

The Clerk called the attention of the Council to the passage by the legislature at its last session of an amendment to the Town charter whereby the lands of John and George Powell were removed from the corporation, thus without the knowledge or consent of the town authorities. Upon motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was requested to thoroughly investigate the legal phases of this action by the legislature and to report to the Council at his convenience.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor

Ben W. Davis Clerk

Takoma Park, Md., July 8, 1912

The Council met at 8:15 o'clock p.m. at the office of the Town Clerk, the janitor having failed to open the usual place of meeting.

There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

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 approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3444.92	General expenses: printing	\$ 6.60
Receipts:		telephones	12.35
From general taxes	\$ 34.25	contingent	1.68
" permits	9.00	Water tapping fees	2.50
For redemption of property sold for taxes	132.00	Miscellaneous	24.00
	175.25	Salaries: engineer	\$ 75.00
	3620.17	lamplighter	40.00
Disbursements:		clerk and treasurer	35.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 17.50	laborer	6.00
gasoline	129.23	bailiffs	15.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	40.00	Paid from redemption fund	132.00
Sewer system	267.92	Balance on hand	880.69
Street work: labor	54.71		2739.48
Street lighting: oil	21.20		

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

Balance on hand July 1, 1911		\$ 943.20
Receipts:		
From general taxes	\$ 8428.36	
" special taxes	867.56	
" water and meter rents	4184.58	
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	\$ 1028.45	
" " " " Prince Georges Co.	200.68	1229.13
" permits	65.00	
" interest on deposits in bank	53.74	
" miscellaneous sources	35.00	
" deposits for special work	52.50	
For redemption of property sold at tax sale	193.99	15109.86
		16053.06

Disbursements:		
Pumping and filter plants: miscellaneous	346.74	
gasoline	1168.58	
salary of engineer	900.00	2415.32
Waterworks: meters, repairs of, etc	144.60	
Stand pipe, repairs, etc	313.43	
Labor, general repairs	252.21	
Repairs due to flood	360.97	
Miscellaneous	101.59	1172.80
Sewer System: General repairs	114.95	
Carrall Ave. extension	387.42	502.37
Street work: labor	1057.97	
material	262.63	1320.60
Street lighting: oil	197.73	
miscellaneous	86.48	
salary lamplighter	480.00	764.21
Cement sidewalks		968.26
General expenses: printing	37.10	
contingent	11.55	
postage	25.87	
telephones	137.00	

Watertapping fees	32.50	
Rentals	73.50	
Miscellaneous	176.49	
Interest: water and sewer 4% bonds	2080.00	
filtration 5% bonds	268.75	2348.75
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	420.00	
laborer	138.27	
Bailiffs	35.00	593.27
Builders deposits returned	40.00	
Redemption fund	193.99	
Filter bonds purchased and cancelled	2000.00	
Sinking fund credit	500.00	13313.58
		Balance on hand \$ 2739.48

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS:

Water and Sewer 4% bonds, 1st issue	\$ 35000.00	
2d "	10000.00	
3d "	7000.00	52000.00
Filtration bonds (5%)		4000.00
Total bonded indebtedness		\$ 56000.00

NOTE: \$2000.00 of 5% filtration bonds have been paid and cancelled during the current year.

SINKING FUND:

Balance on hand July 1, 1911	\$ 619.79
Interest credits	15.83
Deposit during current year	500.00
Bond purchased and cancelled	1006.67
Balance on hand	\$ 128.95

NOTE: - \$5000.00 of water and sewer 4% bonds have been purchased and cancelled from sinking fund to date.

There is no floating indebtedness and all bills are paid to date.

Mr. Taff moved that the reports be received and filed and that the annual report be printed and distributed to the tax payers as directed by the charter. Carried and so ordered.

