

Monday Evening, January 8, 1912.

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, there being no objection, they were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 1964.77	Cement walks	\$ 55.68
Receipts:		General expenses: contingent	\$ 2.47
From general taxes	\$ 220.62	telephones	10.65 13.12
" Special " (cement walks)	76.00	Water tapping fees	2.50
" permits	5.00 301.62	Miscellaneous	12.34
	2266.39	Salaries: engineer	75.00
Disbursements:		lamplighter	40.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 110.85	clerk and treasurer	35.00
gasoline	78.75 189.58	laborer	19.00 169.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	120.00	Builders deposits returned	10.00 766.75
Sewer system	3.00	Balance on hand	\$ 1499.64
Street work: labor	137.50		
material	22.01 159.51		
Street lighting: oil	14.30		
miscellaneous	17.72 32.02		

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

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

C and P. Telephone Co. Rentals and messages	\$ 11.05	Standard Oil Co., 1050 gals. gasoline @ 9¢	\$ 94.50
National Electrical Supply Co. Battery Cells	1.50	Geo F. Muth & Co. 1 bbl #5 lamp globes	2.16
Standard Oil Co., 250 gals. illum. oil @ 6¢	15.00	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	2.50 \$ 126.71

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the committee on Streets and Lights, to which had been referred the petition of residents and tax-payers on Cedar Ave. for the improvement of that street, reported that he had investigated the matter and found that for a distance of about 1200 feet the underbrush and young trees would have to be grubbed out before grading and that the work of grubbing and rounding up the street would cost about \$150.00.

Mr. Blodgett also called attention to the deplorable condition of Grant Ave and recommended that the estimated expense of \$150.00 to put it in better condition, submitted several months ago, be authorized.

After consideration of the matter Mr. Grabill moved that Grant Avenue be improved, under the direction of the street committee at an expense not to exceed \$150.00 and that this work be given precedence over other street work and that the improvement be made as soon as practicable; and further that the street committee be authorized and directed to clear and grade Cedar Avenue at an expense not to exceed \$150.00, this work to follow other ordered work in its turn except that the grubbing may be done at such times as may be found convenient, work being impracticable elsewhere. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett informed the Council of the unfortunate location of the water meters at the houses of Mrs. Katharine Beale on Grant Avenue. These meters are installed just in the rear of the kitchens and owing to the proximity of waste pipes from the kitchens the meter boxes and surroundings are often flooded with waste water. He also reported that the tops of the meter boxes were never properly covered with earth making access and damage to the meters an easy matter.

Mr. Williams moved that the owner of these houses be informed of the conditions as reported and requested to have the kitchen drain pipes so modified that the waste water will not drain into the meter boxes and to further have the meter boxes sufficiently covered with earth as to protect the covers from removal, such work to be done immediately and to the satisfaction of the plumbing inspector, and that in case of failure of the owner of the property to comply with this request, within reasonable time, that the water be cut off from the premises until the requested action be taken. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee stated that a request had been preferred from the Manager of the Washington Sanitarium, to connect their building with the ^{water} main leading thereto direct from the pump house, and moved that the water and sewer committee be authorized to investigate the matter, and to take such action thereon as may seem to be proper, provided, that, if in the judgment of the committee the request should be granted, a water meter of proper size shall be purchased and installed at the expense of the Sanitarium. The motion was carried.

Under new business Mr. Grabill informed the Council that at a recent meeting of the Takoma Park Citizens Association, some discussion was had relative to the disposal of a sum of money, amounting to about \$150.00 which had been raised through public effort for the purpose of beautification of the public streets and parks; that this money was in the possession of Dr. B. T. Galloway, who had

stated that in its disposition he would be quided by the recommendation of Mr. F.L. Lewton, Chairman of the committee on Parks of the Citizens' Association. In view of the fact that this money was raised partly thro the efforts of the citizens of the Maryland side of the Town and of the further fact that the only public park of any extent in this immediate vicinity is the one in North Takoma, Mr. Grabill therefor moved that the Clerk be directed to write to Mr. Lewton, and urge upon him the expenditure of this money in the improvement of the North Takoma Park. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

