

Monday Evening, April 11, 1910

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and, there being no objection, were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 5592.54	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 7.95
From general taxes	\$ 1259.96	gasoline	68.20 \$ 76.15
" special " (cement sidewalks)	34.59	Installation of water meters	157.69
" " " (Carroll Ave. water main)	16.59	Sewer System	27.50
" water rents	53.18	Street work: labor	59.50
" permits	11.00	material	50.87 110.37
" builders' deposits	20.00	Street lighting: oil	19.95
" miscellaneous	2.00 1397.32	miscellaneous	2.60 22.55
	\$ 6989.86	General expenses: telephone rentals	7.70
Of balance on hand of	\$ 6379.81	Miscellaneous expenses	78.59
There belongs to builders deposits	\$ 60.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
Plumbers "	100.00	lamp lighter	40.00
cement walk contr.	12.54 - 172.54	engineer	60.00
Available balance	6207.27	laborer	4.50 129.50
			610.05
		Balance on hand	6379.81
			6989.86

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

The following communication was presented from the Board of Assessors:

To the Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., April 11, 1910

Gentlemen: - The undersigned, duly appointed a Board of Assessors under Resolution of the Council of March 14, 1910, to revise the assessment of property for the purposes of municipal taxation, submit herewith the assessment as prepared and approved by the members of 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 increases amounting to \$ 38815.00; decreases amounting to 0; a net increase of \$ 38815.00.

Very respectfully,

J. H. VAN HOUTEN, Chairman

E. N. JACKSON

BEN G. DAVIS,

Board of Assessors.

On motion of Mr. Rush the report was received and the Clerk directed to give the usual notices relative thereto; and an appropriation of \$15⁰⁰ authorized for payment of the Board of Assessors.

An application from Mr. W. G. Platt for the construction of a cement sidewalk on New York Avenue, from Takoma Ave. to the south line of Buffalo Avenue, said walk to abut on lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in block 73, was referred to the committee on Streets and Lights.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment:

Standard Oil Co. 180 gals. illum. oil @ 7¢	\$ 12.60	W. F. Mattingly, Disinfectants	\$ 3.90	Olga G. McMahon, Typewriting	\$ 2.50
" 835 " gasoline 11¢	91.85	John G. Hodges, Tax book	12.00	Thos. Somerville Co. Plumbing material	8.82
Lamond Bros. T.C. pipe for meters	18.09	Lamb and Tilden, Stencil letters	4.00	Town Treas ^r Contingent expenses	2.55
H. H. Spencer, Bal. due on cement walks	12.54	Thomson Meter Co. Couplings	12.25	Geo. N. Day, Tapping fees	5.00
C. F. Thomas & Son, Cement	2.10	Pioneer Press, Printing	2.50	Rudolph + West Co. Hack saws	.75
C. and P. Telephone Co. rentals	7.90	W. U. T. Co. telegram	.50		199.85

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

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:

April 7, 1910. - The regular monthly examination of the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer show an available balance on hand of over six thousand dollars. In the opinion of the Finance Committee it would be good policy at this time to take up the outstanding public improvement bonds amounting to \$1900.00 and which were due August 1st and February 1st last. The committee would so recommend. The committee would further recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to take up one of the \$500⁰⁰ bonds issued to the Thomson Meter Co., on May 1st next, if, in the judgment of the Mayor and Treasurer, the finances of the town will so justify at that time.

On motion of Mr. Rush the recommendations of the committee were approved.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, returned the petition of certain property owners on Cedar Ave. for extension of the water main on that street with recommendation that the main be extended to the west line of lot 26 in block 22 and that the Ordinance Committee be directed to submit the necessary ordinance for preliminary steps to that end. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee moved that the petition of Mr. W. G. Platt for a cement sidewalk on New York Ave. from Takoma Ave. to Buffalo Ave. be approved, and the Ordinance committee directed to include such proposed work in the ordinance to provide for extension of the water main on Cedar Avenue. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett reported that he had consulted with some of the signers of the petition for a walk on Ethan Allen Ave., referred to the Street com-

mittee at the last meeting of the Council and that it was decided to withhold the petition until an effort could be made to secure consent of a majority of property owners for a cement walk on that street.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the street committee was of the opinion that a more direct and passable route to the pumping station was an absolute and urgent necessity and that in the judgment of the committee the opening of Lincoln Avenue from Carroll Avenue to the pump house would be the best solution of the problem; that this street could be placed in very passable condition, including the construction of a small bridge, for about \$250.00. The committee was also of the opinion that for about an equal sum, Carroll Avenue, east from Mr. Beale's house could be put in very good shape and in condition to be macadamized at some future time. He therefore moved that \$500.00 be appropriated for the purposes indicated. The motion was carried with the understanding that the work on Carroll Avenue was to be given priority.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council, Mr. Saunders, from the Ordinance Committee, presented the following:

Ordinance No. 178

Providing for the Extension of Water Main On Cedar Avenue and Construction of Cement Walk on New York Avenue.