Mayor Williams, in accordance with previous instructions of the Council, submitted a proposed contract with the Potomac Electric Power Company for lighting the streets of the Town. The contract was read by the Clerk and its various provisions briefly considered. Such

provisions appearing to be generally satisfactory Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the said contract as representative of the Town and that the period thereof be not to exceed 5 years, and for a shorter term if the Company will agree thereto. The motion was carried.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	---	\$ 13.27	Standard Oil Co. 850 gals gasoline	---	\$ 108.41	E. N. Jackson, Surveying	---	\$ 5.00
Natl. Elec. Supply Co. 6 dry cells	---	1.50	" " " 48 ² gals. lub. oil	---	11.72	Springfield Gas Engine Co. Repairs	---	2.50
R. H. Cady, Blacksmithing	---	2.05	" " " Oiling Carrall Ave.	---	82.50	Lamond Bros, Sewer pipe	---	33.65
Thos. Somerville Co. 81# pig lead	---	4.45	Columbia Brick & Coal Co. material	---	1.55	Geo. S. Coyne, Soda ash	---	7.99
Standard Oil Co. 250 gals. illum oil	---	20.00	J. H. Cissel, welding rods	---	.30			294.89

On motion of Mr. Taff the bills were approved and payment directed, that of Mr. Lamond, for sewer pipe, to be first approved by Mr. Blodgett.

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, submitted copy of a written report of Mr. Robert B. Morse of the Maryland Department of Health, who visited the Town on Wednesday, June 12th, and with Mr. Rogers, investigated a number of petty nuisances, relative thereto. Mr. Morse's report was approved by the State Board of Health who directed that the nuisances would be taken up for adjudication as soon as formally referred in writing to the State Board by the civil authorities of Takoma Park.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Health Officer be authorized by the Council to take the necessary action to have the State Board of Health proceed in the cases mentioned in Mr. Morse's report. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Rogers also called the attention of the Council to the new health law of Maryland by the terms of which the local health officer is made the Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Mr. Rush, from the Ordinance Committee, in compliance with the instructions of the Council, presented a copy of the state law and regulations relating to motor vehicles and read extracts therefrom relative to speed limits, etc. These were informally considered by the Council at the conclusion of which the Ordinance committee was requested to prepare and submit to the Council an Ordinance relating to motor vehicles, the provisions of which will be in harmony with the state law.

The petition of certain residents and property owners on Cedar Ave. for sewerage facilities, which had been referred to the Water and Sewer and Finance Committees, was returned to the Council indorsed as follows:

June 24, 1912 - The Water and Sewer Committee recommends the construction of a sewer on Cedar Avenue, thence to Elm Ave. and Poplar Ave. in accordance with an estimate heretofore submitted by this committee, at a cost of about \$1800, on the following conditions, viz: 1. That deed or deeds for the necessary rights of way across private property be furnished by the petitioners. 2. That the sum of \$1200 ($\frac{2}{3}$ of the total cost) be deposited with the Town Treasurer before work shall be begun; the remainder of the cost to be assessed against any abutting property the owners of which have not deposited their prorata share of the cost of construction. This recommendation is made as the only feasible method of securing funds for the work in view of proposed expenditures for other purposes. Water and Sewer Committee.

July 6, 1912. - Proposed expenditures for other purposes preclude meeting the total cost of this work from the town funds but if the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee that two-thirds of the total cost of the work be deposited in advance with the Town Treasurer be adopted, it is estimated there would be sufficient funds available to meet the remaining one-third of the cost. Finance Committee.

The petition of certain property owners in the "Pine Crest" subdivision for extension of the water and sewer mains on Ash Avenue was submitted by the Water and Sewer Committee and the Finance Committee with report as follows:

June 24, 1912 - The Water and Sewer Committee recommends the following construction: 400 lin. ft. of 8' sewer on Ash Avenue between Eastern Ave. and Elm Ave., and 420 lin. feet of 6' sewer on the center line of Block 17, Pine Crest Subdivision, between the south line of the Town and Ash Avenue, the latter line lying across private property, at a total cost of about \$600 for sewer; and 400 lin. ft. of 4" water main on Ash Avenue, between Eastern Ave. and Elm Ave., 380 lin. ft. of 4" water main on Eastern Ave. between the south line of the town and Ash Ave., and about 300 lin. ft. on Elm Ave., from Ash Ave. eastward to the end of the present main; in all 1080 lin. feet with 3 fire hydrants, at a total estimated cost of approximately \$1000 for water mains. Provided that (1). That deeds for the necessary rights of way across private property be furnished by the petitioners. and (2). That $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total estimated cost of the work be deposited with the Town Treasurer before the work is begun; the remainder of the cost to be assessed against the abutting property where the lots have not already been assessed for such improvements and the owners of which have not deposited their pro rata cost of construction. The above recommendation is made as the only feasible method of securing funds for the work, in view of proposed expenditures for other purposes. Water and Sewer Committee.

July 6, 1912. - Proposed expenditures for other purposes preclude meeting the total cost of this work from the town funds, but if the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee that two-thirds of the total cost of the work be deposited in advance with the Town Treasurer be adopted, it is estimated there would be sufficient funds available to meet the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost. Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rush the reports of the Water and Sewer and Finance Committees on the two above applications were approved.

The numerously signed petition for a garbage collection service, referred to the Finance Committee for report as to funds available for such a service, was returned by that committee, indorsed as follows:

There are funds available for a garbage collection service based on a summer schedule of three collections per week, at \$9.00 per week, and it is recommended that the service be undertaken experimentally until October 1, 1912.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Health Committee was authorized to enter into contract for a tri-weekly collection of garbage at a cost of not to exceed \$9.00 per week, said contract to run until October 1, 1912.

The estimate of the Street Committee, calling for an expenditure of \$3200 on permanent street improvement, which had been referred,

to the Finance Committee was returned from that committee with statement that "with balance on hand and moneys receivable, there will be available within the next four months sufficient funds for the within work."

On motion of Mr. Taff the Street Committee was authorized to prepare the necessary specifications for macadamizing Carroll and Tulip Aves, as recommended by that committee and to advertise for bids for the work, said bids to be opened at a special meeting of the Council to be held at the office of the Clerk, Wednesday evening, July 24, 1912 at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Rush called attention to the vacancy in the Council resulting from the election of Mr. Williams as Mayor and moved that the Council proceed to fill said vacancy. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rush placed in nomination for Councilman to fill the unexpired term vacated by Mr. Williams, Mr. James H. Van Houten. Mr. Grabill nominated Mr. Frederick L. Lewton. There being no further nominations the clerk proceed to call the roll with the following result: voting for Mr. Van Houten, Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers, Rush and Taff: voting for Mr. Lewton, Mr. Grabill. On motion of Mr. Grabill the election of Mr. Van Houten was made unanimous.

The Mayor called the Councils attention to the fact that a wagon and harness belonging to Mr. Blodgett had been worn out in the service of the town and suggested, in view of the fact that no compensation was rendered by the Town in this use that it would appear equitable to replace it and upon the Mayor's suggestion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

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

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor

Ben S. Davis

Clerk.

Wednesday Evening, July 24, 1912

A special meeting was held this date, at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of about 2500 linear feet of macadam roadway, and for such other business as may be presented.

The following were present: Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

Mr. J. H. Van Houten, chosen by the Council at its last meeting, to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Williams as member of the Council, was present. The oath of office was administered him by the Mayor and Mr. Van Houten entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Clerk laid before the Council two sealed bids for constructing macadam roadway, which were thereupon opened, and were as follows:

1. By Messrs. Harper and Voigt Co. of Washington, D.C. at following prices: grading roadway 45¢ per cu. yd.; furnishing, delivering and spreading crushed stone and screenings, per ton of stone $1/4"$ to $2 1/2"$, \$2.15 per ton; per ton of screenings, \$2.15; rolling with steam roller, \$2.00 per hour, or \$12.00 per day used.

2. By J. B. Lindner, of Washington, DC. at following prices: grading roadway, 47¢ per cu. yd.; furnishing, delivering and spreading crushed stone and screenings, per ton of stone $1/4"$ to $2 1/2"$, \$1.74 per ton; per ton of screenings, \$1.74; rolling with steam roller, \$1.50 per hour.