W. G. Platt

Mayor

Ben Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, February 12, 1912

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following members 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 were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 1499.64	Street lighting: oil	\$ 15.00
Receipts:		miscellaneous	2.41
From general taxes	\$ 281.75		17.41
" special " (cement walks)	6.08	General expenses: postage	22.24
" water rents	2395.20	telephone rentals	11.05
" interest on deposits in bank	30.94		33.29
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	1028.45	Water tapping fees	2.50
" " " " Prince Georges Co	80.34	Miscellaneous expenses	14.00
	5322.40	Salaries: engineer	75.00
Disbursements:		lamp lighter	40.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 2.00	clerk and treasurer	35.00
gasoline	94.50	laborer	12.88
Waterworks: miscellaneous	42.75		162.88
Sewer system	17.25	Balance on hand	\$ 4929.82
Street work: labor	6.00		

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

A communication was presented from Mr. Joseph Ryland requesting that permission be granted him to construct a cess pool in the rear of his house on Cedar Ave., there being no sewerage facilities on that street. On motion of Mr. Grabill a revocable permit was granted Mr. Ryland for the construction of a cess pool as desired provided that it be constructed upon plans approved by the Inspector of Plumbing and provided further that Mr. Ryland agree, in writing, to abandon said cess pool and connect with the public sewer whenever said sewer shall have been constructed in Cedar Avenue.

A communication was received from Mr. C. E. Smith calling attention to the freezing of the service pipe at his house on Carroll Avenue, due to the lowering of the street surface; also requesting the removal of a telegraph or telephone pole which is directly in front of the fire hydrant, corner of Lincoln and Carroll Aves. Mr. Smith also asked if he would be permitted to install an "Empire" water meter, his own property, upon his service pipe and thus avoid the \$3⁰⁰ annual meter tax.

Consideration of Mr. Smith's requests developed that the service pipe had already been attended to, and on motion of Mr. Grabill the street committee was directed to investigate and take the proper action regarding the telephone pole and that Mr. Smith be informed it was contrary to the ^{present} policy of the Town to permit private ownership of the water meters.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co., Rentals	\$ 11.00	L. M. Maers, Registrar's fees	\$ 9.80	U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. Premium	\$ 8.00
Louis Hartig, Tool steel and ball line	2.65	Standard Oil Co. 840 gals. gasoline	80.80	Springfield Gas Engine Co. Valve bushings	2.40
A. W. Skinner, Printing	3.75	" " " 305 " illum. oil	19.63		147.33
Natl. Elect. Supply Co. Dry cells	2.25	Columbia Brick and Coal Co. 1 ton coal	7.25		

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

Mr. Rush, from the Finance Committee moved that Messrs. J. H. Van Houten, E. N. Jackson and Ben G. Davis be appointed a Board of Assessors to revise and equalize the assessment of taxable property for the fiscal year 1912-13. The motion was carried.

The Mayor presented to the Council a revised form of contract with the Potomac Electric Lighting Co. for municipal street lighting. The subject was informally considered at some length and seemed to be satisfactory except in the provision relative to disposition of poles in case of termination of the contract. This provision was referred to the Mayor and Mr. Williams for further consultation with the Potomac Electric Lighting Co.

In connection with legislation desired through proposed amendments to the charter, which matter the Council discussed informally, Mr. Tolt moved that the Clerk be directed to draw up a petition, addressed to the county representatives in both branches of the legislature, for presentation to the resident tax payers, requesting amendment of the charter so as to confer upon the Council authority to enter into street lighting contracts for a period of not to exceed five years and to confer upon the Mayor the power of appointing bailiffs, said petition to be presented to the resident tax-payers at the earliest practicable date. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to request of Messrs. Tallbott and Prettyman, of Rockville, a statement as to the present status of the suit involving the legality of the sidewalk assessment against the property of George N. and Katharine C. Deale and an expression of their opinion as to the time when such suit will probably be tried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to purchase ten Trident water meters of the "anti-freezing" type, of the Neptune Meter Co., together with the necessary connections and extra bottoms.