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the authority granted by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, it is deemed necessary for the public safety and comfort that public work be ordered as follows:

Extend the present four-inch water main on Cedar Avenue to a distance northerly of approximately 350 feet, abutting lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, in block 22, and lots 1, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, in block 24, at an estimated cost of \$350.00, said cost to be assessed proportionately to the frontage of the aforementioned lots and estimated at \$25.00 per 50 feet of frontage.

Construct a four-foot cement sidewalk on the east side of New York Avenue, from Takoma Avenue to the south line of Buffalo Avenue, a distance of approximately 425 feet, at an estimated cost of \$320.00, said cost to be assessed against lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in block 73, at an estimated cost of 75 cents per linear foot of frontage.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Monday evening, May 2, 1910, at 8 o'clock p.m., when and where the owners of the property herein described may be heard in regard to the proposed improvements.

Mr. Crabill moved that the Ordinance be passed and approved and upon an aye and nay vote the motion prevailed, as follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Crabill, Rogers, Rush and Saunders; voting nay, none.

Mayor Platt informed the Council that, in accordance with its instructions; he, together with the Clerk and Corporation Counsel W. W. Dyar, visited Annapolis on Friday, March 18th, for the purpose of consulting with the Montgomery county delegation in the legislature in reference to the bill amending the Town charter by so changing the boundaries of the Town as to eliminate therefrom blocks 64 and 65, and to present the res-

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olutions relative thereto as passed by the Council at its March meeting. The Mayor stated that prior to going the Clerk communicated with Senator Blair Lee, informing him that the Mayor and Council were vigorously opposed to the legislation eliminating blocks 64 and 65; that they had passed strong resolutions of protest and that it was desired that he arrange for a hearing before the Montgomery county delegation on behalf of representatives of the Town Council, who desired to present their resolutions and views in person. In reply to this communication, Senator Lee sent a telegram to the clerk informing him that the legislature would be in session Thursday and Friday and that he "and Mayor Platt had better come down". Arriving in Annapolis about 2:30 o'clock the delegation found that the House had adjourned and its members gone on a fishing trip down the bay, and that Senator Lee had apparently neglected to inform the delegates of the desired hearing. As the Senate was in session and Senator Lee busily engaged the representatives of the Council patiently awaited the adjournment of that body, which occurred at 6 o'clock in the evening, having previously been unable to place their views before the Senator during an hour's recess of that body, during which time the Senator studiously put them off upon a series of flimsy pretexts; that upon adjournment of the Senate and when it was apparent that the delegation was determined to be heard, Senator Lee begrudgingly showed them to his committee room and for a few moments, perfunctorily listened to some emphatic remarks from his visitors. This interview with Senator Lee could not be dignified as a hearing, nor was the treatment accorded the representatives of the Town in accord with the simple courtesy they had a right to expect. The Mayor stated further that upon the return trip from Annapolis, Delegate A. J. Cummings and Senator Lee were on the car and that the subject was talked upon during the hour and a-half to Washington. As evidence however, that Senator Lee considered the protest of the town authorities as of no importance the bill was passed through the Senate in its closing hours. Upon hearing of this action the Clerk immediately telegraphed the Governor in protest and requested that his approval of the bill be withheld. This telegram was followed by a letter setting forth at length the views of the Council but without avail, the Governor, after several days, having signed the bill, which consequently became law.

Upon submission of the above report by the Mayor, Mr. Saunders invited the attention of the Council to the fact that he was a resident of the portion of the town eliminated from its boundaries by the legislation referred to; that he had opposed this action to the best of his ability and to his personal disadvantage, but that if, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, the passage of Act referred to,

legislated him out of office, he was willing, to avoid embarrassment to the Council through any possible legal complications, to tender his resignation. The matter was discussed informally, and, as the opinion of the Mayor and Council seemed to express no doubt of the fact that the legislation deprived him of his office, Mr. Saunders therefore verbally tendered his resignation as a member of the Council, with the suggestion that he be permitted to file a written resignation with his reasons therefor, that the same might be of official record.

