inserted the proper number of times in the Washington Evening Star and once in the Engineering Record, published in New York City. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was authorized and directed to have printed fifty copies of the advertisement, proposal, and specifications for a filtration plant, provided the cost thereof was not excessive, in which case he was directed to have twenty type-written and carbon copies prepared.

Mr. Blodgett from the committee on streets and lights reported that adverse weather conditions had precluded the possibility of any street work; that a number of street lamps had been repaired; snow cleaned from the sidewalks on one occasion during the past month and that he had completed a new snow plow which was now available for future storms.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of one to find a suitable location for the hose reel now stored in the log cabin. The motion was carried and the Mayor appointed Mr. Blodgett for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Rush, Mr. Blodgett was also requested to give a thorough inspection to the town base and to repair such faulty connections thereon as may be found.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following report of Mr. L. M. Mooers, Registrar of Vital Statistics:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., Jan. 10, 1910

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 1909. There have occurred 24 births and 16 deaths. While the death rate would appear to be high as compared with former years, it must be remembered that not only has the population of the Town largely increased but that quite a number of those reported are of invalid people who have come here hoping for improvement, or who have gone to the Sanitarium with chronic and incurable ailments. It can however truthfully be said that of the many who come to Takoma as health-seekers, either as residents or to our most excellent Sanitarium, the number reported as died is but small compared with the many who are benefitted or cured. The general health of the Town has been good and in immunity from epidemic diseases our Town still leads. The report of the marriages is not ready at this time and a further report will be made.

BIRTHS:

Date-1909	Father's Name	Sex	Date-1909	Father's Name	Sex	Date-1910	Father's Name	Sex
Jan. 18	Lewis Riggles, Holly Ave.	Daughter	June 6	John E. Koehler	Son	Aug. 30	Ralph S. Dennison, Willow Ave.	Daughter
Feb. 9	George N. Day	"	June 12	Charles W. Immick, Wildwood	"	Sep. 28	Harmer C. Skeels	"
Feb. 9	Samuel T. Smith, Holly Ave.	Son	June 13	Herman Maroldt, Sanitarium	"	Nov. 5	Samuel G. Waitc, Oak Ave.	"
Mar. 23	Dafus E. Coon, Sycamore Ave.	"	June 17	Andrew J. B. Thomas, Spring Flats	Daughter	Nov. 17	John A. Dennis	"
Apr. 4	Charles L. Greenfield, Maple Ave.	"	July	Guy L. Seaman, Tulip Ave.	Son	Nov. 17	Harry A. Stacy, Elm Ave.	"
Apr. 9	Fred T. Linton, Holly Ave.	Daughter	July 29	Louis A. Ohm, Elm Ave.	Daughter	Nov. 18	Lewis B. Smith	"
Apr. 23	Walter Case, Willow Ave.	Son	Aug. 1	Edgar M. Eshleman, Montgomery Ave.	"	Nov. 28	Alex. H. Taltamus, Pine Ave.	"
May 14	Ross A. Diehl, Sanitarium	"	Aug. 2	John J. Ekin, Takoma Ave.	Son	Dec. 21	Irving Queen, Elm Ave.	Son

DEATHS:

Date-1909	Name	Cause	Date-1909	Name	Cause
Jan. 7	Mortimer H. Dodge. Age 60. Sanitarium	Chronic Brights disease	Sept. 29	Baby Workman. Age 46 hours	
Mar. 13	Annie A. Day. Age 65	Pneumonia	Nov. 8	Henry W. Miller. Age 35. Sanitarium	Thrombosis of Veins; abscess of liver
Apr. 16	Theodore P. Culley. Age 52. Oak Avenue	Cerebral haemorrhage	Nov. 22	Dr. Menton S. Brown. Age 61. Sanitarium	Bronchitis; rheumatism; pneumonia
June 3	Charles J. Herrmann. Age 58. Sanitarium	Prostatitis	Nov. 24	Mary Evelyn Smith. Infant	
June 9	Bessie E. Pitner. Age 17	Valvular disease of heart	Nov. 22	Mary A. Welden. Age 65. Grant Ave.	Phthisis pulmonalis
July 18	Lewis H. Lee. Age 72. Pine Avenue	Bright's disease	Dec. 15	William T. Keyes. Age 66. Oak Ave.	Valvular disease of heart
July 13	John Bayly. Age 24. Takoma Avenue	Tuberculosis	Dec. 20	Norman Brainard. Age 76. Oak Ave.	Paralysis and exhaustion
July 22	Hannah B. Pitner. Age 88	Arterio sclerosis & heart disease	Dec. 22	Henry C. Shearer. Age 77. Sanitarium	Cerebral haemorrhage

