

Monday Evening, January 9, 1911.

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

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	\$ 1325.49	Street lighting: oil	11.95
Receipts:		General expenses: printing	5.00
From general taxes	\$ 161.34	telephone	8.75 13.75
" special " (Cedar Ave. water main)	10.10	Water tapping fees	5.00
" permits	5.00	Salaries: engineer	75.00
" miscellaneous	1.00 177.44	lamp lighter	40.00
	\$ 1502.93	clerk and treasurer	35.00
Disbursements:		laborer	15.94 165.94 490.06
Pump and filter plants: miscellaneous	89.70	Balance on hand	\$ 1012.87
gasoline	101.38 191.08	Of balance there belongs to plumbers' deposits	80.00
Filtration plant: construction	4.59	builders' "	20.00 100.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	16.00	Available balance	\$ 912.87
Street work: labor	81.75		

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

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. B.H. Welch, of Ethan Allen Ave., stating that the street lamps on the street named had long been out of commission and requesting that something be done to have them restored.

In explanation of the complaint Mr. Blodgett, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated that it was apparently impossible to maintain street lamps on Ethan Allen Avenue; that they were broken or carried away as fast as they were put up and that he had given up in despair trying to keep the street lighted.

After extended informal discussion of the matter Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be directed to replace the lost lamps on Ethan Allen Avenue, and that the residents upon that street be requested to render assistance to the Council in the preservation and protection of the lamps and to use their best efforts in detecting any person found interfering with or destroying said lamps. The motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for permission to erect two

poles on Columbia Ave, between Poplar and Hickory Aves, to furnish telephone service to Mr. Miller, No. 6. Hickory Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Taff the desired permission was granted subject to the usual conditions.

The following report was submitted by the Registrar of Vital Statistics:

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to report the following births and deaths which have occurred within the corporate limits of the Town during the year ending December 31, 1910:

BIRTHS:

Date-1910	Name of Father	Sex	Date-1910	Name of Father	Sex	Date-1910	Name of Father	Sex
Jan. 3	Edwin C. Gary, Grant Ave.	Daughter	July 26	Claude E. Ashley, Carroll Ave.	Son	Oct. 11	Lloyd M. Fisher, Columbia Ave.	Son
Mar. 28	Ira L. Leaman, Hancock Ave.	"	" 27	Fred L. Harries, Poplar Ave.	"	" 12	Harry A. Smith, Oak Ave.	"
Apr. 11	Stanley E. McNeill, Willow Ave.	Son	Aug. 22	Neville D. Staughton, Holly Ave.	Daughter	" 15	Herbert C. Gore, Holly Ave.	"
" 18	Ernil M. Meyers, Hickory Ave.	Daughter	" 29	Enrae E. Seck, Flower Ave.	"	" 28	S. Morris Appleby, Carroll Ave.	Daughter
" 22	Ben G. Davis, Oak Ave.	Son	Sept. 2	Benjamin S. Favorite, Baltimore Ave.	Son	Nov. 27	Walter W. Cruik, Poplar Ave.	"
June 12	Wm. A. Wallace, Baltimore Ave.	Daughter	" 6	James A. Austin, Takoma Ave.	"	Dec. 26	Augustin J.S. Bourdeau, Willow Ave.	Son. (twin)
" 30	Daniel K. Trimmer, Carroll Ave.	"	" 22	John A. Ridgeway, Maple Ave.	"	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" "
July 20	Reginald M. Proctor, Flower Ave.	Son	Oct. 9	Frank B. Van Horn, Takoma Ave.	"	Dec. 31	Ross Armstrong Diehl, Sanitarium.	Son
" 25	Fredrick L. Lewton, Chestnut Ave.	Daughter	" 10	Datus E. Gaon, Sycamore Ave.	"			

DEATHS:

Date, 1910	Name	Cause	Date 1910	Name	Cause.
Jan. 14	Aloysius Jouvenal, Age 29, Ridge Ave.	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	Sept. 13	Charles C. Koehl, Age 37, Grant Ave.	Heart failure induced by alcoholism
Feb. 2	Elizabeth Nutting, " 53, Sanitarium.	Cerebral hemorrhage.	Sept. 22	Melissa Gilbert Pater, Age 98, Holly Ave.	Paralysis.
" 18	George H. Garlich, " 38, Buffalo Ave.	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	Nov. 7	Mary S. Martin, Age 58, Beech Ave.	Cerebral hemorrhage.
April 8	Flossie Moore (Col), " 4, Holly Ave.	Broncho Pneumonia.	Dec. 7	Harold P. Van Horn, Age 2 mos. Takoma Ave.	Valvular heart disease.
May 20	Narah C. Perry, " 43, Sanatarium.	Pernicious Anemia.	" 17	Louise F. Trimmer, Age 42, Carroll Ave.	Cerebral hemorrhage.
Aug. 24	Thomas Bushby " 63, Carroll Ave.	Nephritis.			

To the foregoing report I would add that the general health of the Town for the past year has been good. No case of typhoid fever has been reported. There have been among the children quite a number of cases of minor infectious diseases—*whooping cough, measles, chicken-pox, mumps*, but none with serious results. It will be noticed that of the eleven deaths reported but two were children, one a colored girl, aged four years, of *broncho-pneumonia*, the other a babe of two months born with malformation of the heart. *Phthisis pulmonalis* (tuberculosis of lungs) is given as the cause of two deaths, both, I believe, but short time residents of the Town.

The point to be emphasized is this: that no cause exists in the Town, whether of location, sanitary conditions or water supply, which can be regarded as a menace to the public health or safety. I repeat what I have said in former reports, that no town or community in the State or vicinity has a better health record than Takoma Park.

Respectfully,

L. M. MOGERS, Registrar of Vital Statistics.

On motion of Mr. Taff, the report was received and ordered filed with the Town records.

The Clerk submitted to the Council, with the compliments of Mr. E. N. Jackson, a book showing in detail the results of a census

taken by him covering the period between December 25 to 31, of the corporation of Takoma Park, Maryland, as well as that portion of Takoma Park embraced within the District of Columbia and other immediately contiguous territory. A resume of Mr. Jackson's labor, embracing the population within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, is as follows:

	No. of Bldgs	Children	Males	Females	Colored	Total
"North Takoma," Md. -----	37	53	158	85	7	243
"Old Takoma," Md. -----	75	120	177	211	24	388
"New Takoma," Md. -----	78	133	163	181	15	344
Lipscomb & Earnest's Subdivision -----	23	37	57	76	0	133
Holt Tract -----	4	2	11	6	0	17
Blocks 53 to 63 - "East Takoma" -----	45	70	144	187	26	331
Cunningham Subdivision -----	4	1	7	8	0	15
Carroll Addition -----	27	46	45	67	7	112
Carroll Tract -----	7	16	16	24	3	40
Fifield Tract -----	8	11	19	22	3	41
Total within corporation	308	489	797	867	85	1664

Mr. Taff moved that the census report as taken and submitted by Mr. Jackson, giving, as it does, every indication of careful and accurate compilation, be accepted by the Mayor and Council and filed among the permanent official records of the Town; and that the Clerk be directed to express to Mr. Jackson the thanks and appreciation of the Mayor and Council for his public spirited and valuable services. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. Homer Guerry in which was suggested the advisability, as a precautionary measure in the conservation of the public water supply, that an effort be made to purchase by the Town a strip of land, at least 50 feet wide, bordering the Sligo for a distance of two miles or more where the stream runs through unshaded fields, and planting thereon willows and water oaks, thus producing shade and preventing evaporation. In Mr. Guerry's opinion the land required could be purchased at a nominal sum and as compared with the benefits resulting, the cost would sink into insignificance.

Mr. Grabill spoke commendatory of the undoubted advantages of the suggested ideas and moved that the communication be referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration. The motion was carried.