Mr. Rush moved that the resignation of Mr. Saunders be accepted with regret and that he be granted the privilege of submitting his reasons therefor in writing, such reasons to be entered upon and made a part of the minutes of the Council.

Mayor Platt and various members of the Council expressed their genuine regret at the severance of official relations with Mr. Saunders and paid tribute to his fidelity and deep interest in the affairs of the town during his year's incumbency as Councilman. The motion of Mr. Rush was thereupon adopted.

The Clerk informed the Council of the approaching time for the annual town election and submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 179.

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 2, 1910, in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Maple Avenue, at which time the qualified voters of said Town will cast their votes for one person as Mayor and three persons as Councilmen, to serve for a term of two years, and for one person as Councilman to fill a vacancy in the two-year term expiring the first Monday in June, 1911.

Section 2. The polls for said election will be opened at 6 o'clock a.m., and will close at 6 o'clock p.m.

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

Mr. Rogers moved that the Clerk be authorized and directed to call a public meeting of the citizens of the Town for Saturday evening, April 23, 1910, at the Presbyterian church, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and members of the Council to be voted for at the annual election to be held Monday, May 2, 1910. The motion was carried.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had been notified that application would be made to the circuit court for the issue of a restraining order against him to prevent the sale of certain property for delinquent taxes and requested that authority be granted for the employment of an attorney to look after the Town's interests in the matter. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was authorized to retain Messrs. Talbott and

Prettyman, of Rockville, Md. to represent the Town in the matter indicated.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett an appropriation of \$4.20 was authorized for the purchase of a harrow for use at the sewer farms.

On motion of Mr. Rush Messrs. L. M. Mooers, J. H. Van Houten and S. E. McNeill were appointed Judges of the annual town election to be held Monday, May 2, 1910, and the Mayor was authorized to fill any vacancy that might arise through inability of any of the gentlemen named to serve.

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

Approved:

M. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben S. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 2, 1910

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council was held this date, convening at 8 o'clock, p.m. for the purpose of a public hearing in regard to the proposed water main extension on Cedar Ave. and proposed cement sidewalk on New York Ave. Also for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election and such other business as may be brought before the Council. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The public notice in reference to the above-noted public work was read by the Clerk and the Mayor announced that the Council was ready to hear from any parties interested therein. As no one was present to present their views upon the subject, on motion of Mr. Rush the hearing was closed and the following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 180

*To Provide for Extension of Water Main on Cedar Avenue and Construction of a Cement Side-walk on a portion of New York Avenue.
Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.*

Sec. 1. That, in accordance with the authority granted by the General Assembly of Maryland by Act approved March 3, 1909, it is hereby ordered that the four-inch water main on Cedar Avenue be extended approximately 350 feet and that a 4-foot cement sidewalk be constructed on New York Ave., from Takoma Ave. to the south line of Buffalo Ave., at the estimated cost and abutting the property mentioned in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 178, passed and approved April 11, 1910.

Sec. 2. The whole cost of the public work herein mentioned, with the exceptions provided by law, shall be assessed against such of the abutting property mentioned in Ordinance No. 178, as shall be adjudged by the Mayor and Council specially benefitted thereby.

Sec. 3. The special assessments resulting from the work herein specified shall be due and payable within thirty days from the completion of said work;

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provided that said special assessments, where desired, may be divided into and made payable in five equal installments, the first payable within 30 days from completion of the work and the remaining installments payable on the first day of each July following; all deferred payments bearing 6% interest per annum. Provided, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, with accrued interest, may be made within the payment period if desired.

Mr. Rush moved the adoption of the ordinance, upon which motion the ayes and nays resulted as follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none. So the ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Taff moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract for the work just authorized or to have it done by the Town, as appears to him for the Town's best interests. The motion was carried.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following communication:

The Honorable Board of Councilmen, Takoma Park, Maryland.

April 29, 1910

Gentlemen - At the last Council meeting, April 11, 1910, I orally tendered my resignation as a member of your Honorable Board. I did so then upon the advice offered by you gentlemen on my solicitation. I now have every reason to believe that I labored under a misapprehension and that I had no moral right for so resigning, and I must so advise you gentlemen that I now retract the same and at this juncture consider myself still a member of the Town Council of Takoma Park.

