

Monday Evening, April 10, 1911.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting held March 29th were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3418.12	General expenses: contingent	\$ 2.05
Receipts:		postage	21.24
From general taxes	\$ 1321.22	telephones	8.65 31.94
" special "	23.52	Miscellaneous expenses	14.45
" permits	16.00	Salaries: Engineer	75.00
" water rents	129.35	lamp lighter	40.00
" builders deposits	10.00	clerk and Treasurer	35.00
	1500.09	laborer	30.00 180.00 494.95
	4918.21	Balance on hand	\$ 4423.26
Disbursements:		of balance there belongs to plumbers' deposits	70.00
Pump and filter plants: miscellaneous	\$ 18.61	" " " " builders "	30.00 100.00
gasoline	96.07 114.58	Available balance	\$ 4323.26
Sewer system: miscellaneous	15.50		
Waterworks "	9.55		
Street work: labor	121.50		
Street lighting: oil	7.43		

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

Mr. Charles Selden, Jr., of Washington, D.C. appeared before the Council and submitted a tentative subdivision of the 17 acres of land known as the "Holt Tract" which Mr. Selden announced he had recently purchased and which he proposed to subdivide and improve by water, sewers, etc. Mr. Selden submitted to the Council his ideas regarding water and sewage facilities for the proposed subdivision, which matter the Council discussed informally, the matter to be taken up more definitely upon completion of surveys, etc.

Mr. Selden also spoke of certain proposed extensions of the Baltimore and Washington Railway from its present terminus on Laurel Avenue through or in proximity to the Holt land, and expressed the hope that if this could be arranged the Mayor and Council would deal as liberally as possible with the railroad and lend encouragement to what would be of undoubted benefit to the Town. No definite requests having been submitted by Mr. Selden, no official action was found necessary at this time.

A communication from Mr. Taylor Grimes, of Washington, D.C., in which he stated his desire to build on his property east of

Sligo Branch and asking relative to the prospects of improvement of Carroll Avenue, was referred to the Street committee.

The Mayor read to the Council a personal letter to himself from Mr. Howard Fisk who has long reported the proceedings of the Council for the Washington Evening Star, in which letter Mr. Fisk explained that his absence from the last two meetings of the Council was due to a severe attack of typhoid fever from which he was now slowly convalescing and that he hoped to be present as usual at the May meeting.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Fisk officially conveying the congratulations of the Mayor and Council on his recovery and wishing him speedy return to complete health; and that, when able so to do, he will be heartily welcomed on his return to his place at the Council table from which he has been missed as much as though a member of the Council. The motion was carried.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals & messages	\$ 8.55	A. W. Skinner, printing	\$ 3.25	Review and Herald, Mounting 2 maps	\$ 1.50
Columbia Brick & Coal Co. Cement	1.80	Standard Oil Co. 1085g. gasoline @ 10 1/2¢	113.93	Evening Star, Advertising	5.40
Eisinger Bros. Lumber	12.80	" " " 365g illum. oil @ 5 1/2¢	20.08		179.01
Thos. Somerville, Packing	1.70	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	10.00		

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 he had been informed that Mr. R. M. Bovis, plumber, had disconnected the water meter at the residence of Mrs. Seaman on Willow Ave., and moved that Mr. Bovis be requested to submit an explanation relative thereto and to reconnect the meter within 24 hours from date of notice, to be given by the Clerk, and that in case of failure to do so, his plumbing permit be revoked. The motion was carried.

The assessment of property for taxation purposes was submitted by the Board of Assessors in the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park, Md.	Takoma Park, Md., April 10, 1911
Gentlemen: The undersigned, duly appointed a Board of Assessors under resolution of the Council of March 13, 1911, 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 \$16,000.00 and decreases amounting to \$2,600.00, a net increase of \$13,400.00

Very Respectfully
 J. H. VAN HOUTEN }
 E. N. JACKSON } Board of Assessors.
 BEN DAVIS }

The Mayor stated that in accordance with the provisions of the Charter the Clerk will give the proper required notices regarding the assessment and that at its May meeting the Council, as a Board of Review, will hear and determine any complaints or appeals that may be presented.

