

ditions prevailing at the Maryland public school on Tulip Avenue, and asked what action had been taken relative thereto. It was stated by the clerk that he had addressed a vigorous communication to the Board of County School Commissioners and that Mr. Wood, the county superintendent of schools, had arranged to come down and personally investigate conditions but that he had not yet done so. Mr. Williams moved that the Health Committee be directed to call the attention of the proper authorities to existing conditions at this school house and to insist upon their improvement. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Sam D. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, October 9, 1911

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

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

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

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| Balance on hand last report | \$ 5661.20 | Sewer system: miscellaneous | 7.50 |
| Receipts: | | Street lighting: oil | 12.63 |
| General taxes | \$ 384.93 | Cement sidewalks | 269.23 |
| Special " Tulip Ave. sewer | 39.62 | General Expenses: Contingent | 1.70 |
| Water rents | 12.55 | telephone | 11.30 |
| Permits | 14.00 | tapping fees | 2.50 |
| | 451.10 | miscellaneous | 10.00 |
| | 6112.30 | Salaries: engineer | 75.00 |
| Disbursements: | | clerk and treasurer | 35.00 |
| Pump and Filter Plants: miscellaneous | 30.35 | lamplighter | 40.00 |
| gasoline | 89.55 | laborer | 16.20 |
| Waterworks: miscellaneous | 100.03 | | 166.20 |
| Street work: labor | 75.75 | Balance on hand | 5328.86 |
| material | 6.70 | | |
| | 82.45 | | |

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

A petition was presented and read to the Council signed by Mr. S. E. Ferrar and eleven other residents of Hancock and Sher-

man Avenues in which request was made for "the recognition of streets and fire protection and street light." A number of the petitioners were present in person and discussed, informally, their grievances. The Mayor explained the peculiar situation as regards the streets of the Carroll subdivision, the ownership of which is claimed by private parties and stated that settlement of the suit now pending in the circuit court relative to the Carroll Ave. sidewalk would probably fix the status of the streets noted, and that if decided favorably to the Town, these streets would no doubt receive adequate attention.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street committee was directed to place two street lamps on Sherman Avenue, and the petitioners requested to submit a new request for extension of the water main on Grant Ave. through Hancock Ave to Sherman Ave, which action met with their approval.

A petition from Messrs. Frank G. Favorite, J. L. King, Doran S. Platt and J. Bond Smith, representing the Takoma Park Tennis Club, requesting permission for the use of sufficient of the park in North Takoma to construct two tennis courts, was upon motion of Mr. Grabill, referred to the Judiciary committee for opinion as to the powers of the Council to grant the use of such public land to a private organization. Mr. Grabill also moved that the petitioners be requested to secure the approval of residents facing the proposed tennis courts to the establishment thereof which motion was carried.

The Mayor presented to the Council and had read by the Clerk a contract concerning lighting of the streets of the Town by the Potomac Electric Power Co., covering a proposed period of 10 years, lights to be of 40-candle power, said company to install and maintain all lights at a cost of \$15.00 per light per year. The Mayor stated in this connection that in the negotiations with the Electric Lighting Company, the provisions of the charter which required that contracts for street lighting should be made only after 30 days notice and advertisement and for a period of two years only, had been entirely overlooked and suggested that action be taken to comply with the requirements of the charter.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be directed to advertise for proposals for furnishing electric lights for the streets of the town for a period of two years, substantially as provided in the proposed contract with the Potomac Electric Power Co. as just read, said proposals to be opened at the regular November meeting of the Council. The motion was carried.