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

Can. P. Telephone Co. Rentals.....	\$ 8.55	Geo. F. Muth & Co. 3 gross wicks.....	\$ 3.90	L. M. Mooers, Registration fees.....	\$ 7.40
George L. Tarbell, Incidentals.....	1.20	E. E. Blodgett, Sewer inspection.....	8.00	H. H. Spencer, Constructing cement crossing.....	16.00
Standard Oil Co. Illuminating oil.....	14.70	Standard Oil Co. 1185 gals gasoline.....	124.44		\$ 195.18
Eisinger Bros., Lumber.....	3.64	L. R. Grabill, Reimbursement hardware.....	1.60		
C. F. Thomas & Son, 1/2 ton coal.....	3.75	Ruth Grabill, Carrying water for analysis.....	2.00		

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, called attention to the deplorable condition of Grant Avenue and suggested, in view of the considerable no. of people living on that street and the amount of taxes collected from the property, that some improvement be made there in spite of the controversy regarding the ownership of the street.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be directed to submit at the next meeting of the Council, its recommendations for the surface improvement of Grant Avenue, together with the cost thereof. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Williams requested that he be granted authority to construct, at his own expense, a street crossing over the northeasterly end of Oak Ave., between his residence and that of Mr. LeClerc, and, on motion of Mr. Grabill, the desired permit was granted.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, stated that from a memorandum prepared by the Treasurer it appeared that the water bills as submitted for the current calendar year would aggregate about \$3250.00 an average of a trifle less than \$14⁰⁰ per water taker, including the annual meter tax of \$3.00; and that it would appear therefrom that the existing water rates were not exorbitant, being as a rule less than in other surrounding towns of same and larger population.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. H. Platt

Mayor.

Ben Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, February 13, 1911

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

In the absence of Mayor Platt, due to illness which confined him to the house, Mr. Taff, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, was elected Mayor pro tem.

It was announced to the Council that Town Clerk Davis had been called to Illinois on the 12th instant by the death of his mother, and on motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Hugh M. Davis was elected temporary clerk.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the clerk and without objection, the same 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	\$ 1012.87	Street lighting: oil	\$ 14.70
Receipts:		miscellaneous	3.90 18.60
From general taxes	\$ 322.25	General expenses: telephone rentals	8.55
" special " (cement walks)	8.30	contingent	1.10
" water rents	2613.58	miscellaneous	7.40 17.05
" interest on deposits in bank	33.80	Salaries: engineer	75.00
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	780.00	lamplighter	40.00
" permits	1.00	clerk and treasurer	35.00
" miscellaneous	.60	laborer	12.38 162.38
	3759.53	Builders' deposits returned	10.00 448.16
	4772.40	Balance on hand	4324.24
Disbursements:		Of balance there belongs to plumbers deposits	80.00
Pump & filter plants: miscel.	\$ 4.95	builders "	10.00 90.00
gasoline	124.44 129.39	Available balance	4234.24
Filter plant: construction	39.24		
Waterworks: miscellaneous	33.00		
Sewer system "	8.00		
Street work	30.50		

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

A communication was presented from Mr. George Francis Williams on behalf of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in regard to the taxes assessed against the "Manse" for the current year, in which it was claimed that this property, being used for church purposes, was exempt, under the laws of Maryland, from taxation. The communication also stated that the Church had purchased, for the purpose of adding to its ground, the two adjoining lots, and requested that this property be exempted from future municipal taxation. On motion of Mr. Rush this communication was referred to the corporation counsel for his opinion on the questions involved, with request that such opinion be submitted at the March meeting of the Council.

A communication was presented from the Bliss Electrical School requesting that permission be granted them to run a wire from their main building to their dining hall to be used for a push button, said wire to run on the school property on both sides of Takoma Avenue and to in no way interfere with existing wires.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the desired permission was granted subject to the conditions mentioned with the further provisos that the work be done in a workmanlike manner, that the School be responsible for its maintenance, and that this permission be revocable at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Rush, from the Finance committee, submitted the following bills, examined and approved for payment:

Standard Oil Co. 860 gals. gasoline @ 10 1/2 - \$	90.31	Wash. Foreign Mission Semy. Awning - - - - -	17.25	U.S. Fidelity Co. Prem. Treasry bond - - - - -	\$ 8.00
" " " 225 " illum. oil @ 5 1/2 - - - - -	12.38	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Lamp Supplies - - - - -	26.39	E.E. Blodgett, Inspection of Sewer - - - - -	8.00
" " " 1 bbl. Lubr. oil - - - - -	11.02	Geo. L. Tarbel, Miscellaneous - - - - -	4.78	I.M. Bigelow, tin - - - - -	1.40
C and P. Tel. Co. Rental and messages - - - - -	8.70	W.P. Schrider, Blacksmithing - - - - -	5.20		
C. F. Thomas & Son. Cement & Coal - - - - -	4.20	E.N. Jackson, Surveying and profiles - - - - -	10.00		207.63

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

Mr. Rush, for the Finance committee moved that the Treasurer be directed to purchase and cancel at the earliest date the \$1000⁰⁰ filtration bonds falling due June 1st next. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, presented a report from the State Board of Health in reference to the watershed of the Sliquo Branch, from which stream the Town water supply is obtained. On motion of Mr. Grabill Mr. Rogers was requested to communicate with the State Board of Health and enter complaint against any menacing conditions existing in respect to the Town water supply, as evidenced in the recent survey made by the State Board and that they be requested to have any such conditions abated at the earliest moment.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Streets and Lights, submitted profiles for Spruce and Willow Aves, north of Tulip Ave, and on motion of Mr. Grabill said profiles were referred to the Street committee for examination with authority to approve if found satisfactory.

In reference to repairs urgently needed on Grant Ave., Mr. Blodgett requested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting, in order that a consultation may be had with Mr. Beale in regard thereto. The estimated cost of repairing the street was reported as probably \$150⁰⁰

Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be authorized to expend not to exceed \$75⁰⁰ for the purpose of repairing Carroll

Avenue. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the street lamps on Ethan Allen Ave. had been repaired and were being properly lighted.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee stated that through Mr. Taff, a member of the Committee, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., had offered to furnish the necessary wire and string the same from the water tower to the pump house for the purpose of operating an electric signal to notify the engineer when the water tank was full, at cost for work and material, estimated at from \$12 to \$15. He therefore moved that the Clerk be directed to inform the Telephone Co. that their proposition was accepted and that they were authorized to use the wire owned by the town, if it were found suitable for the purpose; and that any question arising concerning the work be referred to Mr. Taff who is hereby authorized to act for the Council in regard thereto. ^{Carried.} The motion was

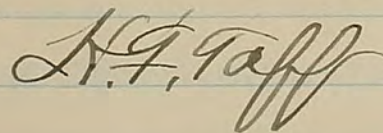
The Ordinance and Judiciary Committees had no reports to submit.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to extend the thanks of the Mayor and Council to the Washington Fire Department for their effective help at the recent fire at the house owned by Mr. Rose. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett called the attention of the Council to the deplorable condition of the old "log cabin" and urged that the town vacate the same at earliest possible date. He suggested the use of the building at the spring as a store house and lockup. On motion of Mr. Grabill Mr. Blodgett was appointed a committee to examine into the matter and to secure if possible a new and suitable location for the hose reel now stored in the cabin.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved.



Mayor, Pro Tem.

Acting Clerk.

Monday Evening, March 13, 1911

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

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

Mr. Williams stated that his absence from the last meeting was due to illness and requested that such fact be entered upon the records. Without objection it was,

[so ordered]

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 4324.24	Street work: material	5.20	44.20
Receipts:		General expenses: telephones	8.70	
From general taxes	\$ 248.53	miscellaneous	9.40	18.10
" water rents	404.98	Interest		12.50
" builders' deposits	10.00	Salaries: engineer	75.00	
" miscellaneous	1.25	lamp lighter	40.00	
	664.76	clerk and treasurer	35.00	
	4989.00	laborer	3.75	153.75
Disbursements:		Filtration bonds paid and cancelled		1000.00
Pump and filter plants: miscellaneous	\$ 20.25	Plumbers deposits returned		10.00
gasoline	90.31			1570.88
Filter plant: construction	17.25	Balance on hand		3418.12
Sewer system	165.50	Of balance there belongs to plumbers deposits		70.00
Street lighting: oil	12.38	builders "	20.00	90.00
miscellaneous	26.64	Available balance		3328.12
Street work: labor	39.00			

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

The Clerk presented a communication from the Potomac Electric Power Co. requesting permission to erect one pole on Maple Avenue just north of Tulip Avenue and string two wires thereon so as to connect the Presbyterian church with three-wire overhead electric service.