In view of the near approach of the annual Town election Mr. Grabill moved that in accordance with custom the Clerk be directed to call a public meeting of citizens in the Presbyterian church basement for Saturday night, April 22, 1911, for the purpose of nominating candidates for members of the Council to be voted for on the first of May. The motion was carried.

The following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 187.

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

Sec. 1. - That in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of the Town Charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 1, 1911, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, on Maple Avenue, at which time the qualified voters of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, will cast their votes for three persons as Councilmen, to serve for a term of two years from the first Monday in June next.

Sec. 2. - The polls will open at 6 o'clock a.m., and will close at 6 o'clock p.m.

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

On motion of Mr. Grabill Messrs. L. M. Masters, J. H. Van Houten and F. W. Longley were appointed Judges of Election for the annual town election to be held May 1, 1911; and the Mayor was authorized to fill any vacancy occurring in said Board of Election Judges.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the sum of \$15⁰⁰ was appropriated for payment of the Board of Assessors at the rate of \$5⁰⁰ each.

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

Approved:

M. Platt

Mayor.

Ben Davis, Clerk

Monday Evening, May 1, 1911

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election of the annual town election held this date. There were present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Taff and Williams.

Mr. L. M. Mooers, Chairman of the Judges of Election, laid before the Council the following report:

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

Takoma Park, Md, May 1, 1911

Gentlemen: The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, respectfully 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 by Mayor W. G. Platt.

The polls were opened promptly at the legal hour of six o'clock a.m., and closed at six 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: E. E. Blodgett, 33; H. E. Rogers, 34 and S. W. Williams, 35. The total number of votes cast was 35.

It appears from the official canvass of the ballots that the following named candidates received the highest number of all the votes cast and are hereby declared duly elected as Councilmen for a term of two years beginning the first Monday in June, 1911: E. E. Blodgett, H. E. Rogers and S. W. Williams. Certificates of election are herewith submitted.

L. M. MOOERS, Chr.

J. H. VAN HOUTEN } Judges of Election.

F. W. LANGLEY. }

Attest: E. N. JACKSON, Clerk

List of voters }
Tally Sheet } Inclosures.
Ballots }

Mr. Grabill moved that the report be received and the result declared as announced therein. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Williams an appropriation of \$12.00 was authorized for payment of the Judges and Clerk of Election.

Mr. Grabill, called attention to the dusty condition of the macadamized portion of Carroll Avenue and in connection with the evident necessity of oiling this street, stated that the Standard Oil Company was about to oil Georgia Avenue with an automobile oiler and moved that the street committee be authorized to contract with said company for the oiling of Carroll Ave., the total expense of said oiling and work in connection therewith not to exceed \$90.00. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Bert Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, May 8, 1911

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of May 1, 1911, were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 4423.26	General expenses: printing	\$ 3.25
Receipts:		Contingent	1.15
From general taxes	\$ 429.88	Telephone	8.55
" water rents	32.50	Water tapping fees	12.95
" permits	9.00	Miscellaneous	31.30
	\$ 4894.64	Interest: water and sewer bonds	1060.00
Disbursements:		water meter bonds	25.00
Pump and Filter plants: miscellaneous	\$ 2.70	Salaries: engineer	1085.00
gasoline	113.93	lamplighter	75.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	32.00	clerk and treasurer	40.00
Sewer system: Tulip Ave. extension	83.29	laborer	35.00
General	9.00		18.00
Street work: labor	16.00	Balance on hand	168.00
material	1.80		1586.05
Street lighting: oil	20.08	Of balance there belongs to plumbers' deposits	70.00
		builders' deposits	30.00
		Available balance	100.00
			\$ 3208.59

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with the provisions of the charter and with notice duly given as provided therein, this was the occasion upon which the Council sat as a Board of Review to hear and determine any complaints that may be presented in regard to the new assessment, and that, in case of no objection, the Council would resolve itself into the Board of Review. No objection being offered the Mayor stated that objections to the assessment, if any, would now be heard and considered.