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

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|-------------------------------------|----------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals | \$ 10.95 | E.N. Jackson, Surveys and grades | \$ 18.00 | E.E. Blodgett, Tapping fees | \$ 7.50 |
| Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe | 4.55 | Geo. F. Muth & Co. Globes, burners & wicks | 10.70 | Standard Oil Co. Oiling Carroll Ave. | 15.84 |
| Rumsey & Co. Repairs to pump | 11.75 | Columbia Brick & Coal Co. Cement & Stone | 1.62 | " " " 170 gals. illum. oil @ 5 1/2 ¢ | 9.35 |
| Thomson Meter Co. Repairing meters | 11.75 | Thos. Somerville Co. Bolts for pumps | 2.60 | " " " 1190 " gasoline @ 9 ¢ | 107.10 |
| Natl. Elect. Supply Co. 6 dry cells | 1.50 | Hamison Bros. & Co. 6 bbls. alum. | 30.38 | A.W. Skinner, Printing | 1.25 |

Relative to the bill of Alex J. Hasson, of \$105.50 for work on stand pipe and tower, the committee recommended payment of \$80.50 and the withholding of \$25.00 until tower and tank are properly cleaned, as recommended by the Water and sewer committee.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved and payment of bills as recommended, directed.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Oct. 5, 1911- Referring to the report of the town clerk and treasurer of September 9th in which he reported the cost of construction of 492 feet of cement sidewalk on New York Avenue to be \$324.72, the finance committee finds an added expense of \$4.00 for surveying which increases the total cost to \$328.72. In accordance with custom a charge of 5% of the cost of the work, amounting to \$16.44, is recommended to cover administrative and incidental expenses. This brings the total cost of the work to \$345.16 which is approximately 70 cents per running foot, which the committee recommends as the assessment to be charged against the abutting property. Upon this basis the following assessment is submitted:

| Sub-division | Block | Lot | Assessed Owner | Front feet | Side ft less 100 | Total feet | Rate per ft. | Total Assessment | Sub-division | Block | Lot | Assessed Owner | Front feet | Side ft less 100 | Total feet | Rate per ft. | Total Assessment |
|-----------------|-------|---------|------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|-----|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| T.P.L. & T. Co. | 73 | N 1/2 3 | D.H. Roland Drury | 50 | --- | 50 | 70 ¢ | \$35.00 | T.P.L. & T. Co. | 73 | 5 | Ernest A. Coleman | 75 | --- | 75 | 70 ¢ | 52.50 |
| " | " | S 1/2 3 | Wash. Loan & Trust Co. | 50 | --- | 50 | " | 35.00 | " | " | 6 | Wilmer G. Platt | --- | 122.66 | 122.66 | " | 85.86 |
| " | " | 4 | Ernest A. Coleman | 75 | --- | 75 | " | 52.50 | | | | Total | 250 | 122.66 | 372.66 | --- | 260.86 |

The adoption of the following Ordinance is recommended:

Ordinance No. 196.

To Adopt an Assessment for the Construction of a Cement Sidewalk on a Portion of New York Avenue.

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

That the special assessment submitted and recommended by the Finance Committee in its report under date of October 5, 1911, for the payment of a cement sidewalk abutting lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in block 73, of the Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co's subdivision, in accordance with the provisions and by virtue of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be, and the said assessment is hereby approved and adopted.

Mr. Grabill moved that the report of the committee be approved and the proposed ordinance adopted, and upon an aye and nay vote the motion was carried and the Ordinance adopted as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers and Rush. Voting nay, none.

The Finance Committee, to which had been referred an estimate of the Street Committee for the macadamizing of a portion of

Carroll Ave, with request for statement as to available funds for the work, returned said estimate indorsed as follows:

The Finance Committee is of opinion that the sum of not exceeding \$500.00 can be appropriated at the present time for improvement of Carroll Avenue. This amount, in accordance with the second indorsement hereon would take care of the 400 feet of street reported in bad condition and would probably permit the necessary work to put the remaining part of the street in reasonably good condition for the coming winter.

Mr. Grabill moved that in view of the report of the Finance Committee an appropriation of \$500 be made for macadamizing the 400 feet of Carroll Ave. referred to and for placing the remainder of the street in good temporary condition. The motion was carried.