Mr. L. M. Mooers, Registrar of Vital Statistics, submitted the following report of births and deaths during 1911:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Takoma Park, Md., January 1, 1912

Gentlemen:- As Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town I have the honor to present the following report: During the year 1911 there have occurred in the town Births 26; Deaths 23. These have been entered with the required details in the registers supplied to the Town by the State Board of Health. Detailed statement hereto attached. Very respectfully
L. M. MOOERS, Registrar.

BIRTHS:

Date	Father	Residence	Sex	Date	Father	Residence	Sex
Jan. 11	John W. Crone	-----	Boy	June 13	John Raines	Elm Avenue	Boy
" 13	Chas. J. Miller	Buffalo Ave.	Boy	July 6	James H. Lightfoot	Chestnut Ave	Girl
" 18	Chas. A. Rife	Flower Ave	Boy	Aug. 17	Clarence Irving Queen	Elm Ave.	Girl
" 22	Benj. B. Vincent	Pine Ave.	Girl	" 18	Frederick S. Vincent	Montgomery Ave.	Girl
" 25	Max Whitney Buell	Ethan Allen Ave	Boy	" 23	Lanford M. Harlan	Willow Ave	Girl
Feb. 5	Louis A. Ohm	Elm Ave	Girl	Sept. 3	Ira L. Leaman	Hancock Ave	Girl
" 21	Ernie Roy Brown	Tulip & Carroll Ave	Girl	" 26	Wm. Lambert Kirby	Baltimore Ave	Girl
" 22	George Coursen, jr.	Tulip Ave	Girl	Nov. 16	Joseph Watson Bowen	Sanitarium	Girl
Mar. 25	Clarence J. Province	Flower Ave	Girl	" 18	Clyde L. Ashley	Sycamore Ave	Boy
" 27	Charles Lindsay Bowen	Sycamore Ave	Boy	Dec. 2	Mahlon E. Olsen	Pine Ave	Girl
Apr. 14	Edgar M. Eshleman	Montgomery Ave.	Boy	" 7	Ward P. Burdine	Carroll Ave	Girl
" 23	Walter Roy Stewart	Sycamore Ave	Boy	" 13	William H. Jewell	-----	Girl
May 15	Marion L. Woodall	Willow Ave	Girl			Total 26	
June 9	Henry C. Winslow	Elm Ave	Boy				

DEATHS:

Date	Name	Age	Residence	Date	Name	Age	Residence
March 2	Lavina Hathaway Mellen	1 yr.	Albany Ave	Aug. 4	Anna F. Stewart	35 yrs.	Sanitarium
" 15	Alice B. Bromwell	71 "	Sanitarium	" 7	Marie Damala Duc	74 "	"
April 8	John J. Kleiner	66 "	"	" 8	Mina Gatton	6 mos.	Elm. Ave
" 10	Minnie C. Bender	19 "	"	" 11	Wm. J. Armor	39 yrs.	Sanitarium
" 23	Ida Elizabeth Ossire	45 "	"	" 27	Louise M. Willard	82 "	"
May 5	Mary Hazel Shipley	6 "	Hickory Ave	Sept. 3	Dorris Lucille Harlan	10 days	Willow Ave
" 14	Thomas H. Rhine	41 "	Maple Ave.	" 19	Thomas W. Stuckard	56 yrs	Sanitarium
June 18	John E. Sickles	84 "	Sanitarium	Oct. 11	Charles Bradford Fonda	56 "	Willow Ave
July 11	Agnes E. Bigelow	65 "	"	14	Mary T. G. Gordon	79 "	Sanitarium
" 26	Sarah Grant Moore	55 "	Tulip Ave.	19	Edna Genera Queen	2 mos.	Elm Ave.
" 28	Albert R. Dyer	77 "	Sanitarium	Dec. 30	Maria Blackstone (Colored)	60 yrs.	Ridge Ave.
Aug. 1	Emily E. Skeels	22 mos.	Holly Ave				Total 23

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

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

Approved:

W. Platt

Mayor.

B. Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening March 11, 1912

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read 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	\$ 4929.82	Street work: labor	\$ 9.00
Receipts:		material	2.65 11.65
From general taxes	\$ 197.51	Street lighting: oil	19.63
" special "	69.73	General expenses: printing	3.75
" water rents	929.51	telephones	11.00
" road tax refund, Prince Georges Co.	100.00	miscellaneous	17.80 32.55
" permits	5.00 1301.75	Salaries: engineer	75.00
	6231.57	lamplighter	40.00
Disbursements		clerk and treasurer	35.00
Pump and filter plants: miscellaneous	\$ 12.70	laborer	9.75 159.75
gasoline	80.80 93.50	Builders deposits returned	10.00 381.33
Waterworks: miscellaneous	51.25	Balance on hand	\$ 5850.24
Sewer system	3.00		

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

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

Cand P. Telephone Co., Rentals	\$ 11.00	A.W. Skinner, Printing	\$ 2.50	Harrison Bros. & Co. 6 bbls alum	\$ 30.58
Standard Oil Co., 785 gals. gasoline	78.50	Geo. S. Coyne, 2 bbl. soda ash	8.41	E. E. Blodgett, tapping fees	2.50
Standard Oil Co., 265 gals. illum. oil	21.00	Columbia Brick and Coal Co. 1 ton egg coal	7.25	C. H. Thompson, blacksmithing	5.60
Geo. L. Tarbel, Sundries	1.30	Geo. F. Muth & Co. 1 bbl. lamp globes	2.16		266.85
National Elec. Supply Co., Battery renewals	6.65	Neptune Meter Co. 10 meters, etc.	89.60		

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

In response to a communication written by direction of the Council at its last meeting the clerk read a letter from Messrs. Talbot and Petyman, Attorneys, of Rockville, Md., representing the Town in the suit of Geo. N. and Katharine C. Beale vs. Town of Takoma Park, in which letter they stated that early action would be taken in bringing the suit to trial.

A communication from Mr. Harry Huskinson requesting that street lamps and sign posts be placed in the vicinity of his property on Niagara Ave., was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported that work had been started on clearing of Cedar Avenue.

Mr. Williams, from the special committee of himself and the Mayor, presented for further consideration, the proposed contract for lighting the streets with electric lights. Mr. Williams stated that the contract was acceptable in all its provisions except that relating to removal of poles in case of termination of the contract. After discussing the matter, Mr. Williams moved that the Mayor be requested to take the matter up further with the electric light company and secure such modification in the provision of the contract above referred to as may be possible and to submit the result of his efforts at a special meeting of the Council. The motion was carried.

The Water and Sewer Committee, to which had been referred the petition of various property owners in the Carroll subdivision for the construction of a water main on Hancock Ave, returned the petition with the following report:

"March 4, 1912 - This committee recommends no action pending the decision of the court as to the status of the streets in this subdivision, the land being claimed by private parties. The estimated cost of laying this main is as follows: 1086.5 lin. ft. 4" main @ 80¢, \$ 869.20; 4 hydrants at \$ 35 each, \$ 140.00; total \$ 1009.20. It is also suggested that if the signers of this paper will dedicate to the town the portions of Hancock Ave. in front of their properties, such action will facilitate the dedication of the entire street by the other owners." The petition was further reported on by the Finance Committee as follows: "In view of the foregoing indorsement of the Water and Sewer Committee, the Finance Committee does not deem it expedient to recommend the necessary expenditure for the proposed work until the question relating to the status of the streets is decided."

On motion of Mr. Williams the reports were approved and the recommendations adopted.

A communication from Mrs Myra Ourand requesting that excess water bill for 1911 be remitted was submitted by the water and sewer committee, indorsed as follows:

"March 4, 1912 - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council recommending that in view of the statement made and the fact that the writer is unable to pay a large water rent, that the amount for excess referred to (\$10.95) be cancelled; and that the writer be requested that she pay the remainder of the bills rendered, \$ 34.80 as promptly as possible, considerable lenience having been already exercised in this case. The writer should be informed that this action will not form a precedent for future action in such cases."

Upon a similar request from Mr. R.S. Waters the Water and Sewer Committee reported as follows:

"Recommended that a reduction of \$12.25 be made from this account with statement that this action is not to constitute a precedent but is taken with a view of relieving the applicant from the burden caused by a waste of water for which the Town is in no way responsible."

On motion of Mr. Rush the recommendations of the committee in the two above cases, were approved.