Very Respectfully L.M. MOOERS,
Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Mr. Rush moved that the report be received and filed and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Registrar's fee of \$8⁰⁰. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben S. Davis, Clerk

Takoma Park, Md., Monday Evening, Jan. 31, 1910

In accordance with public notice a meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of a filtration plant.

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

At the hour of eight o'clock the bids submitted were opened by the Mayor and read by the Clerk. Bids in proper form were submitted by the Pittsburg Filter Manufacturing Co. of Pittsburg, Pa., The American Water Softener Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and the John W. Danforth Co. of Buffalo, N.Y. An incomplete bid was received from the John A. Hunter Co., of Washington, D.C.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the bids were referred to the Water and Sewer Committee with instructions to examine and abstract the same and to report with recommendations at a special meeting of the Council, Monday evening February 7, 1910

The Council thereupon, at 9:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Ben S. Davis, Clerk

Monday evening, February 7, 1910

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the report of the Water and Sewer Committee relative to the bids received and opened January 31, for the construction of a filter plant.

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

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee submitted the following report;

To the Mayor and Council Takoma Park, Md., February 7, 1910

The sewer and Water Committee of the Council begs to submit the following report upon the bids received for a Filter Plant, which were opened January 31, 1910, and were then referred to this Committee for report.

The Committee finds that the bid of the Pittsburg Filter Co. is the lowest bid, and recommends that contract be entered into with that Company for the construction of the complete plant including sedimentation tank, one filter bed, building, machinery, pipes, air-system, blower, and moving gasoline tank and lining present cistern, for the sum of Seven Thousand, one hundred and ten dollars (\$7110.00); being its price of \$6800.00 named in its bid, plus the amount of \$310.00 for pipes and pump not included in said bid.

The Committee submits herewith a schedule of the bids received, with a comparative statement of results obtained by placing the bids as nearly as practicable on the same footing as to the items included.

The Committee also submits the report of Professor Kellerman, whom the Committee requested to pass upon the completeness and probable efficiency of the plant offered. The Committee also submits herewith a letter from the City Engineer of Danville, Virginia, in reply to one sent by the committee, testifying to the efficiency of the plant constructed by the Pittsburg Filter Company for that municipality. The committee submits also correspondence with several of the bidders, making suggestions as to various matters.

L.R. GRABILL
H.F. TAFF
H.E. ROGERS } Committee.

Mr. Taff moved that the report of the Committee be accepted. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill thereupon submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 177

To Award Contract For the Construction of a Filter Plant.

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

Section 1. That, in accordance with the ^{general} plans and specifications prepared for the construction of a filter plant and the proposals and detailed plans and specifications received in response to advertisement therefor, the contract for the construction of said filter plant is hereby awarded to THE PITTSBURGH FILTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, of Pittsburg, Pa., for the following prices:

For constructing and furnishing filter plant complete	\$ 6800.00	For furnishing and setting one centrifugal pump	\$ 95.00
For furnishing and laying all necessary outside pipe connections	215.00	Total	7110.00

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and sign said contract for and in the name of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, with the said Pittsburg Filter Manufacturing Company for the work herein designated.

Mr. Grabill 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 Grabill, Blodgett, Rogers, 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 Davis, clerk.