Mr. M.E. Olsen called attention to the assessment of \$1400 on his new residence which he considered high in proportion to the prevailing assessment on houses similar to his, and requested a reduction to \$1100 which he thought would be more equitable. Mr. Olsen's property is lots 5 and 6, block 16, on Pine Avenue.

After due consideration of the matter, upon motion of Mr. Taff, the assessment of \$1400 on Mr. Olsen's new residence was reduced to \$1200.

There being no further complaints, the Mayor, without objection, declared the Board of Review adjourned with recommendation to the Council that the assessment, as adjusted, be recommended for adoption.

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

Cand P. Tel. Co. Rentals and messages	\$ 8.85	A. W. Skinner, Printing	\$ 2.50	Rudolph and West Co. sewer pump	\$ 5.00
Lamand Bros. Terra cotta pipe	35.80	Standard Oil Co. 205 gals. illum. oil @ 5 1/2¢	11.29	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubr. oil	11.45
Fred J. White, Man-hole cover and frame	5.25	" " " 920 " gasoline @ 10 1/2¢	96.61		192.32
Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Brick, cement, etc	12.32	Rudolph & West Co. 6 street brooms	3.25		

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

The Finance Committee submitted the following communication

Sub. div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Front ft	Rate per foot	Total	Sub. div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Front ft	Rate per foot	Total																
<p>To the Mayor and Council. Takoma Park, Md., May 8, 1911 Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of the total cost of construction of the sewer extension on Tulip Avenue:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Advertising</td> <td>\$ 5.40</td> <td>Brick and cement</td> <td>\$ 14.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Labor</td> <td>101.89</td> <td>Incidentals</td> <td>1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Terra Cotta pipe</td> <td>24.50</td> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td>1.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Man hole and lamp hole frames</td> <td>8.25</td> <td></td> <td>157.01</td> </tr> </table> <p>As this cost is to be assessed against 365.15 feet of frontage it is recommended that 43 cents per lineal foot be established as the rate of assessment. The following assessment, based upon the rate stated, is therefore submitted for the action of the Council:</p>														Advertising	\$ 5.40	Brick and cement	\$ 14.02	Labor	101.89	Incidentals	1.00	Terra Cotta pipe	24.50	Miscellaneous	1.95	Man hole and lamp hole frames	8.25		157.01
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L. and E.	6	21	Benjamin G. Wilkinson	50	43¢	\$ 21.50	Land E.	7	2	Ernie R. Brown	50	43¢	\$ 21.50																
"	"	22	Charles Selden, Jr.	50	"	21.50	"	"	3	Charles Selden, Jr.	50	"	21.50																
"	"	23	Terrell and Little	91.25	"	39.23	"	"	4	Charles Selden, Jr.	50	"	21.50																
"	7	1	Ernie R. Brown	23.9	"	10.28				Total	365.15		157.01																
Very Respectfully, H. F. TAFF R. D. RUSH H. E. ROGERS. Finance Committee.																													

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Mr. Taff the Treasurer was directed to pay and cancel the indebtedness of \$1000.00 remaining on the purchase of water meters, said indebtedness being represented by two bonds of \$500.00 each, held by the Thomson Meter Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., which bonds mature Nov. 1, 1911 and Nov. 1, 1912, respectively.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to order 12 Lambert water meters from the Thomson Meter Co.

The following ordinances were presented and upon aye and nay vote were each adopted as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen, Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams. Voting nay, none.

Ordinance No. 188.

To Adopt an Assessment of Real Property for 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 13, 1911, by J. H. Van Houten, E. M. Jackson and Ben G. Davis, Board of Assessors, and reported by them April 10, 1911, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1911; the Council having sat as a Board of Review at its regular meeting held Monday, May 8, 1911, all complaints having been heard and determined; 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.

Ordinance No. 189.

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 One Hundred Dollars of assessed Valuation of real property within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., as shown by the assessment adopted May 8, 1911, be, and the same is hereby levied and fixed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1911.