These bids were referred to the street committee for comparison of the figures submitted and were subsequently returned by the committee with prices based upon probable amount of grading, stone and rolling showing the bid of Mr. J. B. Lindner to be about \$200.00 less than that of Messrs. Harper and Voigt. The committee recommend the acceptance of Mr. Lindner's bid, and in accordance with such recommendation, submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 202.

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

That the bid of J. B. LINDNER, of Washington, D.C., for constructing approximately 2500 linear feet of macadam roadway, be, and the same is hereby accepted at the following prices: Grading roadway, 47¢ per cubic yard of excavation; furnishing and delivering crushed stone and screenings in place in the roadway, including spreading, \$1.74 per ton of crushed stone $1/4"$ to $2 1/2"$ and \$1.74 per ton of screenings; rolling with steam roller, \$1.50 per hour of actual rolling done. Extra work, not included above, when ordered in writing, at actual cost of labor and material furnished, plus 15 per cent.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the contract, by and in behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, for the work herein awarded.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: voting

aye. Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Van Houten. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to prepare the necessary contract in duplicate for the work just authorized,

Mr. Grabill also moved that Mr. E. N. Jackson be employed to make necessary surveys in connection with the macadamizing of Carroll and Tulip Aves, and that Mr. E. E. Blodgett be designated as Inspector, on behalf of the Town, during said work. The motion was carried.

The Council considered at some length the location of the proposed new electric street lights, which matter, upon motion of Mr. Grabill was left to the judgment of the Committee on Streets and Lights.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills which had been examined and approved by the Finance Committee, and upon his motion payment thereof was directed.

Harrison Bros & Co. 6 bbls alum	\$ 30.38	E. E. Blodgett, 800 brick	\$ 8.00	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	\$ 2.50
Rental, Presbyterian Church	31.50	M. Frank Ruppert, Tools	5.84	Total	78.22

A number of gentlemen residing on Hancock and Sherman Aves in the Carroll subdivision, appeared before the Council and urged the laying of a water main on those thoroughfares, for which they have several times presented a petition. The matter was informally considered with the gentlemen and the consensus of opinion expressed by the Mayor and Council being favorable to granting their request as soon as the ownership of the streets in this subdivision was judicially determined which it was hoped might be done thro' the suit now pending with the Beale's for payment of the Carroll Ave. sidewalk. In connection with the suit in question Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be requested to take the matter up with Messrs Talbott and Pretyman, the attorneys for the Town and urge them to push the case to an early adjudication. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer committee was authorized to expend \$45⁰⁰ for three 8-inch gate valves to be installed at the pumping and filter plants.

The following communication was presented by the Town Treasurer in regard to the construction of a sewer on a portion of Carroll Ave, from Lincoln Ave. to Sliquo Ave.:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., July 20, 1912

Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of the cost of the sewer recently completed on Carroll Ave, from Lincoln to Sliquo Aves:

Labor	\$ 260.70	Material: pipe	\$ 117.20	lamphole frames	\$ 6.00
Surveying	15.00	brick	8.75	Total	446.95
Advertising	4.05	cement	9.00	Percentage added	11.57
Sundries	3.75	Manhole frames	22.50	Grand total	458.52

It is found that the frontage of abutting property specially benefitted by this sewer and which it is recommended be assessed for the whole cost thereof is 1910.44 feet, which, upon the basis of cost above noted, will provide for an assessment of 24 cents per front foot. The following proposed assessment is therefore submitted:

Blk	Lot	Front Feet	Side ft-less 100	Owner	Assessment	Blk	Lot	Front feet	Side ft-less 100	Owner	Assessment
37	1	128.00		Charles E. Smith	\$ 30.72	50	3	61.80		Sophie M. Bushby	\$ 14.83
	4	126.30		M. Frank Ruppert	30.31		4	61.80		" " "	14.83
	5	86.40		" " "	20.75		5	80.00		Annie M. Croucher	19.20
	6	100.00		" " "	24.00		6	86.30		Mileus J. Wine Estate	20.71
	7	102.30		" " "	24.55		7	93.50		Esther M. Spicer	22.44
	8	112.00		Harry H. Spencer	26.88		8	129.31		Sallie F. Jackson	31.03
	9	150.00		" " "	36.00	51	all	344.94		Washington Sanitarium Association and Washington Foreign Mission Semy	82.79
	10		116.12	Amy S. Prescott	27.87						
50	1	70.00		Sophie M. Bushby	16.80						
	2	61.67		" " "	14.80			(1910.44)			458.52

The following Ordinance is submitted:

Ordinance No. 203

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

That the special assessment, submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of July 20, 1912, for the payment of an 8-inch sewer on Carroll Avenue, abutting lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, blk. 37; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, blk. 50; and blk. 51, 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.

Very respectfully
BEN G. DAVIS Treasurer.

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

The Mayor announced the appointment of Standing Committees as follows: Finance, Messrs. Taff, Rush and Rogers; Health and Sanitation, Messrs. Rogers, ; Water and Sewers, Messrs. Grabill, Rush, Taff and Blodgett; Streets and Light, Messrs Blodgett, Grabill ; Judiciary, Messrs. Rush ; Ordinance, Messrs. Van Houten, Rush and Rogers.

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

Approved:

S. Melvins Mayor

B. G. Davis Clerk

Wednesday Evening, July 31, 1912

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the office of the clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the report of the Water and Sewer Committee regarding possible arrangements with Silver Spring Park relative to water and sewer facilities therefor. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rush and Van Houten.

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

The Mayor and Council:-

Takoma Park, Md., July 30, 1912.

The Water and Sewer Committee submits the following report in reference to cooperation with the county commissioners and the special tax district comprising the village of Silver Spring. At the request of a special committee of Silver Spring residents your committee met Mr. Hewitt of the special committee, who explained that, acting under the law recently passed by the state legislature, the citizens of Silver Spring desired to be informed on what terms they could be provided with a water supply and with an outlet for a sewer system, by connecting with the water and sewer systems of the Town of Takoma Park. (Copies of the law and of a map of the proposed sewer system of Silver Spring are submitted herewith.) Mr. Hewitt explained at length the situation to this committee. This committee took the matter under advisement and considered these matters at a meeting held for the purpose early in July. The committee recommends the following action:

1. That in view of the condition of our water supply and our probable increase in population, as well as that of Silver Spring, no proposition can be made with a view to supplying the Silver Spring district with water without endangering the sufficiency in future of the supply of the Town; and therefore no proposal as to this water supply is recommended to be submitted.

2. In view of the fact that the sewage of Silver Spring is a menace to the water supply of Takoma Park, being discharged in the same watershed above our source of supply, the committee considers it expedient and proper to afford the Silver Spring District such facilities for the disposal of its sewage as will best protect our water supply, and to bear the cost of the same to such extent as our own sewer system is benefitted by the new line or connection.

This committee recommends the alteration of the plan of the sewer system of the Silver Spring District to the extent that the discharge should be through a new sewer line to be constructed by the co-operation of the Silver Spring District and the Town of Takoma Park along the line of Ridge Avenue from the Blair Road to the present sewer in Niagara Avenue. As this line passes through a territory not yet developed it is believed that the development will be assisted and the property improved, especially if a water main is later provided.

The terms recommended by this committee are as follows: The County Commissioners and the Silver Spring District shall furnish the right of way and pay the full cost of this sewer up to the line of the Town of Takoma Park. Within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, one-half of the cost is to be borne by the tax district of Silver Spring and one-half the cost by the Town of Takoma Park, the latter half to be assessed pro rata upon all abutting property, after notice and hearing as required by law.