Monday Evening, February 14, 1910

The Council met at 8:00 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rush, Saunders and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of January 31 and February 7, were read by the clerk and duly approved.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 3554.41		Disbursements:		
Receipts:				Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 19.99	
From general taxes	\$ 107.37			gasoline	93.50	113.49
" water rents	1424.75			Waterworks: miscellaneous	5.50	
" meter rents	541.00			meter installation	145.49	150.99
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	796.12			Street work: labor	11.50	
" interest on deposits in bank	37.93			material	1.69	13.19
" permits	1.00	2908.17		Street lighting: oil	19.60	
		\$ 6462.58		miscellaneous	4.59	24.19
Of balance on hand of	\$ 5365.16			General expenses: printing, 7 ⁵⁰ ; postage, 1 ⁹⁹ ; telephone 7 ⁵⁰		16.99
There belongs to plumbers' deposits	\$ 90.00			Miscellaneous expenses		8.00
builders'	50.00			Semiannual interest on \$2400 ⁰⁰ 5 1/2% bonds		66.00
cement walk contractor	12.54	152.54		Parks		12.00
Available balance		\$ 5212.62		Salaries: Clk. and Treas. 25 ⁰⁰ ; engineer 60 ⁰⁰ ; lamp light-		
				er 40 ⁰⁰ ; laborer 27.57		152.57
				Plumbers' deposits returned		10.00
				Builders' " "		30.00
				General improvement bonds paid		500.00
					\$ 1097.42	
				Balance on hand		5365.16
					\$ 6462.58	

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a petition signed by 27 residents and owners of property located in blocks 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65, in which request was made for "absolute separation" from the "corporate rule and control" of the Town of Takoma Park and permission to "return to the county of Montgomery, Md.," the petitioners alleging inadequate return in the way of public improvements for taxes paid by them to the corporation.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the petition was ordered referred to the Corporation Counsel for his views upon the legal questions involved in the request of the petitioners.

Mr. Grabill moved further, in connection with the petition mentioned, that the Treasurer be directed to furnish a statement of the taxes collected from the property in question during the past three years and if possible, a further statement regarding any expenditures for public improvements in the vicinity noted during the same period. Carried and so ordered.

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

Standard Oil Co. 195 gals illum. oil @ 7¢	\$ 13.65	Engineering Record, Advertising	\$ 5.80	Premium on Treasurers bond	\$ 10.00
" " " 725 " gasoline " 11¢	79.75	Washington Star "	2.70	Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamp globes	4.34
Lynchburg Foundry Co. 1 8x6 reducer	2.78	Fred K. W. Albert, drawing plans	10.00	Geo. N. Day, Tapping fees	7.50
Pioneer Press. Printing specifications	4.00	Roland S. Gielow, blue prints	3.30		176.27
Thos. Somerville Co. Sundries	17.39	Natl. Elec. Supply Co. Battery supplies	7.86		
B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing	1.70	Cand. P. Telephone Co. Rentals	7.50		

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

The Mayor invited the attention of the Council to the necessity of a fire-proof safe for the office of the Clerk and Treasurer, whose books and valuable papers are inadequately protected at present, and suggested that some appropriate action be taken in the matter.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase a fire-proof safe suitable for protection of official valuable books and papers and that an appropriation of \$4000 for that purpose be authorized. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee returned the communication of Mr. A. J. S. Bourdeau who complained therein of the excessive amount of water bill for his residence on Willow Ave., during the quarter ending October 1st, 1909, with the following report:

Jan. 17, 1910 - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The meter complained of by Mr. Bourdieu has been carefully tested and found to register within $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of correct, a difference which is so small that it may be said that the test itself was incorrect to that extent. This meter was installed April 8th and presumably read 0 at that time. The readings recorded have been as follows, viz: April 8, 1909, 000 cu. ft.; July 5, 1909, 318 cu. ft.; consumption 318 c.f.; Oct. 5, 1909, 4000 c.f. - consumption, 3682 c.f.; Oct. 26, 1909, 4570 c.f.; Nov. 1, 1909, 4697 c.f.; Jan. 5, 1910, 6500 c.f. - consumption, 2500 c.f.; Jan 7, 1910, 7133 c.f. It is evident that the reading taken July 5 was incorrect instead of the one taken Oct. 5. During the 3 months ending July 5, the house was built, walks constructed and so on and the bill rendered at that time was too small. It is however a fact that each reading of the meter, if read correctly, corrects the previous errors, so that the bill rendered by Mr. Davis in October on the evidently correct reading of that date was correct and should have been paid. The reading of January 5 is also evidently correct, being checked by the reading Jan. 17. The committee recommends that the substance of this report be transmitted to Mr. Bourdieu and the bills collected as presented.