A communication from Mr. J.P. Davis, Sales Agent of the Pine Crest subdivision requesting information as to the conditions and privileges governing the trunk sewer of the Town of Takoma Park which extends through a portion of that subdivision, was presented by the Water and Sewer Committee, indorsed as follows:

"It is recommended that the petitioner be informed that under the regulations of the Town, premises must have a water supply before being permitted to tap the sewers. When a water supply is provided in the subdivision premises connected with it and which abut upon the line of the sewer, will be permitted to connect therewith. Under a resolution of the Council, now in force, the privilege of connection with the water supply cannot be extended to premises outside of the town limits.

Mr. Williams expressed doubt of the bestowal of any sewerage privileges upon lot owners in this subdivision through the right of way agreement with Mr. Cockville, and upon his motion the matter was for the present deferred.

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

Approved:

Mayor

Ben D. Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, April 8, 1912

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

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

A communication was presented from Mr. M.L. Harper stating that he was contemplating building a house on lot 28, block 19, facing Carroll Avenue and, in the absence of a sewer on that portion of the street, asked to be informed as to the probable time in which sewer facilities would be available and whether or not he would be permitted, in case of building, to maintain a cess-pool until such sewer facilities were supplied. Without objection the communication was referred to the water and sewer committee for report.

A communication from Mr. E.M. Douglas requesting that Laurel Avenue, from the "log cabin" site to Eastern Avenue, now in a very bad condition, be resurfaced with gravel or broken stone, was referred to the Street committee for report and recommendation.

A petition was presented, signed by Frank S. Larkin, Harriet Miller, Charles S. Miller, H.M. Bennett and Anna A. Larkin, residents and property owners on Chestnut Avenue requesting that cement sidewalks be laid on Chestnut Ave. from the terminus of the present brick walks on that street to and including lot 27 in block 12 and lot 15 in block 11. Mr. Larkin was present and addressed the Council upon the necessity and great convenience of the proposed walk.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance committee be directed to prepare and submit the necessary Ordinance for the necessary preliminary procedure toward the construction of the desired walk. The motion was carried.

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

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 5850.24	Street work: labor.....	\$ 69.50
Receipts:		material.....	5.60 \$ 75.10
From general taxes.....	\$ 953.01	Street lighting: oil.....	21.00
" special ".....	188.19	miscellaneous.....	2.41 23.41
" water rents.....	90.60	General expenses: printing.....	2.50
" road tax refund, P. & Co.	20.34	telephones.....	11.00 13.50
	7103.28	Water tapping fees.....	2.50
Disbursements:		Salaries: engineer.....	75.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous.....	\$ 65.36	lamp lighter.....	40.00
gasoline.....	78.50 143.86	clerk and treasurer.....	35.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous.....	125.10	laborer.....	11.58 161.38 579.65
Sewer system: miscellaneous.....	17.50	Balance on hand.....	\$ 6523.63
Miscellaneous expenses.....	17.50		

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

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

Standard Oil Co. 285 gals illum. oil @ 8¢.....	\$ 22.80	C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals.....	\$ 12.15	A. W. Skinner, Printing.....	\$ 9.25
" " " 945 " gasoline @ 11¢.....	103.95	Thomson Meter Co. Repairs to 8 meters.....	14.85	R. Seck. Dynamite.....	1.14
" " " 47 " lubr. oil @ 24¢.....	11.28	Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Cement.....	3.23	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees.....	2.50

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

Mr. Rush, for the Finance Committee, recommended that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to purchase and cancel \$1000 of outstanding filtration bonds and upon his motion such action was approved.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee reported the necessity of placing additional macadam upon the Sliquo bridge and approaches and

upon motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$100 for this purpose was authorized.

The Council, at this juncture, took up the matter of permanent street improvement and in an informal manner discussed the probable work that might be done at this time from available funds. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Grabill moved that the committee on streets and lights be directed to meet at an early date and to formulate comprehensive plans for permanent street work entailing an expenditure of about \$3,000.00 and to prepare the necessary plans, advertisement, specifications and proposals under which contracts may be made for work to the amount stated and to submit the same to the Council as early as practicable. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Rush an appropriation of \$50.00 was authorized for oiling the macadamized portion of Carroll Avenue.