The length of sewer to be constructed from the Blair Road to the Town line will be about 1800 lin. feet; the length from the town line to the present sewer will be about 2500 lin. feet. It is believed that the cost of construction will be approximately 60 cents per linear foot in both cases, if not placed over four feet deep. At 60 cents per linear foot the cost of the portion of this line within the Town will be \$1500, one-half of which, or \$750⁰⁰, would be paid by the Town and assessed against somewhat less than 5000 linear feet of lots; or at the rate of about 15 to 16 cents per linear foot of frontage.

It is also recommended that in case the above arrangement is entered into, a contract be drawn binding the County Commissioners of Montgomery County to pay annually for the Silver Spring District to the Town of Takoma Park a sum for the maintenance of the sewage disposal field or other disposal plant of the Town and also to pay a proportion of any alterations or additions to the disposal plant or field which may hereafter be found to be necessary; such sums to be ascertained by proportioning the total annual maintenance cost and the total cost of such alterations or additions as may be made, in the ratio of the populations served, both permanent and transient, in the respective districts.

It is believed that the line proposed to be used as an outfall by the plan shown on the map of the Silver Spring line, cannot be safely used without complete reconstruction at a probable cost of not less than \$1000.00; and that, not being located on a street, it would be subject to constant danger of clogging by roots. Its use as a main outfall is not therefore recommended; but if desired it could, after reconstruction be used as suggested for the part of the Silver Spring District between the Blair Road and the B. and O. R.R. tracks. It is also believed that the proposed connection along Philadelphia Ave. is not feasible except at a heavy cost; and that the economical location will follow the valley east of Philadelphia Ave., which is beyond the limits of the Town.

L.R. GRABILL

H.F. TAFF Water and Sewer Com.

After some considerable informal discussion of the report, on motion of Mr. Grabill, it was temporarily laid upon the table pending a conference between The Mayor and Council and representatives of the Silver Spring Tax District which would be arranged for at an early date.

Upon application therefor and on motion of Mr. Grabill, permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Co. to construct the necessary poles and string wires thereon in order to furnish electric lighting of the streets, said permission being subject to the condition that location of poles and lights be approved by the street committee, and that conditions of the contract for lighting be fulfilled.

On motion of Mr. Grabill a bill presented by Mr. E.E. Blodgett for use of horse and wagon from January to July, 1912, inclusive, at \$10.00 per month, amounting to \$70.00 was approved and payment directed.

The Clerk presented a verbal application, on request of Mr. J.W. Shadle, representing Messrs. Terrell and Little, for construction of 250 feet of water main on Spruce Avenue, the applicants agreeing to advance the estimated cost thereof less the 100 feet exempted under the law in case said work were done under the assessment plan.

Mr. Grabill moved that the applicant be informed that the Town will construct the requested 250 feet of 4-inch water main and install one fire hydrant for the sum of \$200.00 provided said amount be deposited with the Town Treasurer prior to commencement of the work.

The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

S. Williams Mayor

Ben Davis, Clerk.

Tuesday evening, August 6, 1912.

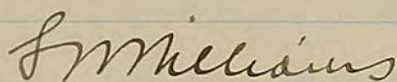
A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the residence of Councilman Grabill, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring with a committee representing the Silver Spring Tax District, in regard to water and sewerage facilities for the latter. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rush, Taff and Van Houten and the following named gentlemen representing the Silver Spring District: State Senator Blair Lee, and Messrs. Frank L. Hewitt and Cissell.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams who announced its purpose and who instructed the Clerk to read the report of the Water and Sewer Committee, as submitted to the Council at its meeting of July 31, 1912, for the information of the gentlemen from Silver Spring. Upon conclusion of the reading the situation, in its various phases, was informally considered at some length. During such consideration it developed that the tax assessment authorized in the Silver Spring Tax District was insufficient to construct the connecting sewers necessary to unite the proposed Silver Spring system with the existing system of the Town of Takoma Park. In the opinion of the Silver Spring committee, in view of the removal of the menace to the water supply of the Town of Takoma Park thru a sewer system at Silver Spring, the former should bear the total expense of that portion of the connecting sewer which would lie within the corporate limits of the said Town. After a further exchange of views but without arriving at any specific conclusions the matter was left open for further conference and consideration.