With respect to the deposits heretofore made for meters, the committee recommends that in view of the fact that a meter rent of \$3.00 is now being collected, that such deposits be discontinued in future, and that the amounts now so deposited be credited to the respective depositors upon the rendition of the water bills next due from them.

Note: If consumption of water at these premises continues for the next quarter at the same rate as for the last quarter, the amount consumed for the year will be about 9000 cu. ft. and the water bill for the year will be \$13.50 and the meter rent

Very respectfully

L. R. GRABILL)

H. F. TAFF) Committee.

R. D. RUSH)

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was adopted.

Mr. Grabill presented to the Council a communication from the American Water Softener Co. requesting the return of plans, bid, etc., submitted by them for the filter plant and moved that, in view of the fact that these papers were a part of the official records pertaining to the award of the contract, that the request be denied. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be instructed to extend the thanks of the Mayor and Council to Professor Karl Kellerman of the Department of Agriculture, for examination of the plans for the filter plant, and report thereon, for which service Mr. Kellerman submitted no charge. The motion was carried.

The street committee was requested to further investigate the matter of a location in the eastern part of the Town for the hose reel now at the log cabin.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

B. W. Davis, clerk

Monday Evening, March 14, 1910

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 duly approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 5365.16	<i>Disbursements:</i>	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 25.65
From general taxes	\$ 439.59	gasoline	79.75 105.40
" special " , cement walks	7.90	Waterworks: meter installation	103.23
" water rents	175.82	miscellaneous	14.34 117.57
" meter "	54.00	Filtration plant	23.80
" plumbers' deposits	100.00 687.31	Street work: labor	14.00
	\$ 6052.47	Street lighting: oil	13.65
		General expenses: telephone rentals	7.50
		Water tapping fees	7.50
Of balance on hand of	5592.54	Miscellaneous	10.00
There belongs to builders' deposits	\$ 40.00	Builders' deposits returned	10.00
" plumbers "	100.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
due cement walk contractor	12.54 152.54	lamp lighter	40.00
Available balance	\$ 5440.00	engineer	60.00
		laborer	25.51 150.51
			459.93
		Balance on hand	5592.54
			\$ 6052.47

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

A petition from certain residents of Ethan Allen Avenue requesting a sidewalk on said street between Sycamore and Prince George Avenues, and that something be done to prevent ruining of Ethan Allen Ave. by the overflowing of the water tower, was ordered referred to the street committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Dyar, corporation Counsel, to whom had been referred the petition of certain residents along Ridge Avenue for permission to withdraw from corporate control of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., returned said petition with verbal report to the effect that he had given some attention to the legal question involved insofar as it might affect the question of the bonded indebtedness of the Town, but had been unable to find any exactly parallel case in the court decisions; that the powers of the legislature were found to be

very broad in the establishment or reestablishment of corporation boundaries. In the opinion of Mr. Dyar, consent on the part of the Council to the request of the petitioners, would be inadvisable from the standpoint of the best interests of the Town.

Mayor Platt detailed to the Council an interview he had had with the residents of Ridge Avenue and vicinity and the signers of the petition referred to and submitted to the Council the following written statement which he had presented on the occasion referred to:

Comparative Statement of Assessment and Revenues Received from Three Sections of Takoma Park, each Section Having About the Same Area of Land:

