

Monday Evening, October 10, 1910

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

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

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

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 6553.74	Filter plant: construction.....	56.92
Receipts:		Balance due on Sligo bridge.....	978.84
From general taxes.....	\$ 468.11	General expenses: contingent.....	2.29
water rents.....	72.90	telephone.....	8.76
permits.....	5.00	Tapping fees.....	2.50
	<u>546.01</u>	Miscellaneous.....	4.51
	7099.75	Salaries: engineer.....	75.00
Disbursements:		lamplighter.....	40.00
Pumping and filter plants: miscellaneous.....	\$ 29.87	clerk and treasurer.....	25.00
gasoline.....	144.70	laborer.....	8.63
Waterworks: miscellaneous.....	36.25	Builders' deposits returned.....	10.00
Sewer system.....	13.00	Balance on hand.....	5560.13
Street work: labor.....	74.63	Of balance there belongs to plumbers' deposits.....	70.00
material.....	3.20	builders' deposits.....	20.00
Street lighting: oil.....	17.75	Available balance.....	5470.13
miscellaneous.....	7.77		
	25.52		

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

A petition signed by B. H. Welch, G. W. Stilson, J. F. Welch, J. H. Parrott, B. H. Warner, M. W. Buell and Anna T. Myers, residents and property owners on Ethan Allen Avenue, was presented, the petitioners requesting the construction of a cement sidewalk on said Avenue, from the present walk at Sycamore Avenue easterly past lot 9 in blk. 24, thence, on the opposite side of the Avenue, to Prince Georges Avenue. Mr. Welch, in presenting the paper, stated to the Mayor and Council that the petitioners represented 1388 feet of frontage of the proposed 2031 feet of walk desired.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the petition was referred to the Street committee to prepare an estimate of the cost of the desired walk and to forward the same to the Finance committee, the latter to report to the next meeting of the Council in reference to the state of the town finances in connection with the improvement desired by the petitioners.

A communication was presented to the Council from Mr. E. B. Culley inviting attention to the deplorable condition of the

roads leading into Takoma Park and those in the vicinity of the station and requesting the services of the Mayor and Council toward the improvement thereof. On motion of Mr. Rush, the clerk was directed to refer Mr. Culley's communication to Mr. L.R. Grabill, Supt. of County Roads for the District of Columbia, to which roads the communication evidently refers, and to inform the writer of such reference.

A communication from Mr. T.E. Bowen, calling attention to the failure of the Council to abate the nuisance due to the excavation on the water tower lot, which becomes a malarial breeding spot in wet weather, was referred to the Health Committee for consideration in connection with previous communications from Mr. Bowen on the same subject.

Communications were read from Messrs. R.L. Hendricks and G.H. Heald, in which the Council was urged to water or oil the macadamized portion of Carroll Ave., which communications were referred to the street committee.

The Mayor presented a letter from Mr. H. Wirt Steele, 15 E. Pleasant St., Baltimore, Md., General Secretary of the Sixth Maryland Conference of Charities and Correction, requesting the appointment of a number of official delegates from the prominently active citizens of the Town to the State Conference, to be held in Frederick, Md., November 17th to 19th. On motion of Mr. Taff the Mayor was authorized to take such action as he deemed advisable on the invitation.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals and messages .. \$ 8.80	Thomson Meter Co. 12 meters and connections .. \$ 104.40	Ben G. Davis, reading water meters .. \$ 5.00
B.F. Schrider, Blacksmithing .. 1.95	Standard Oil Co. 1040 gals gasoline @ 12¢ .. 124.80	Bryan Davis, carrying water to city .. 1.50
Geo. L. Tarbell, Paint, etc. .. 4.40	" " " 205 " illum. oil @ 6½¢ .. 13.33	Springfield Gas Engine Co. Repair parts .. 2.50
Geo. F. Muth & Co. Bracket lamps .. 5.00	Harrison Bros. & Co. 375# alum @ 1.35 .. 5.06	293.89
Thos. Somerville & Co. Cap black & pig lead .. 6.32	C.F. Thomas & Son Stone and cement .. 10.83	

On motion of Mr. Taff the bills as reported were approved and payment directed.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, called attention to the maturity on Nov. 1st of one \$500<sup>00</sup> water meter bond and moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase and cancel said bond on or prior to the date mentioned. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, stated that in view of the constantly increasing duties of the Clerk and Treasurer, the Finance Committee, which was probably more conversant with the work of that official than are the other committees of the Council;

and in view of the orderly and systematic methods of office work and the clerk's uniform courtesy, was of opinion that his salary should be increased. While aware that it was not possible to pay adequately for the service rendered, some advance of salary would at least signify the appreciation of the Council. He therefore moved that the salary of the present Clerk and Treasurer be fixed at \$420<sup>00</sup> per annum in lieu of the \$300<sup>00</sup> per annum now paid, said increase to be effective from Octo. 1. 1910.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, stated that the official test of the effectiveness of the filter plant was now being made and it was hoped that all business in connection with the plant, would be cleared up at an early day.