Upon their request therefor and upon favorable recommendation of the Street Committee, Mr. Rogers moved that permission be given the Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect 9 poles on Albany Avenue and two poles and one guy stub on Takoma Ave. and to string the necessary wires to connect premises of G. L. Leaman, on Baltimore Ave. and J. W. Hite, on Albany Ave. with electric service, said permit to be granted under usual conditions. The motion was carried.

A communication from Dr. H. M. Bennett relative to the grading of the lower end of Chestnut Avenue in which he suggested that the crest of the hill be taken off so as to establish a passable grade prior to any permanent improvement of the street, was, on motion of Mr. Grabill referred to the Street Committee for conference with Dr. Bennett and report.

The communication of Mr. J. W. Hite requesting extension of the Baltimore Ave water main to his lot on Albany Ave. was returned by the Water and Sewer Committee with recommendation, in view of the improbability of additional buildings to be served by such proposed main, that Mr. Hite be granted permission to lay a service pipe of not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter from the water main on either Baltimore or Buffalo Ave., to his lot. provided that Mr. Hite be advised that in case a water main is laid at some future date he will be expected to connect therewith and pay any assessment caused thereby.

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

The communication of Mr. H. A. Stacy relative to sewerage Cedar Ave. was returned by the Water and Sewer Committee indorsed as

[follows:

Oct. 9. 1911- Respectfully returned to the Council, transmitting herewith a plat from survey by E. N. Jackson. The Committee finds that the most available and practicable line for a sewer for Cedar Avenue is that indicated in part by the red dotted line on the plat. This line crosses the rear of lots fronting Beech Ave in block 23 to Sycamore Ave. and thence down Elm Ave. This line has the advantage of affording

sewerage to a large territory not now sewerd. The length of total line is about 2400', of which 1300' is on Cedar Avenue. The approximate cost will be about \$1800. No recommendation as to construction is submitted at this time. It should be stated that it is practicable to connect by way of Beech Avenue to the manhole in front of lot 19, block 21, on Sycamore Avenue; but this line would involve very deep cutting, would cost nearly as much as that recommended and would not afford sewerage to Elm Ave. lots.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the report of the committee was approved. Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Stacy be furnished with the substance of the above report and notified that a petition bearing the signatures of owners of a majority of the frontage affected by the sewer as recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee, should be submitted asking for said sewer, before its construction be further considered. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to expend \$85⁰⁰ for repairs to the pumping machinery.

Mr. Grabill moved that in view of the fact that a revised estimate of the cost of constructing a cement walk on the northerly side of Carroll Avenue between Laurel Ave. and the Holt Tract, brings said cost within \$500⁰⁰, that the Mayor be authorized to proceed with the work in such manner as he may deem of best advantage to the town. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill further moved that as the result of new grades the estimated cost of the proposed sewer in Carroll Ave. from Lincoln Ave. to Sligo Avenue, comes within \$500 and that the water and sewer committee be authorized to proceed with such construction by day labor. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Rogers from the Health Committee, reported that as a result of vigorous presentations to the county school board and to the owner of the "Maris" property on Oak Ave, by the Health Officer, these properties would be soon provided with modern plumbing.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Council express its appreciation to the County School Board for the improvements inaugurated and repairs made to the county school building and for its implied permission for use of the upper school room by the Council should the Council so desire. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the Street Committee was authorized to proceed with necessary grading on New York Ave.

There being no further business the Council at 11:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben G. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, November 15, 1911

The Council met at the Office of the Clerk, owing to failure of the church janitor to open the regular meeting place in the basement of the Presbyterian Chapel, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Bladgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff, Mr. Williams being absent from the city.