Section 2. That an additional tax of Sixty-five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars 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, 1911.

Ordinance No. 190

To Adopt a Special Assessment for Extension of the Public Sewer on a Portion of Tulip Avenue.

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

Section 1. That the special assessment, submitted and recommended by the Finance Committee in its report under date of May 8, 1911; for the payment of extension of the 8-inch sewer on Tulip Avenue, abutting lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block 7, and lots 21, 22 and 23, in block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be, and the said assessment is hereby approved and adopted.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, reported that several shade trees in front of the Culley property on Oak Ave. had recently been cut down and he understood by order of Mrs. Culley. Mr. Williams moved that the Clerk be directed to write Mrs. Culley and request if these trees were removed by her order, and if so, by what authority. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

M. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben G. Davis, Clerk

Monday evening, June 12, 1911

(Williams)

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and, without objection, were approved

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Messrs. Blodgett, Rogers and Williams, reelected for a new term of two years beginning the 5th day of June, 1911

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3308.59	Miscellaneous expenses	12.00
Receipts:		Int. on filter and meter bonds	152.10
From water rents	\$ 28.15	Salaries: engineer	75.00
" permits	5.00	lamplighter	40.00
Disbursements:	3341.74	clerk and treasurer	35.00
Pumping and filter plants: miscellaneous	12.40	laborer	14.07
gasoline	96.61	Water meter bonds paid	1000.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	5.00	Balance on hand	1723.61
Sewer system: Tulip Ave. extension	56.67	Of balance there belongs to plumbers' deposits	70.00
Street work: labor	71.25	builders' "	30.00
material	24.30	Available balance	1623.61
Street lighting: oil	11.29		
General expenses: printing	2.59		
telephone	8.85		
contingent	1.09		
	12.44		

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications from certain residents on Ethan Allen Avenue and on Carroll Avenue between Laurel and Tulip Avenues requesting the construction of cement sidewalks on portions of the streets named; also a communication from Mr. M. Frank Ruppert urging the construction of a sewer on the lower end of Carroll Ave. and a communication from Mr. Harry Stacy relative to the grading of Cedar Ave. and the building of a sewer therein.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the communications relative to sidewalks were ordered referred to the street committee and those relative to sewers to the water and sewer committees, respectively, with directions to submit estimates of the cost of the works desired, and their recommendations relative thereto, to the Finance Committee prior to the regular monthly meet-

ing of the latter committee on the 6th of July; and the Finance committee was directed to report on the proposed improvements at the July meeting of the Council, with statement of the amount of money available for special public improvements during the ensuing fiscal year.

A communication from Mr. James O. Macallister of 207 Maple Avenue, complaining of the unsanitary conditions existing at the county school house on Tulip Avenue, was referred to the Mayor with request that he take the matter up with the county authorities and see if the conditions complained of cannot be remedied prior to the reopening of the school.

A communication from Mr. Taylor Grimes, of Washington, D.C. in which request was made for early improvement of Carroll Avenue east of Grant Avenue, was ordered returned by the Clerk, informing Mr. Grimes that the Council had under consideration the work referred to and that it was hope the street might be placed in better condition at an early date.

Upon request of the Potomac Electric Power Co. permission was granted, subject to the usual conditions, for the erection of seven poles on Chestnut Ave. and the stringing of the necessary wires thereon, to furnish service to residence of Mrs. Harriet Miller.