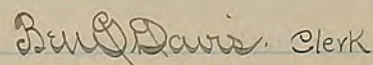
Upon application therefor and on motion of Mr. Grabill permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Co. to string two wires on existing poles on Holly Ave to furnish electric service to 218 Holly Ave.

There being no further business the Council at 10:30 p.m. adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor



Clerk

Monday Evening, August 12, 1912

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following members present: Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rush, Taff and Van Houten. The Mayor explained that Mr. Rogers' absence was due to a trip he was making to the Pacific Coast.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of July 24 and 31 and August 6, were read by the Clerk and approved. ^{(led.}

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 2739.48	Street lighting: oil	\$ 20.00
Receipts:		salary of lamplighter	40.00 60.00
From general taxes	\$ 4737.56	Street work: labor	205.00
" special "	14.71	material	90.44
" road tax rebate, Prince Georges Co.	100.00	macadam roads	1.64 297.68
" interest on deposits in bank	36.10	General expenses: postage	22.87
" water and meter rents	123.93	telephones	13.27 36.14
Disbursements:	7751.78	Water tapping fees	2.50
Pump and filter plants: miscellaneous	\$ 60.57	Miscellaneous	33.55
gasoline	108.41	Salary, clerk and treasurer	35.00
salary of engineer	75.00	General labor	12.00 892.35
assistance to "	6.00 249.98	Balance on hand	6859.43
Waterworks: miscellaneous	107.75		
Sewer system	57.75		

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

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.10	Standard Oil Co. 880 gals. gasoline	\$ 129.56	Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Cement	\$ 1.80
R. H. Cady, blacksmithing	1.97	A. W. Skinner, Printing	12.50	Evening Star, Advertising	2.25
J. O. Foulk, Bal. for painting tower	40.00	Geo. F. Muth & Co. St. lamp supplies	3.58	Fairbanks Co. Repairs	1.40
Geo. L. Tarbell, Sundries	2.85	Eisinger Bros., lumber	13.40	Eddy Valve Co. Valves	45.00
Standard Oil Co. 250 gals illum. oil @ 8¢	20.00	Nat'l. Elec. Supply Co. Batteries	1.50	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	2.50 \$ 289.41

Mr. Grabill moved that the bills be paid except that of the Eddy Valve Co. which shall be withheld until receipt of the valves in good condition. The motion was carried.

A petition, signed by Messrs. J. A. Davies, George W. Musbaum, F. B. Linton and M. D. Staughton, for the extension of the cement walk on Holly Avenue, abutting their properties, was laid before the Council and action deferred until later in the evening.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Health Committee, in the absence of Mr. Rogers, reported that the garbage collection service had been started and several collections made but that it was yet too soon to report relative to the efficiency or real necessity for the service, but that this would be noted by the Health Committee and reported on later.

Mr. Rush, from the Judiciary Committee, reported progress in the several matters referred thereto.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported that commendable progress was being made by the contractor on the macadam street work recently awarded to Mr. Lindner and that if it continued at the present rate, the work would soon be completed.

In connection with this work the Mayor called attention to the deplorable condition of the gutters on Carroll Ave. and suggested that some action be taken to remedy such condition.

After an informal consideration of the matter Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be authorized to secure informal bids from several reliable street contractors for the construction of cobble or similar gutters on Carroll Avenue and on Poplar Avenue (the latter having been already authorized); and that, if, in the judgment of the Street Committee, the work can be done at a reasonable price, that the Committee be authorized to contract therefor; provided that the total cost of guttering both streets shall not exceed the sum of \$750.00. The motion was carried.

In accordance with instructions of the Council the Clerk submitted the following preparatory Ordinance in which is included various public works for which petitions have been presented:

Ordinance No. 204.