The minutes of the last regular meeting 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:

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|---|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand last report | \$ 5328.86 | Cement sidewalks | \$ 201.39 |
| Receipts: | | General expenses: printing | 1.25 |
| From general taxes | \$ 274.73 | postage | 1.25 |
| " deposit for cement sidewalk | 110.71 | telephones | 10.95 |
| " redemption of property sold at tax sale | 51.15 | | 13.45 |
| | 436.59 | Tapping fees | 7.50 |
| | 5765.45 | Miscellaneous | 2.00 |
| Disbursements: | | Semiannual interest on bonds | 1040.00 |
| Pumping plant: miscellaneous | \$ 52.24 | Salaries: engineer | 75.00 |
| gasoline | 107.10 | lamplighter | 40.00 |
| Waterworks: miscellaneous | 120.20 | clerk and treasurer | 35.00 |
| Sewer system | 14.50 | laborer | 10.25 |
| Street work: labor | 258.32 | | 160.25 |
| material | 53.31 | Builders deposits returned | 10.00 |
| Street lighting: oil | 9.35 | | 2060.56 |
| miscellaneous | 10.95 | Balance on hand | \$ 3704.89 |
| | 20.30 | | |

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

A communication from Mr. W. A. Colcord, of Chestnut Ave. was laid before the Council wherein the writer entered complaint against injury to the sidewalk and gutter on Chestnut Ave. caused by an iron waste pipe leading from the yard of Mr. D. A. Miller. On motion of Mr. Grabill the complaint was referred to the street committee with authority to investigate and take proper action thereon.

A communication was presented from Mr. G. A. Roggenkamp wherein he requested that permission be granted him to connect his temporary residence on Tulip Ave. with a service pipe passing through his lot and close to his building and which supplies city water to the residence of Mr. Smith on Willow Avenue.

After extended consideration of the request Mr. Grabill moved that the applicant be granted permission to tap the service pipe furnishing water to the residence of Mr. Smith on Willow Ave. upon condition that separate standard cut-offs of the kind used within the

streets be installed, one upon the existing pipe line and one upon the line to connect with his building, in such manner that water may be cut off from either house without affecting the supply to the other; that meters be installed upon both lines in such manner as to prevent freezing thereof, preferably within the houses; and upon the further condition that written permission be granted by both the applicant and Mr. Smith to permit access to these cut-offs by the proper town official in the discharge of his duties, and that Mr. Smith will further agree in writing to disconnect his premises from this supply pipe and connect with the water main in Willow Avenue whenever it shall be installed therein; all work in connection with this permission to be done in accordance with the plumbing regulations of the town.

Upon request for an aye and nay vote the motion was carried as follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Grabill, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, Councilmen Blodgett and Rush.

A petition signed by ten residents of Hancock and Sherman Avenues, in the Carrall subdivision requesting an extension of the water main on ^{Grant Ave. thro'} Hancock Avenue to Sheridan Avenue, was upon motion of Mr. Grabill referred to the water and sewer committee for investigation and report, with estimate of cost thereof, said report to be submitted to the council through the Finance Committee for statement of money available, if any, that may be applied on this work.

In accordance with the request of the Council the applicants for permission to use the North Takoma Park for a double set of tennis courts, submitted the written consent of residents facing the park, to the maintenance of the desired courts.

The Mayor stated that in obedience to the instructions of the Council the proper advertisement had been inserted in the Washington Evening Star calling for proposals for electric lighting of the streets of the town for a period of two years. said proposals to be opened at this meeting, but that as no proposals had been received, there was no further action to be taken. In this connection the Clerk read a letter from the Potomac Electric Power Company in which it was stated that the short period of proposed contract—two years,— would not justify the Company in undertaking the expense of installing street lights, but that the company would be pleased to install the lights under the terms recently proposed by them for a period of ten years.