On motion of Mr. Rush the Clerk was directed to have printed notices, for posting and for distribution, in reference to the unlawfulness of coasting, bicycle riding, hauling of wheelbarrows and heavy carts, etc, on the public sidewalks.

Relative to the incompleted sewer through the property of the Keystone Realty Co., the Clerk informed the Council that Mr. Diebler, Manager of the Company, had recently called at his office and stated his desire to have the Town submit an estimate of the amount for which it would complete the work. Mr. Taff moved that the Street Committee prepare an estimate of the amount required to properly complete the work and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to make such arrangement for completion of the sewer as they may deem advantageous to the Town. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to put in such cement work at the Spring as may be necessary to obviate the sloppy condition about the spring outlet.

On motion of Mr. Rush the Mayor was requested to consult with the local school board and to cooperate with them in such efforts as may be necessary to convince the county school board of the necessity of repairing and modernizing the county school house on Tulip Avenue.

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor.

*Ben Davis* Clerk.

Monday Evening, November 14, 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 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	\$ 5560.13	Street lighting: oil	\$ 13.33
Receipts:		General expenses: contingent	\$ 2.35
From general taxes	\$ 488.32	telephone	8.80
" special " (Cedar Ave. water main)	45.10	miscellaneous	2.00 13.15
" miscellaneous	.45	Interest: water and sewer bonds	1060.00
" permits	14.00	water meter bonds	37.50 1097.50
" water rents	6.31	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	35.00
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	engineer	75.00
	564.18	lamp lighter	40.00 150.00
	6124.31	Water meter bonds paid	500.00 3005.61
Disbursements:		Balance on hand	3118.70
Pumping and filter plants: maintenance: miscel.	\$ 13.75	of balance on hand	
gasoline	124.80 138.55	there belongs to plumbers' deposits	80.00
Filtration plant: construction	863.63	" " " builders' "	20.00 100.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	131.22	Available balance.	\$ 3018.70
Sewerage system	19.88		
Street work: labor	72.00		
material	6.35 78.35		

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. J. S. Swarmstedt, Acting Secretary of the North Takoma Syndicate requesting permission to grade Baltimore Ave., from Brashears Ave. to New York Ave.; New York Ave. from Baltimore Ave. to Buffalo Ave.; Albany Avenue from Buffalo Ave. to Baltimore Ave., and Cleveland Ave., from Baltimore Ave. to the line of the Brashears land. The communication stated that in case permission was granted for this work, it would be done under the general supervision of Mr. W. G. Platt and under the immediate and personal supervision of Mr. Blodgett, Chairman of the Street Committee of the Council and that the work would be done without expense to the Town.

Mr. Grabill moved that the desired permission be granted upon the terms proposed. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. W. M. Terrell of the real estate firm of Terrell and Little, Washington, D. C. stating that one of their clients had recently purchased the holdings of the Keystone Realty Co. that they were getting the ground ready for building operations and were pro-

viding for an extension of the sewer system through the property; and that they would like to take up the matter of street improvement. Mr. Terrell was present at the meeting and the improvement of the streets and extension of the water mains was informally considered. The Mayor stated the general policy of the Council in regard to street improvements through new subdivisions was that of requiring the expenses thereof to be borne by the owners of the property, the Council assuming the maintenance and care of the streets after their improvement.

Upon conclusion of the informal consideration of the matter, which apparently resulted in complete and mutual understanding, Mr. Grabill moved that the firm of Terrell and Little be authorized to complete the sewer left unfinished by the Keystone Realty Co., and to connect the same with the Town trunk sewer, and that upon completion of the work and its approval by the Plumbing Inspector, the unexpended balance of the \$200<sup>00</sup> appropriated by the Town toward the cost of the work, be paid to the said firm of Terrell and Little. The motion was carried.