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

Section 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 will be given to the construction of the following described public work:

An 8-inch terra cotta sewer on Cedar, Beech and Sycamore Aves., abutting lots 4, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, in block 22; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, in block 23; lots 24, 25, 26 and 27, in block 21, and lots 1, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, in block 24, approximately 1800 feet at an estimated cost of \$1350.00

An 8-inch terra cotta sewer on Ash Ave., abutting lots 1 and 21, in block A, Fifield Subdivision, and lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in block 17, and lots 22 and 23 in block 18, of the Pine Crest subdivision, approximately 400 feet, at an estimated cost of \$300.00

A 4-inch water main on Ash and Elm Aves., abutting lots 1 and 21 in block A and lot 15 in block F, Fifield subdivision; lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in block 17 and lots 22 and 23, in block 18, of the Pine Crest subdivision; and lot 16 in block 16, of Gilbert's subdivision, approximately 800 feet, at an estimated cost of \$800.00.

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A 4-inch water main on Hancock Avenue, from Grant Ave. to Sheridan Avenue, approximately 1100 feet, abutting Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Carroll subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$1100.00

A 4-foot cement sidewalk on Holly Ave., abutting lots 33, 34, 35 and 36, in block 12, approximately 200 feet, at an estimated cost of \$140.00

Extend the 4-inch water main on Chestnut Ave., abutting lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in block 11, and lots 15, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, in block 12, approximately 450 feet, at an estimated cost of \$450.00

In case of the construction of the herein before mentioned public work, it is proposed to assess the total cost thereof to such of the abutting property herein stated as may be deemed specially benefitted thereby.

Sec. 2. - The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church Tuesday Evening, September 3, 1912, at 8 o'clock p.m., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard in regard to the proposed work.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: Voting aye, Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rush, Telf and VanHouten. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Report of the Water and Sewer committee in reference to the request of Silver Spring Park for water and sewage facilities, be taken from the table for further discussion and consideration. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill stated that he had been in communication with Senator Blair Lee in reference to this matter and was told that it would be impossible thro' lack of funds for the Silver Spring people to build the connecting sewer between their tax zone and the Takoma Park corporate line at Saratoga Avenue, or to pay half the expense of the sewer main down Ridge Ave. to the main town sewer on Niagara Ave. The Senator stated however that the sewer would be constructed between the Silver Spring tax zone and the Takoma Park boundary by private subscription if the Town of Takoma Park would consent to construct the Ridge Ave. line entirely at the expense of the Town. In view of the advantage to Takoma Park of eliminating possible contamination of its water supply thro any sewage disposal within the Silver Spring tax zone Mr. Grabill stated he thought it advisable for the Town to agree to construct the Ridge Ave sewer within the Town limits at the entire expense of the Town and therefore moved that the report of the water and sewer committee be amended to so provide.

The motion of Mr. Grabill was considered at some length, but without definite action, the matter of the definite cost of such sewer on Ridge Avenue being an uncertain proposition. Mr. Grabill therefore moved to lay the report and the pending motion upon the table until the probable cost of the proposed sewer might be arrived at. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the water and sewer committee be authorized to have a topographic survey made of the route of a

proposed sewer along Ridge Ave. from Niagara Ave. to Saratoga Ave. at a cost not to exceed \$25⁰⁰. The motion was carried.

Mr. Ben G. Davis, of the Board of local school trustees, called the attention of the Mayor and Council to the serious situation regarding public school facilities owing to the recently enacted legislation by Congress whereby the Maryland children of non-employees of the government are prohibited from attending the District Schools without payment of tuition. Mr. Davis stated that the local school board had taken the matter up with the county school board but without the favorable result they had anticipated, and that in his judgment it was absolutely necessary to prepare the upper room of the school building for the reception of pupils upon the opening of school in September. The local board would appreciate any action of the Mayor and Council that might impress the county board with the necessity of helping out in the existing situation.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to address a communication to the county school board, setting forth the situation and strongly urging such immediate action as may be possible to furnish adequate school facilities to those children residing in the Maryland section of the Town who are now eliminated from the District schools. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:25 p'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. M. Williams Mayor

Ben G. Davis Clerk