After an extended informal discussion of the lighting problem Mr. Grabill moved that the committee on streets and lights be

directed to enter at once into the investigation of the matter of providing for a municipal lighting plant and that they submit to the Council at the earliest practicable date preliminary data regarding the installation of such a plant, the probable cost thereof and such other information as may be pertinent thereto. The motion was carried.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills duly examined and approved for payment and upon his motion payment was directed as recommended by the Committee:

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| Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals | \$ 10.85 | Geo. F. Muth & Co. 2 street lights | \$ 7.50 | Columbia Brick & Coal Co. material for walks | 212.68 |
| Geo. L. Tarbell. Balts | .20 | Standard Oil Co. 360 gals illum oil @ 5¢ | 19.81 | Evening Star Newspaper Co. Advertising | 4.95 |
| " " 10" lamp black | 1.50 | " " " 800 " gasoline @ 9¢ | 72.00 | | 329.49 |

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Nov. 9, 1911. - The Finance Committee is informed of the completion of the cement sidewalk on the north side of Carroll Avenue, between Laurel Avenue and the Holt tract, and the Town Treasurer submits the following items of cost thereof:

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|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 735 linear feet of cement walk @ 60¢ per foot | \$ 441.00 | Actual cost | \$ 515.56 |
| Advertising | 4.05 | Plus the usual 5% | 25.78 |
| Grading and filling | 70.51 | | \$ 541.34 |
| | Actual cost | \$ 515.56 | |

This cost is to be assessed against 721.56 linear feet of frontage which is at the rate of 75¢ per linear foot. The following assessment is submitted:

| Subdiv. | Blk | Lot | Assessed Owner | Frontage | Rate | Assessment | Subdiv. | Blk | Lot | Assessed Owner | Frontage | Rate | Assessment |
|---------|-----|-----|--|----------|------|------------|---------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|
| Land E | 6 | 1 | General Conference Association, S. D. A. ✓ | 46.18 | 75¢ | \$ 34.64 | Land E | 6 | 27 | Jay G. and Beulah S. Coleman ✓ | 40.00 | 75¢ | \$ 30.00 |
| (pt) | | 21 | Benj. G. and Vinnie M. Wilkinson ✓ | 54.53 | " | 40.90 | | | 28 | Samuel P. Shadle ✓ | 38.51 | " | 28.73 |
| " | | 21 | John D. and Gertrude Bradley ✓ | 9.00 | " | 6.75 | | | 29 | Samuel P. Shadle ✓ | 38.20 | " | 28.65 |
| | | 22 | Charles Selden, jr. ✓ | 63.53 | " | 47.65 | | | 30 | Elmina Kluck ✓ | 50.10 | " | 37.58 |
| | | 23 | Carl L. Davis ✓ | 140.16 | " | 105.12 | | | 31 | Lizzie Clark ✓ | 54.68 | " | 41.01 |
| | | 24 | John D. and Gertrude Bradley ✓ | 46.36 | " | 34.77 | 7 | 1 | Ernie R. and Emma B. Brown ✓ | 40.51 | " | 30.38 | |
| | | 25 | John C. Babcock ✓ | 50.00 | " | 37.50 | | | Total | | 721.56 | | 541.18 |
| | | 26 | Viola C. Hauff ✓ | 50.00 | " | 37.50 | | | | | | | |

The adoption of the following Ordinance is recommended:

Ordinance No. 197.

To adopt an Assessment for the Construction of a Cement Sidewalk on a Portion of Carroll Avenue.

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

That the special assessment submitted and recommended by the Finance Committee in its report under date of November 9, 1911, for the payment of a cement sidewalk abutting lots 1, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, in block 6, and lot 1, in block 7, of Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, in accordance with the provisions and by virtue of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be and the said assessment is hereby approved and adopted.

Mr. Taff moved that the report and the Ordinance embodied therein be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the motion was carried as

follows: voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff. voting nay, none.

Mr. Taff, for the Finance Committee, moved that the Treasurer be directed upon the next interest period (Dec. 1. 1911) of the outstanding filtration bonds, amounting to \$6000.⁰⁰ to purchase and cancel \$1000.⁰⁰ thereof from funds on hand. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Blodgett from the Street Committee, reported that the new lights directed by the Council for Chestnut and Sherman Ave had been placed and were now included in the lighting schedule.