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. SAUNDERS,

Councilman Takoma Park.

The matter having been submitted to Corporation Counsel W. W. Dyar, who was present at the meeting, and after informal discussion, and consideration, in which Mr. Saunders participated, Mr. Dyar advised that inasmuch as the record was clear and concise relative to the tender and acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Saunders at the meeting of the Council on April 11th, the separation of Mr. Saunders from the Council had become an accomplished fact and that his reinstatement thereon could be accomplished only by the methods set forth in the charter; but that, having by legislation recently enacted, become a non-resident of the Town, he was ineligible to election or appointment under the terms of the charter.

Mr. L. M. Mooers, Chairman of the Board of Election Judges of the annual election held this date, submitted to the Council the following report:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., May 2, 1910

Gentlemen - The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, beg leave to submit the following report in regard to the annual municipal election held this date. The Board of Judges organized by the selection of Mr. L. M. Mooers as Chairman and proceeded to the appointment of Mr. E. N. Jackson as Clerk. The necessary 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 six o'clock a.m., and closed at 6 o'clock p.m., as required by law. The following persons were balloted for and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names: For Mayor, W. G. Platt, 36. For Councilmen, 2 year term, L. R. Grabill, 36; R. D. Rush, 36; H. F. Taff, 36. For Councilman to fill vacancy, S. W. Williams, 36. The total number of votes cast was 36.

It appears from the official canvass of the ballots that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and are hereby declared duly elected to the following respective positions: Mayor, W. G. Platt. Councilmen, two-years, L. R. Grabill, R. D. Rush, H. F. Taff. Councilman,

To fill vacancy, S.W. Williams. Certificates of election for the successful candidates are herewith submitted.

Inlosures: List of voters.
Tally sheet
Ballots.

Attest:
E.N. JACKSON, Clerk

Very Respectfully, L.M. MOGERS, Chm
J.H. VAN HOUTEN
S. E. McNEILL, Judges of Election

Mr. Taff moved that the report of the Judges of Election be received and filed and that the result of the election be declared as submitted in said report. The motion carried and it was so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Rush an appropriation of \$12.00 was authorized for payment of the clerk and judges of election.

The clerk presented a request from Mr. H.P.R. Holt for permission to construct a cess-pool at his residence on Carroll Ave, the same being without sewerage facilities. Without objection the communication was referred to the Water and Sewer committee for report.

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

Approved:

W.G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben D Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 9, 1910.

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 were read by the Clerk and were approved as read.

Mr. S.W. Williams, elected on May 2^d to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. J.H. Saunders presented his certificate of election, and upon taking the prescribed oath of office, administered by Mayor Platt, assumed the duties of his office.

The Clerk thereupon read the minutes of the special meeting held May 2, and without objection, they were approved as read.

In accordance with public notice duly given as required by law the Mayor announced that the Council would sit as a Board of Review to hear and determine any complaints that might be presented in regard to the assessment submitted at the last meeting of the Council by the Board of Assessors, and announced that in such capacity the Board of Review was ready to hear from any interested parties.

Mr. John Raines, owner of lots 24 and 25, in block 16, stated his objections to the assessment of \$900 on improvements on his lots. Mr.

Raines informed the Council that he was building his house himself, that he was able to work on it only at odd hours and that it would be far beyond July 1 before the house would be anywise habitable and for that reason requested removal of the assessment. In view of Mr. Raines' statement, on motion of Mr. Rush, the assessment of \$900 on improvements on lots 24 and 25, in block 16, was removed.

Mr. Lewis Riggles appeared before the Board in reference to the \$200 increased assessment against his residence on lot 11, block 12, but after brief informal talk in relation thereto, in view of similar adjustments on adjacent property, Mr. Riggles offered no objections to the assessment.

Mr. Rush moved, in view of the recent legislation removing blocks 64 and 65 from the corporation limits that all property therein be stricken from the assessment. The motion was carried.

There being no further objections offered, Mr. Grabill moved that the Board of Review rise and submit the assessment as modified, to the Council with recommendation that it be adopted. The motion was carried.