On motion of Mr. Taff the desired permission was granted, subject to the usual conditions.

A communication was presented from Mr. George A. Rock, of Washington, D.C., owner of lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 73, facing Philadelphia Avenue, asking if the Council will have the brush and trees cleared from that street, between Takama and Baltimore Avenues. Mr. Rock stated further that he desired to clear his lots with a view to building thereon.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee stated that he had looked over the ground and moved that the street as mentioned be cleared of underbrush and trees whenever Mr. Rock began any actual building operations and that in case he builds three or more houses on his lots that the

street be also graded and rounded up and gutters made; and that the clerk be directed to so inform Mr. Rock. The motion was carried.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co., Rentals and messages-----	\$ 8.65	Columbia Brick and Coal Co. / ton coal-----	\$ 7.25
Thomson Meter Co. Repairs to water meters-----	9.10	Standard Oil Co. 915 gals. gasoline @ 10 1/2 ¢-----	96.07
National Electrical Supply Co. Battery renewals, etc.-----	11.01	" " " 135 " illum. oil @ 5 1/2 ¢-----	7.43 \$ 129.51

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported that he had taken up the matter of vacating the log cabin and would recommend that the cells therein and the tools be removed to the house on the spring park; also that he had secured the permission of Mr. Lamond to construct on the rear of the lot owned by him, adjoining the residence of Mr. Rush, on Carroll Avenue, a temporary structure for housing one of the hose reels, and for storing the oil supply for street lights. In Mr. Blodgett's opinion the cost of the structure referred to would not exceed \$40.00.

Mr. Grabill moved that the recommendations of Mr. Blodgett be approved and that he be authorized to carry them into effect and to expend not to exceed \$40.00 in the construction of the building referred to; also that the clerk be directed to notify Mr. Heaton that the occupancy of the "log cabin" by the Town would cease on the 1st of May, 1911. The motion was carried.

In regard to the cement sidewalk ordered to be constructed on New York Ave. between Takoma and Buffalo Avenues, Mr. Blodgett stated that it would be necessary prior to the beginning of such work to rearrange the drainage pipes on that portion of the street and on motion of Mr. Grabill the street committee was authorized to do the necessary work in connection therewith.

Mr. Grabill also moved that the street committee be authorized to proceed with general repairs to the streets of the town at as early a date as is practicable at an expense not to exceed \$300.00. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee presented a communication from Mr. Charles T. Hawley, Secretary to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, in which attention was called to the very small consumption of water - 700 cubic feet - at the church during the past year, which at the minimum rate of \$10.50 for 5000 cubic feet, would indicate that for this period the church was paying \$1.50 per 100 cubic feet instead of the rate of 15¢ per 100 cubic feet. A readjustment of the water bill was requested.

Upon this communication the water and sewer committee reported as follows:

March 13, 1911. - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with recommendation that the bill for water rendered to the Presbyterian church be reduced to \$4.05; \$3.00 for meter rent plus \$1.05 for water actually consumed.

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

Referring to the expiration of the five-year agreement with the General Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists in accordance with which water has been furnished the various buildings thereof at the rate of 7¢ per 1000 gallons the Water and Sewer Committee reported as follows:

March 13, 1911 - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council. The estimated revenue from water rents and meter rents for the year ending June 30, 1911, is about \$2662.00 for water rents and \$738.00 for meter rents, making a total of \$3400.00. The estimated expense of operation and maintenance for the same period is \$2830.00 or about \$170.00 more than the revenue from water rents. Under these circumstances the committee does not feel justified in making any recommendation for reduction of the rate last adopted, viz: 15¢ per 100 cubic feet. It is therefore recommended that the applicants be informed that after the expiration of the present agreements, bills will be rendered at the rate uniformly in use at the time. In this connection the committee recommends that a further communication be sent the Washington Sanitarium Association recommending the substitution of some other power than water for the use of the elevator for this building as soon as possible.