Mr. Williams from the special committee having in charge the proposed electric lighting of the streets, informed the Council as to the present status of the negotiations with the electric company, from which it appeared that a complete agreement had not yet been reached and the matter was further deferred.

At this point, with the suggestion that the matter seemed pertinent to the street lighting problem, the Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. Frank L. Hewitt, Washington, D.C., making application for a franchise to install and operate a gas plant to furnish gas to the residents of Takoma Park at the rate of 65¢ per thousand cubic feet and further agreeing to furnish and operate without cost to the Town, 150 mantle gas lamps for street lighting purposes. Accompanying Mr. Hewitt's communication was a tentative form of Ordinance to grant the desired privileges to the proposed company.

The Mayor stated that without doubt this was a boni fide proposition, that the gentleman back of it was perhaps the best posted man on gas manufacture in the District of Columbia, and stated that the matter was entitled to serious consideration.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the communication of Mr. Hewitt and its inclosure was referred to the special committee having in charge the proposed electric street lighting with request to investigate and submit report and recommendations.

The Ordinance Committee, in compliance with the instructions of the Council, reported back the petition of Frank S. Larkin and others, for the construction of a cement sidewalk on a portion of Chestnut Avenue, from the terminus of the present brick sidewalks on said street, with the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 197 1/2

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

Sec. 1. That, in accordance with the authority granted by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, and in the furtherance of the general public safety and convenience, consideration be given to the construction of the following described public work: The laying of about 600 linear feet of cement sidewalk on Chestnut Avenue, abutting lots 24, 25, 26 and 27 in block 12 and lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in block 11 at an estimated cost of \$480.00 or \$40.00 per 50 feet of frontage, said cost to be assessed proportionally to the abutting property.

Sec. 2. - The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Maple Ave, on Monday evening, May 6th, 1912 at 8:30 o'clock p.m., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard in regard to the proposed work.

Mr. Rush 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, Rush, Taff and Williams; voting nay, none.

The Ordinance Committee further submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 198

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 6th, 1912, in the basement of the Presbyterian church, on Maple Ave, at which time the qualified voters of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., will cast their votes for a Mayor and three Councilmen to serve for a term of two years each 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. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and, upon an aye and nay vote, as follows, the Ordinance was adopted; voting aye, Mayor Platt and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Williams; voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Rush Messrs. J. H. Van Houten, L. M. Mooers, and F. W. Longley were appointed to serve as Judges of Election at the annual municipal election on May 6th and the Mayor was authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Assessors:

To the Mayor and Council.

Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Gentlemen: - The undersigned, duly appointed a Board of Assessors, under Resolution of the Council of February 12, 1912, to "revise and equalize the assessment of real property for the fiscal year 1912-13," submit herewith the assessment as prepared and approved by the members of the Board.

The Council having heretofore eliminated the levying of taxes on personal property, the Board deemed it unnecessary to submit any assessment thereof. As compared with the assessment for the current fiscal year the Board has made increases amounting to \$30,000; decreases amounting to 9; a net increase of \$30,000.

Very Respectfully,

Takoma Park, Md., April 5, 1912.

E. W. JACKSON, Chm.
J. H. VANHOUTEN,
BEN G. DAVIS, } Board of Assessors.

On motion of Mr. Taff the report and accompanying assessment were received and the clerk directed to give the required lawful notices and that the Council, at its regular meeting, May 13, 1912, sit as a Board of Review to consider and decide any complaints or objections that may be submitted relative to the assessment as prepared by the Board of Assessors.

On motion of Mr. Grabill compensation of \$5.00 each was voted the members of the Board and \$5.00 additional to Mr. Davis for manuscript preparation of the new assessment list.

Mr. Taff moved, in view of the forthcoming election, that the clerk be directed to call a public meeting of the citizens of the Town, at the Presbyterian church, upon a near convenient date, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Councilmen and that he be directed to give as full publicity as possible to such meeting. The motion was carried.

Mr. Taff moved that the Committee on Health and Sanitation be directed to at once investigate the matter of providing a municipal garbage and trash collection service, including the necessary number of weekly trips in connection therewith, the estimated cost of such a service and also the feasibility and probable cost of cleaning up all vacant lots upon which trash has been dumped. 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 Davis clerk.