The Council thereupon resumed its session, the Treasurer submitting his monthly report, approved by the Finance Committee, as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 6379.81	Disbursements:	
Receipts:		Pumping plant: gasoline	\$ 91.85
From general taxes	\$ 114.25	Waterworks: miscellaneous	\$ 6.00
" special " (Carroll Ave water main)	14.81	meter installation	51.94 57.94
" water rents	50.50	Filtration plant	502.50
" permits	15.00	Street work: labor	42.00
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	material	6.10 48.10
	\$ 6590.37	Street lighting: oil	12.60
		Cement walks	12.54
Of balance on hand amounting to	\$ 2587.99	General expenses: printing	14.50
There belongs to builders' deposits	\$ 50.00	contingent	2.55
plumbers' "	90.00 140.00	telephone rentals	7.90 24.95
Available balance	\$ 2447.99.	Water tapping fees	5.00
		Interest on outstanding bonds	1119.25
		Miscellaneous expenses	26.15
		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
		engineer	60.00
		lanplighter	40.00
		laborer	46.50 171.50
		Plumbers' deposits returned	20.00
		Builders' " "	10.00
		General improvement bonds paid	1900.00
			\$ 4002.38
		Balance on hand	2587.99
			\$ 6590.37

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

A communication was read by the Clerk from Mr. E. N. Jackson in which the writer suggested that the cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue should be extended from its present terminus eastward to Flower Ave. as was contemplated in the petition for a walk on that street; that the improvement of Carroll Ave. was immediately imperative and that since the laying of the car tracks on Laurel Ave. it would be a good thing to gravel that street.

In regard to this communication the Mayor stated that he would consult the property owners in block 49 as to their wishes in regard to the extension of the Carroll Ave. walk to Flower Ave.; that the Carroll Ave. improvement had already been provided for and that the street committee would take up the Laurel Ave. matter and report to the Council relative thereto.

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

Geo. L. Tarbell, Sundries	\$ 1.03	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. oil. fgt + hauling	\$ 12.12	Gilbert Seck, lumber	\$ 6.15
Lamond Bros. T.C. Pipe	1.89	" " " 730 gals. gasoline @ 11¢	80.30	Evening Star. Advertising	9.00
H. Mueller Mfg. Co. drills. etc.	7.05	C. + P. Tel. Co. Rentals + messages	8.65	Miscel. telegram	.63
Standard Oil Co. 185 gals illum. oil @ 7¢	12.95	Geo. N. Day. Tapping fees.	5.00		\$ 144.77

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

The Mayor announced that Mr. Williams would be given the committee assignments of Mr. Saunders, namely, Chairmanship of Ordinance Committee and membership of Committees on Streets and Lights and Health.

Mr. Grabill, from the committee on Water and Sewers returned the request of Mr. H. P. R. Holt for construction of a cess-pool at his cottage on Carroll Avenue, indorsed as follows:

May 9, 1910. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The committee finds that the newly constructed sewer along Spruce Avenue is within about 100 feet of Mr. Holt's line directly in rear of the cottage referred to, and that a connection of less than 400 feet in length will be required to connect the house with the sewer. This sewer will be available as soon as the connection at the lower end is made. The committee finds that the cesspool is thus not an absolute necessity, and recommends that the request be denied and the applicant informed that a sewer connection is practicable at a less probable cost than the construction of a cesspool.

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

Mr. Grabill reported further that the work on the filter plant was progressing and that the plant would probably be in working condition in a

month from this date. Also that during the past month a serious break had occurred in the water main and that trouble had occurred during the past week due to flooding of the gasoline tank receptacles at the pump house. That repairs had been promptly made and that the water and sewer committee desired to make acknowledgment of the valued services of Mr. Blodgett in both of these emergencies.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Review the following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 181.

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 14, 1910, by J.H. VanHouten, E.N. Jackson and Ben G. Davis, Board of Assessors, and reported by them April 11, 1910, with such corrections, adjustments and alterations made therein by the Council sitting as a Board of Review May 9, 1910, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1910; the Council having sat as a Board of Review at its regular meeting held Monday, May 9, 1910, 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.

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

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 182.

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, Maryland.

Section 1. That a general tax of Seventy-five Cents on each \$100⁰⁰ of assessed valuation of real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., as shown by the assessment adopted May 9, 1910, be and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1910.

Section 2. That an additional tax of Sixty-five Cents on each \$100⁰⁰ 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, 1910.

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

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 13, 1910

Williams.

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

The Mayor announced that he had taken the oath of office before the clerk of the circuit court for Montgomery county for the term beginning the first Monday in June and proceeded to administer the oath of office to Councilmen-elect Grabill, Rush and Taff, to whom certificates of election had been issued for a like term.