The Mayor called attention to the prevalence of Saturday night rowdyism on Carroll Avenue and recommended that provision be made to arrest and punish the offenders.

Mr. Grabill moved that Messrs. John T. and Christian Schaeffer be appointed deputy bailiffs and that the Mayor be authorized to place them upon active duty at such time and places as he may deem necessary for the public welfare and at such compensation as he may deem proper. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the action of the street committee in having cement crossings placed across Tulip Ave at Carroll Ave. and across Carroll Ave at Tulip Ave, was approved.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor.

Ben Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 11, 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 previous meeting were read by the clerk and there being no corrections, they were approved.

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

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|-----------------------------|----------|------------|---|----------|-----------|
| Balance on hand last report | | \$ 3704.89 | Cement walks | | \$ 341.45 |
| Receipts: | | | General Expenses: telephones | | 10.85 |
| From general taxes | \$ 95.43 | | Miscellaneous | | 8.00 |
| " special " (cement walks) | 139.64 | 235.07 | Semi-annual interest on \$6000 filter bonds | | 150.00 |
| Disbursements: | | 3939.96 | Salaries: engineer | \$ 75.00 | |
| Pumping plant: maintenance | \$.75 | | lamp lighter | 40.00 | |
| gasoline | 72.00 | 72.75 | clerk and treasurer | 35.00 | |
| Waterworks: miscellaneous | | 5.00 | laborer | 13.00 | 163.00 |
| Sewer system | | 8.50 | Paid from redemption fund | | 51.15 |
| Street work: labor | | 112.00 | Filter bonds paid and cancelled | | 1000.00 |
| Street lighting: oil | 19.81 | | | | 1975.19 |
| miscellaneous | 32.70 | 52.51 | | | 1964.77 |

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

A communication was presented from Mr. H. C. Gore, Secretary of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association transmitting the following resolution adopted at a meeting thereof on November 20: "Resolved, That the Takoma Park Citizens' Association heartily commends the efforts of the Takoma Township Council to install an electric light system for lighting the streets of the township." Without objection the communication was filed.

A communication was presented from Mr. J. P. Davis, Bond Bldg. Washington, D.C. Agent for Lohr and Hoerr, Owners of Pine Crest Subdivision, submitting a plat of said subdivision and requesting approval thereof insofar as that portion lying within the corporate bounds of the Town of Takoma Park, Md. Without objection the matter was referred to the Judiciary committee for report.

A petition from residents and property owners requesting improvement of Cedar Avenue was referred to the street committee with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council an estimate of the cost of clearing and grading this street.

A petition signed by Pauline A. Hannen, Thomas R. Davis and Sadie A. Palmer requesting that a cement sidewalk be laid from the entrance to the Sanitarium grounds to Flower Ave. and thence south along Flower Avenue to Davis Avenue, was referred to the street committee

with instructions to present an estimate of the cost of the walk desired, with recommendations relative thereto.

The following communication was presented from the Town Clerk and Treasurer:

Dec. 1, 1911. - The following is a statement of account with Mr. A. S. Baird under his contract for construction of 4-foot cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue, from Laurel Ave. to the Holt Tract; for 2 crossings at Carroll and Tulip Aves. and for 4-foot walk in front of the premises of Mrs. Rebecca Donaghy on Baltimore Ave:

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| DR: Lineal feet in 2 cement crossings | 97 | CR: Amount paid for labor | \$ 270.64 |
| " " " Carroll Ave. walk | 725 | " " " material | 267.45 |
| " " " Mrs. Donaghys walk | 162.16 | " " Mr. Baird on account | 50.00 |
| Total | 984.76 @ 60¢ | Balance due contractor | 2.41 |
| | \$ 590.50 | | \$ 590.50 |

In the matter of Mrs. Donaghy's walk the cost thereof is found to be as follows: 162.16' lineal feet @ 60¢ \$ 97.30; Surveying, \$ 4.00, Total \$ 101.30, plus 5% (\$ 5.07) - a grand total of \$ 106.37. Mrs. Donaghy deposited \$ 110.71 for the construction of this walk and is therefore entitled to a refund of \$ 4.34.