Section A. Ridge Avenue					Section B. North Takoma					Section C. Old Takoma.				
Blk	Lots	Assessment-land	Assessment-Imprvs	Total	Blk	Lots	Assessment-land	Assessment-Imprvs	Total	Blk	Lots	Assessment-land	Assessment-Imprvs	Total
64	44	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 7,425.00	69	16	\$ 9,025.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 17,625.00	3	36	\$ 15,655.00	\$ 15,100.00	\$ 30,755.00
65	31	3,500.00	2,850.00	6,350.00	70	15	7,250.00	15,000.00	22,250.00	4	21	9,520.00	10,550.00	20,070.00
					73	16	5,300.00	2,200.00	7,500.00	5	33	14,210.00	8,800.00	23,010.00
					74	10	4,710.00	8,400.00	13,110.00	6	32	11,450.00	16,500.00	27,950.00
					75	10	3,925.00	3,400.00	7,325.00					
	75	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 13,775.00		67	\$ 30,210.00	\$ 37,600.00	\$ 67,810.00		122	\$ 50,835.00	\$ 50,950.00	\$ 101,785.00
Revenue Received: From land ----- \$ 120.75					Revenue Received: From land ----- \$ 422.94					Revenue Received: From land ----- \$ 711.69				
" improvements: ----- 72.10					" improvements ----- 526.40					" improvements ----- 713.30				
Total Revenue ----- \$ 192.85					Total revenue ----- \$ 949.34					Total Revenue ----- \$ 1424.99				

Note: The lots in Section C. are only one-half the size of the lots in Sections A. and B.

The petitioners have also included in their request for separation Blocks 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63. The blocks contain 99 lots and the assessments are as follows: Land, \$11,330.00; improvements, \$ 2150.00; total, \$ 13,480.00. Revenues: Land, \$ 158.62; improvements, \$ 30.10. Total, \$ 188.72.

It will be noted that this section is practically without improvements and there is no apparent reason why the petitioners should include it in their complaint; however, for the purpose of comparison we are willing to include it.

Block 59 has 1350 feet of adjacent water main. Blocks 59 and 60 have 1375 feet of adjacent sewer. One-half of the cost of these mains is a proper charge to improvements to this section. At a reasonable estimate this charge would be \$2375.00, or over \$500.00 more than the entire revenues received from this section since the Town was incorporated, and to this should be added the prorata cost of the general water and sewer plants.

Section A, Ridge Avenue, has no water or sewer mains. Section B, North Takoma, has water and sewer mains adjacent to a majority of the lots. Section C, Old Takoma, has water and sewer mains adjacent to all lots.

A glance at the assessment values will show that the advantages of water and sewer facilities have been fully considered in making assessments on land. The assessment in section B. is over three-and-one-half times, and in section C. over five and one-half times that of section A. The total revenues received from section B. is five times that of section A, and during the past three years more money has been expended on streets in section A than in section B. The revenue from Section C is more than seven times that of section A and while some improvements have been made in this section, the amount expended was not at all in proportion to the amount received.

If the amount appropriated last August for repairing Ridge Avenue had been expended (and the responsibility for the failure to expend it is entirely with one of the signers of the petition, the amount applied to Section A would have been larger than any section of the town except Carroll Ave.

The Mayor and Council have been ready at all times to give attention to claims from every section of the Town, and on several occasions the Mayor has suggested to the residents of Ridge Avenue that they petition for cement sidewalks, and at the same time assured them that such a petition would be promptly granted.

The Mayor and Council admit that Ridge Avenue is in a bad condition and should have been repaired last fall, and if the residents of this section will withdraw their names from the petition for separation the Mayor will use his best efforts to have Ridge Avenue graded and gravelled from Silver Spring pike to the brow of the hill at Mr. Beall's residence. He will also state that if a majority of the property owners will sign a petition for water and sewer, the petition

will be granted on the same terms as has been done in other sections, and a petition similarly signed for cement sidewalks will also be granted.

These promises are not made through any fear that we will lose this territory for we have been advised that there are legal obstacles that would prevent successful legislation in this direction, but we want to demonstrate that we are willing now, as we have been at all times, to do the right thing by all our people.