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

The Mayor announced that the Council would now proceed to the election of a clerk and treasurer and such other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Rush moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be elected clerk and treasurer for the coming year, and, in the absence of further nominations moved that nominations be closed and the Mayor directed to cast the unanimous vote of the Council for Mr. Davis. The motion was carried. The Mayor thereupon administered the oath of office and Mr. Davis continued in the discharge of his duties.

On motion of Mr. Rush, Mr. E. E. Blodgett was reelected building and plumbing inspector.

Upon suggestion of the Mayor and on motion of Mr. Taff, Messrs. George Day and J. E. Redman and each member of the Council were appointed deputy bailiffs.

The Mayor announced that the standing committees of the Council would continue as at present constituted.

Before proceeding to the regular order of business the Mayor stated that it was gratifying to him that the new Council was new in name only and that its personnel was unchanged. Commenting on the work of the past two years the Mayor stated that much had been accomplished; that a new \$12,000.00 bridge had been built across Sliquo branch largely thro' the efforts and liberality of the various Adventists corporations; that a filtration plant had been constructed at a cost of \$8,000.00 and was now about ready for operation; that \$23,000.00 had been expended on the installation of water meters; that the final \$3,900.00 of general improvement bonds and \$1,000.00 of water and sewer bonds had been paid and cancelled and that \$500 had been expended in special street work. All this in addition to the usual expenses of the Town. The expenditure of this \$28,000.00

for special and urgent public works involved a net increase of but \$36.00 in the permanent indebtedness of the corporation - a showing that was worthy of gratification.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 2587.99	General expenses: contingent	\$ 1.31
Receipts:		postage	10.62
From water rents	\$ 7.00 - 7.00	telephone rentals	8.65 - 20.58
	2594.99	Water tapping fees	5.00
Disbursements:		Miscellaneous expenses	12.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 12.12	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	25.00
gasoline	80.30 - 92.42	lamp lighter	40.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	7.05	engineer	60.00
meter installation	1.89	laborer	36.75 - 161.75
extension Cedar Ave main	17.20 - 26.14	Plumbers deposits returned	10.00
Sewer system	12.55		1027.58
Filtration plant	500.00	Balance on hand	1567.41
Street work: labor	168.66		2594.99
material	1.03 - 169.69	Of balance there belongs to builders' deposits	50.00
Street lighting: oil	12.95	plumbers' "	80.00 - 130.00
Cement walks: New York Ave	4.50	available balance	1437.41

The report, on motion of Mr. Taff, was received and directed to be filed.

The clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mrs. Parmela Taylor Gore protesting against the shooting of birds by one George Kelly. On motion of Mr. Grabill the clerk was directed to call the attention of Mr. Kelly's father to the violation of two of the town ordinances by his son, namely, that pertaining to killing of birds and that relating to discharge of fire arms, and to request of Mr. Kelly that he give assurance that these ordinances will not be violated in the future by his son.

A communication was presented from Mr. E.M. Douglas asking for the construction of a crossing at Laurel and Eastern Avenues and on motion of Mr. Grabill the street committee was authorized and directed to have a cement crossing placed at the location indicated.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co., Rentals	\$ 8.00	Co. Treasr. List of real estate transfers	\$ 5.00	Harrison Bros. & Co. 725 th alum	\$ 8.13
Standard Oil Co. 230 gals illum. oil @ 7¢	16.10	Arthur Skinner, printing	17.75	Geo. N. Day, Water tapping fees	7.50
" " " 960 " gasoline	113.35	B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing	1.20	Geo. F. Muth & Co. 50 th waste @ 9¢	4.50
Lynchburg Foundry Co. water pipe, etc.	111.71	C. F. Thomas & Son, 1 sack cement	.40		
					293.64