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

Standard Oil Co. 1115 gals gasoline	\$ 104.19	Thos. Somerville & Co. Melting ladle	\$.90	Rudolph & West Co. 100 th waste @ 14	14.00
" " " 255 " illum. oil	14.03	Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamp globes	4.34	W. F. Mattingly, disinfectants	1.10
Cand. P. Telephone Co. Rentals and messages	7.95	Montgomery Press Pub. tax sale notices	12.25	Standard Oil Co. Oiling Carroll Ave.	47.46
" " Stringing wires to pump house	19.41	A. W. Skinner, printing tax bills	4.00	E. E. Bladgett, Tapping fees	2.50
Thomson Meter Co. 12 5/8' meters	104.40	Fairbanks Co. Engine repair parts	5.18	Natl. Elec. Supply Co. 6 dry cells	1.50
Harrison Bros. & Co. 2250 th alum @ 1 st	30.38	Mr. Thompson, Blacksmithing	1.80		
Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Cement & stone	27.25	Le mond Bros T.C sewer pipe	9.40		412.04

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

Upon request of the Town Treasurer and on motion of Mr. Taff an appropriation of Five Dollars was authorized for payment to the County Treasurer for furnishing a list of real estate transfers during the past year.

The Mayor informed the Council that the destruction of four street lamps on Takoma Ave. had been traced to certain students attending the Bliss Electrical School and that, through Mr. Bliss, reimbursement to the amount of \$17.00 had been made, in view of which action it was deemed expedient to let the matter drop. The action of the Mayor was approved.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the ~~Street~~ Committee was authorized to replace the destroyed lamps on Carroll Avenue.

Mr. Rush moved that the Mayor be requested to confer with the Potomac Electric Power Company and to secure from them information ^{carried.} in regard to the cost and conditions of lighting the Town with electric lights and to report if feasible at the next regular meeting. The motion was

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee stated that the State Board of Health had informed him that certain persons had been cited to appear before the Board in Baltimore on the 15th instant for polluting the Sliquo Branch and suggested that the Council be represented at such hearing.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Health Committee, Mr. Williams and Mr. Dyar, Corporation counsel, were requested to attend the hearing before the state board of Health, on behalf of the Town, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the expenses incurred by the gentlemen on the occasion referred to.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer committee, stated that after considerable effort the committee had succeeded in obtaining a bid for desired work at the water tower at the following prices: for scraping and cleaning out all mud in the tank and for erecting an electric signal, apparatus for the latter to be furnished by the Town, \$50.00; for painting inside of tank \$30.00; for painting exterior of tank, tower and stand pipe, \$165.00 - the Town to furnish all paint and brushes. For repairing leak, if found within the two casings previously removed \$55, or proportionately if found elsewhere.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the water and sewer committee was authorized to accept the bid submitted for the work as stated, or such other bid or bids as may be submitted, if deemed more advantageous to the Town, and the necessary appropriation authorized therefor.

On motion of Mr. Rush, Mr. Ben G. Davis was reelected Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

There being no further business the Council, at 10.10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. E. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis Clerk

Wednesday Evening, June 21, 1911

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 at request of representatives of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company who were desirous of submitting an application for an extension of their street railway over certain streets of the Town.

Mr. Charles Selden, jr., of Washington, D.C., representing the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co., addressed the Council. Mr. Selden stated that the present owners of the road were negotiating for its transfer to a new management, financed by capitalists of Richmond, Va.; that these latter gentlemen considered it essential to the success of the road that it should be extended to the Washington Sanitarium via Carroll Avenue, Park Avenue, the Hodges farm and either Niagara or Cumberland Avenues, and that, in behalf of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co., he submitted an application for rights of way over the streets of the Town as stated, subject to such regulations, restrictions and conditions as may be deemed equitable to all parties concerned.

The Council and Mr. Selden informally considered at some length the views of each regarding the conditions of the proposed right of way upon conclusion of which Mr. Taff moved that Mr. Selden be requested to draft an Ordinance embracing the desires of the railway company and that Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, be requested to draft an Ordinance embodying the views of the Council as expressed in the discussion of the evening, that the two gentlemen mentioned meet and adjust their views as nearly as possible and that they submit the result at a special meeting of the Council Saturday evening, June 24, 1911, in the Presbyterian church, to which meeting the general public and especially interested parties be invited to give expression to their views upon the matter. The motion was carried.

The Mayor invited attention to the new telephone rates effective July 1st and requested whether or not the Council desired to continue the phone at the residence of Mr. Day, town engineer, on the \$3⁰⁰ per month basis for 50 calls. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to contract for Mr. Day's telephone at the new rental rates.