Mr. Rogers moved that the foregoing statement of the Mayor be approved, and that, although the terms of his proposals for the improvement of Ridge Ave have not been accepted by the voluntary withdrawal of the names of a majority of the petitioners for separation from the Town, it is nevertheless the opinion of the Council that in the event of failure of the legislation desired by the petitioners, adequate improvement of Ridge Avenue should be made without unnecessary delay; and that the Mayor be authorized to appear before the County Commissioners and urge the early improvement of the county roads from Chesapeake to Philadelphia Ave, and of Blair Road from the bridge across the B. and O. tracks to the District line. The motion was ^{Carried.}

Mr. Taff presented the following resolutions and moved their adoption:

Whereas, A bill has been introduced in the state legislature proposing to so change the corporate boundary of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as to exclude therefrom blocks 64 and 65, said bill having been prepared and presented without the knowledge or consent of the municipal authorities of said Town; and it having been further erroneously represented to the members of the legislature from Montgomery county that the proposed legislation was not opposed by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland: therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, that they hereby register their emphatic disapproval of any legislation designed to remove blocks 64 and 65 from the corporate limits of said Town, for the following reasons in brief:

- 1st. Such action is not requested, nor has the Mayor and Council reason to believe that it is desired by a majority of the property owners in said blocks.
- 2nd. A contraction of the territorial bounds of the Town and the consequent reduction of its taxable values, would be necessarily a violation of contract with its bond holders and to that extent illegal, and would constitute an injury to and an impairment of the credit of the Town.
- 3rd. The removal of the territory covered by blocks 64 and 65 from the confines of the Town and the consequent impossibility of enforcing hygienic regulations therein, would add to the burdens already imposed, in the protection from contamination of the water shed from which our local water supply is obtained.
- 4th. Such legislation would incur an unfortunate precedent in that dissatisfied communities, through legislative appeal, could disrupt and demoralize local government which is almost invariably able and willing to do justice to local conditions.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the state senator and representatives from Montgomery county and that they be earnestly requested and urged to disapprove the legislation referred to.

The motion was carried and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor, the Corporation Council and the Clerk be authorized and requested to go to Annapolis and present the foregoing resolutions to the county representatives in person. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, presented the following bills, examined and approved by the Finance Committee:

Standard Oil Co. 620 gals gasoline @ 11¢	68.20	Thos. Somerville Co. Plumbing material	18.29	C. and P. Telephone Co. rentals	7.70
" " " 285 " illum oil @ 7¢	19.95	Lynchburg Foundry Co. Meter box covers	32.40	W. F. Mattingly Antitaxine	32.15
C. F. Thomas & Son, Coal & cement	7.95	C. F. Thomas & Co. Stone	50.87	Geo. F. Muth & Co. wicks	2.60

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported that during the month past Carroll Avenue had been repaired, in which work 44 tons of crushed stone had been used, and that all the streets of the Town had been dragged and were in good condition.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and Sewer Committee submitted a petition from Mr. Harry A. Stacey and other property owners on Cedar Avenue requesting an extension of the present water main on that street to Ethan Allen Avenue and thence to a connection with the main at the water tower. The committee recommended that an extension of the main be authorized from its present terminus to the lot upon which Mr. Stacey intends to build, and that the necessary ordinances, etc, be prepared for submission at the next meeting of the Council. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendations of the committee were approved.

In regard to the meter installation Mr. Grabill reported that the work was practically complete at a cost of about \$2100.00, \$400 less than the estimates.

Mr. Grabill reported further that in excavating for the settling basin at the new filter plant it was found necessary to go deeper for the foundations than had been anticipated, necessitating some changes in the plans which will probably entail an additional expense of \$400.00, and moved that the Council approve the necessary changes in the plans and enter into an agreement with the Pittsburg Filter Company for additional work on the foundations and for an area-way and stairs into the machinery room, said extra work to be done at cost and 15% thereof. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill moved that an appropriation of \$4.20 and freight additional thereto, be authorized for the purchase of a harrow for use at the Sewer fields. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Taff, Messrs. J.H. Van Houten, E.N. Jackson and Ben G. Davis were appointed as a Board of Assessors to prepare the annual assessment for the coming fiscal year, the Mayor being empowered to fill any vacancy occurring in the Board.

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

Approved.

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben G. Davis clerk