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

Relative to the request of Mr. Ernie R. Brown for sewer facilities on Tulip Avenue, Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee stated that efforts to secure the deposit of the cost of the sewer had failed and he therefore submitted the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 185

To Provide a Public Hearing for Proposed Sewer Extension on Tulip Avenue.

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

Section 1. - That in pursuance of and in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, it is deemed necessary for the public safety and comfort that an 8-inch terra cotta sewer be constructed on Tulip Avenue from Carroll Avenue easterly a distance of about 200 feet to connect with the existing sewer on said Tulip Avenue; said proposed sewer fronting lots 1, 2 and 3 and 4, in block 7 and lots 21, 22 and 23 in block 6 of Earnest and Lipscombs, Trustees, subdivision of Takoma Park, Md; said sewer to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$200 which cost shall be assessed against the lots hereinbefore mentioned and estimated at \$25.00 per 50 feet of frontage.

Section 2. - The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Wednesday evening, March 29, 1911, at 8 o'clock p.m., at which time and place the owners of the property herein described may be heard in regard to the proposed improvement.

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 Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Rush, from the Judiciary Committee, called attention to the recent attack upon and robbery of a woman near the "log cabin" and stated that the conditions in that neighborhood due to the pine undergrowth permitted ready escape of the culprit. In order that similar future acts

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may be less easily accomplished he moved that the street committee be directed to clear off the undergrowth of pine, etc on the "log cabin" lot and to place an additional street lamp in the vicinity located to the best advantage. Carried and so ordered.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the necessity of appointing a Board of Assessors and on motion of Mr. Rush, Messrs. J.H. Van Houten, E.M. Jackson and Ben G. Davis were appointed a Board of Assessors to revise the assessment of property for the ensuing fiscal year.

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

Approved.

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis

Clerk

Wednesday Evening, March 29, 1911

In accordance with public notice given as prescribed by law and as directed by Ordinance No. 185, a special meeting of the Council was held this date for the purpose of a public hearing in regard to the proposed construction of an 8-inch terra cotta sewer on a portion of Tulip Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p.m. with the following members of the Council present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting but no one appeared to advocate or oppose the proposed work.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, thereupon submitted the following Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 186.

To Provide for the Construction of a Public Sewer on a Portion of Tulip Avenue.

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

Section 1. - That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, the Mayor and Council hereby deem it necessary for the public safety and comfort that an eight-inch terra cotta sewer be constructed on Tulip Ave. as provided in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 185, passed and approved March 13, 1911.

Section 2. - The whole cost of the construction of said sewer shall be assessed proportionally against the following property which is hereby declared specially benefitted by said sewer, namely: lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Block 7, and lots 21, 22, and 23, in Block 6, of Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision of Takoma Park.

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

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

Mr. Grabill moved that the Water and Sewer Committee be directed to proceed with the construction of the sewer just authorized by hired labor and purchase of material in open market. The motion was carried.

Upon request of the Mayor for any further business, Mr. Blodgett called attention to the practice of some residents of raking leaves tree trimmings and like rubbish into the street gutters where it is left and, in wet weather, being impossible to burn, proves not only unsightly but an obstruction to street drainage, and can be removed only at considerable expense to the town.

Discussion of the matter raised doubt as to whether the word "rubbish" in Sec. 1 of Ordinance 132, was sufficiently broad to include yard rakings, etc. Mr. Grabill moved that the words "brush, leaves or grass" be inserted after the word "rubbish" in line 2 of Sec. 1 of Ordinance No. 132, so that said Section shall read "That if any person shall cast, place, or lay, or cause to be cast, placed, or laid, any rubbish, brush, leaves or grass, oyster shells, shavings, etc. etc." The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that said Ordinance No. 132, be reenacted as amended and upon an aye and nay vote the motion was adopted and the Ordinance reenacted, as follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none

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

* On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to have Ordinance No. 132 printed and the Street Committee directed to furnish a copy thereof to any parties known to have violated its provisions

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis

Clerk

No. 186A
referred by
No. 1065 (2:17)