Upon their request therefor the Council granted permission to the Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect six poles on Columbia

Avenue and one pole on Hickory Avenue and to string two wires thereon so as to furnish electric service to Messrs. Gordon and Miller on Hickory Avenue, said permit being granted under the usual conditions.

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

Approved:

W. H. Platt

Mayor.

Ben G. Davis

Clerk

Saturday Evening, June 24, 1911

Pursuant to order of the Council a special meeting, convening at 8 o'clock, p.m., was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, this date, attended by the following members: Mayor Platt and Councilmen, Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams.

The meeting was largely attended by citizens of the Town who had been specially urged to attend and to express themselves on the proposed grant of right of way for extension of the tracks of the Baltimore and Washington Railway.

Mr. Williams from the Ordinance Committee, presented a request from the said railway company for permission to extend its tracks over Carroll, Park and Niagara or Cumberland Avenues, to Sligo Ave. under conditions involving perpetual use of said streets, and lacking in other important restrictions deemed necessary. Mr. Williams presented also a resolution drawn by the Ordinance Committee granting said railway company permission for extension of its tracks from Carroll and Laurel Avenues, over the route as proposed by the company, to Sligo Ave., limiting the permit to a period of 50 years and requiring a deposit of \$1800 to insure proper repairing of that part of Carroll Avenue occupied by the tracks.

The Mayor invited remarks from the citizens present and views were expressed by Messrs. Colburn, Coleman, McKenny, Dyre, ^{J.W.} W.W. Dyar, Derrick, LeClerc, and others, the consensus of opinion as expressed by the speakers being favorable to the building of the road, provided that its promoters were in earnest and that the rights of the public were properly safeguarded, especially in a more limited time for duration of the proposed franchise.

Mr. Charles Selden, jr, representing the people interested in the extension proposed, addressed the meeting. Mr. Selden stated

that the sale or transfer of the portion of the road lying within the District of Columbia, depended largely upon the granting of the desired rights of way - that it was considered essential by the prospective purchasers of the road that an increased fare zone was a necessity in order to justify the investment and that no real estate speculation was in any way involved in the transaction.

Upon further consideration, participated in by Mr. Selden, citizens present and members of the Council it became apparent that the request as presented by the railway people was objectionable and that the resolution as presented by the Ordinance Committee should be perfected in some respects; whereupon Mr. Taff moved that the request as presented by representatives of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co. for extension of its tracks over certain streets of the Town be denied; and that the report of the Ordinance Committee be referred back to said committee for further consideration and perfection more in detail of the terms of the permit, and that the Council meet in special session, in the Presbyterian church basement, Wednesday evening, June 28 1911 to give final consideration to the proposed right of way. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben O. Davis

clerk

Wednesday Evening, June 28, 1911

Pursuant to action taken at its special meeting of June 24, 1911, the Council met in special session in the basement of the Presbyterian church this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. Those present were Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams. A large number of citizens of the Town were present.

The Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting to be for consideration of the proposed Ordinance granting a right of way for extension of the tracks of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company.

Thereupon Mr. Williams, from the Ordinance Committee, presented and read to the Council a proposed Ordinance granting,

a right of way for extension of the railway from its present terminus, eastward, over certain streets of the Town.

The various sections of the proposed Ordinance were explained by Mr. Williams. Messrs. LeClere and Gore, citizens of the Town, addressed the Council, urging a reduction in the number of years for which the franchise was granted. After further consideration, participated in by citizens and members of the Council, the perfected Ordinance was presented as follows:

Ordinance No. 191.

To Grant a Right of Way over certain Streets for an Extension of the Tracks of the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co.