Upon request of Mr. Terrell and upon motion of Mr. Grabill permission was granted to Messrs. Terrell and Little to grade and improve Spruce and Willow Aves. north-easterly from Tulip Ave. under supervision of the Council and in accordance with grade sheets to be furnished by the Town; and the street and water and sewer committees were directed to furnish Messrs. Terrell and Little an estimate of the cost of extending the water mains on said Spruce and Willow Aves.

A communication was presented from Mr. E. R. Brown making application for the extension of the sewer on Tulip Avenue so as to connect therewith a house he proposes to erect on lots 1 and 2, block 7, E and L Subdivision. On motion of Mr. Rogers the request was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee with power to construct the sewer without delay provided the estimated cost thereof is deposited with the Town Treasurer; otherwise to report thereon with recommendation.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 8.20	Fairbanks Co. Valve springs	\$ .47	Jas. B. Lambie, wire cloth	\$ 3.12
E. E. Blodgett, Inspection K. R. Co. Sewer	3.50	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubr. oil	11.50	E. E. Blodgett, tapping fees	10.00
C. F. Thomas & Son. 2 sacks cement	.90	Lynchburg Foundry Co. 12 meter boxes	16.20	Ruth Grabill, Delivering water for analysis	7.50
Geo. S. Coyne. Chemicals	7.18	Standard Oil Co. 285 gals. illum. oil	18.53		208.90
H. Mueller Mfg. Co. 2 doz. carp. cocks	16.20	Standard Oil Co. 880 " gasoline	105.60		

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Committee on Health and Sanitation, reported that, in company with a representative of the State Board of Health,

he had visited the Sligo water shed in the vicinity of Silver Spring Park and that steps had been taken to remedy several unpleasant conditions that were found; that on the whole matters were in good shape and that the Health Board Representative was very favorably impressed with the new filter plant which was inspected and examined.

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

The Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., November 14, 1910.

Gentlemen: The Water and Sewer Committee respectfully reports the completion of the filter plant and of the tests thereof required by the contract. It finds that the tests in progress for nine days beginning October 31st and ending November 12th have shown the efficiency to equal that prescribed in the contract, namely, the removal of an average of 97% of the bacteria found in the raw water; the removal, except in one case, of all intestinal bacteria; and the removal, except in two cases, of all bacteria to the standard of average purity usually adopted, viz.: to 100 bacteria or less per cubic centimeter. A later report, of sample taken November 11th, shows a removal of over 99% of the bacteria. The tests were made during the progress of the regular filtering, but the samples were taken during a period of experiment and the results will be better hereafter rather than worse. The Committee finds also that all of the work required by the contract has been completed and that the capacity of the filter is 12500 gallons per hour at the normal rate. It therefore recommends the acceptance of the work from the contractors and their payment in full under the terms of the contract, as shown by statement herewith. The total amount of contract and payments thereon is as follows:

Amount of original contract	\$ 6800.00	Credits	
" " Supplemental " (pump, engine, etc.)	310.00	Allowance on lining of clear water well	\$ 100.00
Extras:		Apr. 25, 1910, payment on account	500.00
Foundations: additional work (Cost)	752.91	May 5 " " " "	500.00
plus 15%	112.94	June 24 " " " "	5000.00
	865.85	Sept. 13. " repairs to engine due to faulty construction	33.72
Lining of clear water well (Cost)	386.50	Oct. 24 " payment on account	843.05
plus 15%	57.98		6976.77
Connections, settling basin with suction line	61.73		1505.29
Total	8482.06	Balance due contractors	8482.06

In addition to this a small amount of work was done by hired labor in completing lining of well.

Preliminary report only has been received from the chemists at the Washington Filtration Plant; when the full report is received it will be filed herewith.

The Committee congratulates the Council and the Town upon the fact that it has acquired this modern and efficient plant and that the water now being delivered is sanitary and of a high degree of purity.

The Committee desires to acknowledge the indebtedness of the Town to the officials in charge of the Washington Aqueduct for the bacteriological and chemical investigation of the water supply, and recommends that the thanks of the Council be officially transmitted by the Clerk.

L. R. GRABILL, Chr. H. F. TAFF  
R. D. RUSH H. E. ROGERS Committee.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was adopted and compliance with its recommendations directed.

Mr. Grabill invited the attention of the Council to the desirability of connecting by a passage way the pump and filter houses and stated,

that such a connection could be made of sufficient dimensions to provide for storage space and work room, and constructed of brick walls, cement floor and slate roof for about \$300.00. Without objection the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration in reference to available funds for the desired work.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to purchase a coal stove for the filter house.