Ben G. Davis, Clerk and Treas^r

Mr. Taff moved that the accounts of Mr. Baird and Mrs. Donaghy be adjusted in accordance with the statement of the Treasurer who is hereby authorized to pay the amounts due each as stated. The motion was carried.

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

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| Geo. S. Cayne, 1 bbl. soda ash | \$ 4.38 | Standard Oil Co. 260 gals. illum. oil @ 5½¢ | \$ 14.30 | E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees | \$ 2.50 |
| E. J. Murphy Co. Paint and oil | 12.00 | " " " 50½ " lubr. oil @ 23½¢ | 11.62 | G. W. Forsberg, labor on machinery | 85.00 |
| Geo. F. Muth & Co. lamps globes & wicks | 17.47 | Columbia Brick & Coal Co. 22200# stone | 17.76 | Total | \$ 304.95 |
| C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals | 10.65 | " " cement, sand & gravel | 53.27 | | |
| Standard Oil Co. 875 gals. gasoline @ 9¢ | 78.75 | " " 1 ton coal | 7.25 | | |

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

Messrs. Dyson and Stevens, electrical engineers of Washington, D. C., appeared before the Council with sketch drawings relative to the enlargement of the filtration and pumping plant buildings so as to accommodate a proposed substituted steam power plant and the addition of the necessary electrical machinery to supply municipal and commercial electric lighting. The gentlemen explained in general terms the probable efficiency of the plant as tentatively planned by them and estimated the cost thereof as between \$ 8000 and \$ 10000. Mr. C. B. McGahey, of Baltimore, and Mr. H. G. Fetherling, of Philadelphia, mechanical and electrical engineers, respectively, were also present and expressed their views upon the probable needed equipment for a municipal electric-lighting plant. Upon conclusion of the remarks of the engineers noted, which were interesting and instructive to the Council, Mr. Grabill moved that a vote of thanks be given them for their courtesy

in attending the meeting and the valuable information given and that special appreciation be expressed to Messrs. Dyson and Stevens for their drawings and detailed information relative to probable cost, maintenance expenses and possible revenue of the plant suggested by them. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to construct cinder crossings at New York and Baltimore Aves., Baltimore and Brashears Aves., Baltimore and Cleveland Aves., and Buffalo and New York Aves.

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had received a call from a representative of the Potomac Electric Power Co., relative to lighting the streets of the Town and inferred from the interview that the Company would be willing to sign a two-year contract provided assurance were given that efforts would be made to have the charter amended as to permit a longer period of contract, at the coming session of the legislature. The Mayor stated that no doubt the Potomac company could give a much more satisfactory lighting system than the town could install and operate and recommended that effort be made to secure the desired legislation.

Mr. Grabill thereupon moved that inasmuch as the Mayor has been authorized by previous action to enter into contract with the Potomac Electric Power Co., upon terms practically agreed upon except as to duration of contract, for lighting of the streets of the town, and inasmuch as the said Electric Power Co. has expressed a willingness to sign a two-year contract upon condition that efforts be made by the Council to secure amendment of the charter permitting them to enter into lighting contract for a period not exceeding five years, that it is the sense of this Council that the charter be so amended and that the Mayor be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the charter so amended during the next meeting of the Maryland legislature. The motion was carried.

Relative to the request of the Takoma Tennis Club for the use of sufficient of the North Takoma Park for the establishment of a double set of tennis courts, upon motion of Mr. Williams, to whom the matter had been referred for recommendation, the desired permission was granted, revocable at the pleasure of the Council, provided no injury was done to any of the trees upon the park.

Upon motion the Street Committee was directed to have the underbrush cleared from the same park during the winter.

There being no further business, the Council, at 11 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

B. S. Davis, clerk