Mr. Taff moved that the report of the committee be approved and payment of the bills directed. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill submitted a bill of Wm. S. Tyler, Silver Spring, Md., for 5 days work plowing, harrowing and seeding the Park at North Takoma, stating that the amount thereof, \$20⁰⁰ was about double what he expected when the work was directed by him. Mr. Grabill was of opinion, however, after consultation with Mr. J. R. Covert, that the bill was not excessive and recommended its payment. Mr. Taff moved that the bill be paid and the motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, reported that the filter plant was about complete, with the exception of the lining of the clear water well; that he understood the contractor was desirous of waiving this part of the contract; and submitted the following motion: That the clerk be directed to notify the Pittsburg Filter Manufacturing Co., constructors of the filter plant now under construction for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., that the Mayor and Council have made the necessary arrangements and are now in readiness to have tests made of the raw and filtered water and are ready to proceed therewith whenever the contractor considers the plant in condition therefor; that the Town is willing to waive the item of the contract in reference to the lining of the clear-water well provided that satisfactory reduction be made from the contract price in consideration thereof; and that the Town expects, as provided in the contract, that the Filter Company will furnish a competent man to start the plant in operation and to give the necessary instruction for proper handling of the apparatus and treatment of the water for a period of not exceeding ten days after the plant has been put in successful operation. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill submitted a list of material needed in completion of the filter plant, but not included in the contract, which he estimated would cost about \$125⁰⁰ and requested authority to purchase the same, and to have the necessary work done in connection therewith, under direction of the water and sewer committee. On motion the desired authority was granted.

Mr. Grabill moved that, in case the Pittsburg Filter Mfg. Co. agreed to a waiver of its contract for lining the clear-water well, the Water and Sewer Committee be authorized to contract for said work as appears to the best advantage to the Town. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Taff moved that the telephone in the pump house be moved to the operating room of the filter plant and that an extension, with gong, be placed in the pump house and the necessary expense in connection therewith be authorized. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill called attention to the failure of the Washington Sanitarium Association to repair a defective water meter and a leaking valve, altho' notified some months ago to do so and moved that the clerk be instructed to call their attention to the matter and to request that repairs be made immediately and that he be informed upon their completion. The motion was carried.

On further motion of Mr. Grabill the clerk was instructed to inform the Washington Sanitarium Association that in the judgment of the Mayor and Council it will be necessary for the Sanitarium to take steps at an early day to operate their elevator by other than water power, this being necessary in view of the increased cost of water, owing to its filtration, together with the increasing demand for water for domestic purposes, which will not permit its use for mechanical purposes; and to the bad effect upon the pumping machinery by the operation of the elevator. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Ben Davis, Clerk

Mayor.

Thursday evening, June 23, 1910

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the office of the clerk, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering a part payment on the filter plant and submitted a letter from the Pittsburg Filter Manufacturing Co. in which they authorized a payment of \$2700⁰⁰ to Mr. A. S. Baird, on their account, conditioned upon a payment to them at the same time of an additional \$2300⁰⁰ on account.

After an informal consideration of the matter during which it developed that the contract of the Pittsburg Filter Co., involving an expense of upward of \$8000⁰⁰ was practically complete, and that the lining of the clear-water well, the only part of the work incompleted, was additional to the primary contract, thus leaving about \$2000⁰⁰ to be retained until final acceptance of the plant, it was deemed that the interests of the Town would be fully protected by authorizing the part payment as requested.

Mr. Grabill thereupon moved that a payment of \$5000⁰⁰ be made, on account, in accordance with the authority of the Pittsburg Filter Manufacturing Co., in their letter of the 22^d inst, namely: a payment of \$2700⁰⁰ to Mr. A.S. Baird, a subcontractor on the work and a payment of \$2300⁰⁰ to themselves, through their representative, Mr. E.W. Bacharach. The motion was carried.

Informal consideration of various questions in relation to the present status of the plant, and final acceptance thereof, the amount of instruction imparted to the town engineer and his ability to run the plant and the time of the bacterial tests, was held with Mr. Bacharach. In the latter's opinion the engineer was now capable of properly running the plant; that the bacterial test should not be made until completion of the lining of the clear water well and that the Pittsburg Filter Company would be willing to have the plant run by the town engineer during the ten day test period, at the end of which time, if everything answered the requirements of the contract, final acceptance and payment could be made.

Touching the use of the plant by the Town during the period required for relining of the clear-water well, Mr. Bacharach expressed willingness of his company to grant permission to use that part of the plant necessary to deliver water to the settling basin provided the Town would assume responsibility for any damage to the plant resulting from carelessness or ignorance on the part of the man operating it.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into agreement with the Pittsburg Filter Company, through Mr. Bacharach, covering the questions as informally discussed. The motion was carried.

The Mayor stated that after consultation between Mr. Bacharach, Mr. Grabill and himself, it had been decided that the Pittsburg Filter Mfg. Co. would reline the clear-water well, as contemplated in the contract, except that the work would be done under different specifications and on the basis of cost plus 15%, the company making an allowance of \$100⁰⁰ from their original contract price.

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

Approved:

W. G. Clutt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis, clerk