Mr. Grabill called attention of the Council to the completion by Montgomery County of a stretch of finely macadamized road way from 7th Street to the bridge across the B. and O. tracks in North Takoma, and in view of the fact that this road was of especial benefit to the citizens of that part of the Town moved that the Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of the Mayor and Council to the Commissioners of Montgomery County for the construction of the road referred to. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor

*Ben W. Davis*

Clerk

Saturday Evening, November 26, 1910

A special meeting was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of conferring informally with Mr. C.W. Prettyman, of the law firm of Talbott and Prettyman relative to the suit instituted by Geo. N. and Katharine C. Beale against payment of special assessment for construction of cement sidewalks contiguous to their property. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams. Mr. Prettyman was present and talked the matter over with the Council, stating that the matter would probably be before the court at the spring term.

Prior to adjournment the Council authorized the payment of \$3.00 to J.E. Redman for watching the premises of Mr. Clay Hvey during the night of the fire thereat, and of \$20.00 for cleaning out the pit at sewer farm No. 2.

The Council adjourned at 9:20 o'clock p.m.

Approved:

Mayor

*Ben W. Davis* Clerk

Monday Evening, December 13, 1910

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of Nov. 26th were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3118.70	General expenses: contingent	\$ 1.50
Receipts:		telephone rentals	8.20
From general taxes	\$ 273.24	water tapping fees	10.00
" special " (cedar Ave. water main)	41.41	miscellaneous	3.00
" water rents	2.50		22.70
" permits	16.00	Semi-annual interest on filtration bonds	175.00
	333.15	Salaries: engineer	75.00
	3451.85	lamp lighter	40.00
Disbursements:		clerk and treasurer	35.00
Pump and filter plants: miscellaneous	\$ 20.30	laborer	15.38
gasoline	105.60		165.38
Filter plant: construction	1517.04	Balance on hand	1325.49
Waterworks: miscellaneous	33.30	Of balance there belongs to plumbers' deposits	80.00
Sewer system	34.76	builders' "	20.00
Street work: labor	33.75		100.00
Street lighting: oil	18.53	Available balance	\$ 1225.49

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

The Clerk presented a petition signed by 39 residents of Holly Avenue requesting that the provisions of the recently enacted ordinance in relation to coasting on the sidewalks be annulled insofar as it affects that portion of Holly Avenue extending northward from Tulip Avenue. The petition recited the fact that this part of Holly Ave. was a 'blind street' and seldom frequented by pedestrians other than residents, all of whom, with the exception of one family, had signed the petition.

Mr. W. W. Dyar, a resident of Holly Avenue, spoke in opposition to granting the prayer of the petitioners.

Mr. Taff moved that the petition be referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration and report. The motion was lost.

Mr. Grabill moved that the petitioners be informed that the ordinance against coasting on the sidewalks was enacted as a result of complaints from all over the Town and that to eliminate any particular street would be inconsistent and of doubtful legality and that for these reasons the Council regretted its inability to grant their request. The motion was carried.



Mr. Winslow, residing in the residence of Mrs. Barnitz, on Elm Ave., appeared before the Council and requested permission to connect the house with the town water supply and to use a Kitchen sink therein. Mr. Winslow explained that it was not possible to connect with the public sewer except at considerable expense which would not be justified in the absence of a bath room.

Mr. Grabill moved that the request be denied because of the necessity of keeping such connections to the smallest possible number and there being no apparent necessity for this one. The motion was lost.

Mr. Williams moved that the permission desired by Mr. Winslow be granted upon condition that sewer connections will be made whenever public sewers are available and upon the further condition that this permission is revocable should it be found that any nuisance is caused thereby. Carried and so ordered.

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

Standard Oil Co. 890 gals. gasoline	\$ 101.38	Ramsey Pump Co. Packing	\$ 29.97	Pioneer Press, Printing	\$ 5.00
" " " 210 " coal oil	11.95	C. F. Thomas & Son. Coal	7.25	Harrison Bros. & Co. Alum	30.38
Thos. Somerville Co. 3 1" gate valves	4.59	Natl. Elec. Supply Co. 6 Ignition cells	1.50	Geo. F. Muth & Co. 1 gr. wricks	1.30
C. and P. Tel. Co. Rentals	8.75	A. Eberly's Sons, Stove and pipe	10.45		219.58
Harrison Bros. & Co. 375# filter alum	5.06	Wm. Watkins. Carriage hire	2.00		

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

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, stated that the committee was not ready to report upon water rates for large consumers but that the matter would be taken up soon and probably submitted to a special meeting of the Council.

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

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor

*Ben Davis*

Clerk