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

Section 1. - That the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, its successors or assigns, be permitted to continue its railway from its present terminus at Laurel and Carroll Avenues, through the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, and to lay its tracks in the streets of the Town, under the conditions hereinafter set forth, along the following route: Beginning on Carroll Avenue at its junction with Laurel Avenue, thence along Carroll Avenue to Park Avenue, thence along Park Avenue in a northerly direction to the corporate limits. Then beginning at the corporate limits on Niagara Avenue in a generally easterly direction, along said Avenue across the Sligo Creek to Sligo Avenue, provided that only a single track may be laid along that portion of the route along Carroll Avenue, and that no turnouts or switches shall be constructed upon Carroll Avenue.

Section 2. - That the said railway shall be constructed as nearly as possible along the center line of all streets traversed, excepting Niagara Avenue, along which Avenue the railway must be constructed on the south side thereof, and the bridge to be erected to take said railway across the Sligo Creek must be suitably constructed and of sufficient width to afford a passage way for wagons and teams outside of such track or tracks as the said Company may construct thereon.

Section 3. - That said railway shall be constructed of good material, in a neat, substantial and durable manner, the plans and specifications to be submitted to the council for approval prior to the commencement of any work; provided, that the actual work of construction shall be commenced on or before September 1, 1911, or this permit shall be of no effect. The said Company, before commencing work on said railway shall deposit with the Treasurer of the Town the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1800.00) to enable the Town to suitably macadamize that portion of Carroll Avenue along which the railway is to be constructed; provided, that any unexpended balance of the deposit remaining after placing the street in thorough repair by the Council shall be returned to the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company or its assigns. And the said Company shall, at its own expense, in a good and substantial manner, make all changes in pipes, conduits, or other underground construction rendered necessary by the construction of the said railway, and also be liable for any damage resulting to any individual by reason of the construction of said railway. The said Company shall whenever called upon to do so by the Council of the Town sprinkle with oil that portion of its railway constructed along Carroll Avenue for a distance of two feet on each side of its track; and shall maintain the portions of all streets covered by its tracks, and for a distance of two feet on each side thereof, in the same condition as the Town shall maintain the streets along which the railway is constructed, including such change of grade as may be necessary.

Section 4. - That unless the said railway shall be completed along the entire route herein described, and cars be regularly operated thereon by the first day of July, 1912, this permit shall be null and void; and any portion of the deposit of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800.00) hereinabove provided for, in excess of the sum necessary to repair Carroll Avenue, shall be forfeited to the Town; and if, after completing the construction of said railway, the said Company shall fail to operate cars thereon regularly and continuously, the said Company shall, upon demand of the Council, remove its tracks and replace all streets affected in good condition, subject to the approval

repealed by No. 1065 (2.1.17)

of the Council, and in the event of its failure to do so, the work may be performed by the Town, and the said Company held liable for the cost of the same.

Section 5. - That the free permit hereby given to operate the said railway and use the streets of the Town shall expire thirty-five (35) years from July 1, 1912, at which time such further arrangements may be made as the authorities of the Town may deem right and proper.

Section 6. - That this Ordinance shall be formally accepted by the said company or its assigns before it shall become effective.

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

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

Approved:

M. Platt

Mayor.

Ben J. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, July 10, 1911

The Council met at 8:30 o'clock p.m., at the Office of the Clerk, the regular meeting place, the basement of the Presbyterian Church being unavailable, owing to failure of the church janitor to unlock and prepare the same. There were present, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of June 21, 24 and 28 were read and approved.

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

Standard Oil Co. 1355 gals. gasoline @ 9¢	\$ 121.95	Geo. F. Muth & Co. Street lamps	\$ 7.50	Geo. L. Tarbell, Sundries	\$ 1.30
" " 100 " illum. oil @ 5½¢	5.51	C. & P. Telephone Co. Rentals, + messages	12.25	Lamond Bros. 72' 24" f.c. pipe	36.00
" " 48 " lubr. oil @ 23¢	11.18	C. F. Thomas & Son. 2 sacks cement	.90	F. W. Bolgiano & Co. Plow parts	3.13

In addition thereto the Clerk submitted bills as follows: C. M. Heaton, Trustee, Rental of log cabin, \$33.00; Board of Trustees, Presbyterian Church, rental of church for Council meetings during past fiscal year \$40.50.

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