

Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, 1912

In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 204, passed and approved August 12, 1912, the Council met in special session this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of a public hearing on the construction of certain work as designated in said Ordinance No. 204. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Rogers, ~~Rush~~, Taff and Van Houten

The Mayor read the Ordinance providing for certain public work and the Clerk informed the Council that all the necessary notices required by law had been properly issued and all property holders affected had been duly notified.

The clerk read a letter of protest against the construction of sewer on Cedar Ave. by Mr. Wm. V. Robertson, of Rockville, Md., in Mr. Robertson's opinion the street does not at this time require a sewer and the construction thereof would be an injustice to the many owners of unimproved property.

Messrs. Datus Coon and Jos. W. Austin addressed the Council, not in opposition to the proposed Cedar and Beech Ave. sewers but in opposition to the proposed assessment of the entire cost thereof to the abutting property - urging that a portion of this expense be borne by the Town. No other expressions of opposition to the contemplated work were presented. A large number of citizens were present, most or all of whom had signed the several petitions in favor of the different proposed works.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, the following Ordinance was presented for consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 205

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

Section 1. - That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary for the public safety and comfort that water and sewer mains and cement sidewalks be constructed as provided in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 204, passed and approved August 12, 1912.

Section 2. - The whole cost of the work herein provided shall be assessed in accordance with law, proportionally, against the property enumerated in said Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 204, or such portion thereof as may be deemed specially benefitted by the said public work.

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

After brief consideration, Mr. Taff moved that the ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the ordinance was

adopted as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Messrs. Blodgett, Rogers, Taft and Van Houten; voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council at 8:50 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Williams Mayor.

Ben Davis Clerk

Monday evening, September 9, 1912

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabbill, Rogers, Rush, Taft and Van Houten.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of Sept. 3, 1912 were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 6859.43	Street work: labor	\$ 222.80
Receipts:		material	3.77
From general taxes	\$ 395.95	macadam roads	2.25 228.82
" special "	137.21	General expenses: printing	12.50
" water and meter rents	361.00	telephones	11.10 23.60
" permits	13.00	Water tapping fees	2.50
For redemption of property sold for taxes	19.48 926.64	Miscellaneous	4.50
	7786.07	Redemption of property sold for taxes	19.48
Disbursements:		Salary of clerk and treasurer	35.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 1.75	Labor, general miscellaneous work	24.00
gasoline	129.56	Garbage collections	33.00
salary of engineer	75.00	Plumbers' deposits returned	10.00
assistance to engineer	7.00 213.31	Street lighting: oil	20.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	85.00	miscellaneous	3.58
labor	10.33 95.33	salary of lamplighter	40.00 63.58 974.55
Sewer system: miscellaneous	18.70	Balance on hand	6811.52
Cement sidewalks	202.73		

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

Mr. Waters of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company appeared before the Council with a proposed Ordinance in general terms relating to rules, etc. governing the construction of telephone lines, both overhead and underground, within the town. Mr. Waters explained that many improvements were contemplated in the telephone construction and service in this locality and that with rules

laid down by a general ordinance, it would be possible to prosecute desired work with greater expediency. Without objection the Mayor referred the proposed Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee for examination and report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Charles H. Hunt, representing the Texas Company, dealers in petroleum and its products, appeared before the Council and asked that his Company be given opportunity to supply the pumping plant with its gasoline requirements. Mr. Hunt claimed that they would supply a better quality of gasoline than the Standard Oil Company which of itself would prove economical and that it would be supplied at the same wholesale prices as charged of the Washington garages, at the present time 15¢ per gallon which is ½ cent less than the Standard Oil prices. On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Hunt was requested to submit a formal proposition through the Clerk, which he promised to do without delay.

The Clerk presented a communication from Messrs. Terrell and Little, who, as agents for Mr. Carl L. Davis, made application for the laying of a water main on Spruce Avenue for a distance of 200 feet from Tulip Ave. They agree to waive any advertising notice and inclosed with their application check for \$80.00 as Mr. Davis' estimated share of the cost of the work, agreeing further to remit any additional amount should his share exceed that sum.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Water and Sewer Committee be authorized to lay approximately 220 linear feet of four-inch water pipe on Spruce Avenue, connecting with the main on Tulip Avenue, the estimated cost thereof assessable against abutting property having been deposited with the Town Treasurer; and that a fire hydrant be installed at the corner of Tulip and Spruce Avenues. The motion was carried.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals-----	\$ 11.20	A. W. Skinner, Printing-----	\$ 1.75	Thomson Meter Co. Repairs-----	\$ 22.10
Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubr. oil-----	11.52	Geo. L. Tarbell, Sundries-----	2.10	Columbia B. + C. Co. Stone + cement--	180.01
" " " 240 gals. illum. oil-----	19.20	Laird Bros. terra cotta pipe-----	3.00		412.99.
" " " 980 " gasoline-----	151.91	Star Newspaper Co. Advertising--	10.20		

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, called attention to the continued existence of the outhouse on the property owned by

Christian Devries, Trustee, corner of Oak and Eastern Avenues, against which repeated complaints have been filed and notices given to the owners and recommended that the Council take some positive action in regard thereto.

Mr. Grabill moved that inasmuch as many complaints have been made to the Council against the existence of an outhouse on the property of Mr. DeVries, corner of Oak and Eastern Avenues, which complaints have been investigated by the Health Committee and found to be well-founded, and inasmuch as repeated efforts of the Health Committee to induce the owners to abolish said ^{out} houses and connect the premises with the public sewer have been unavailing, that the Clerk be directed to notify the occupants of such premises that unless the nuisance caused by the said outhouse be abated by its entire removal and connection be made with the public sewer prior to December 1, 1912, the Council will take the necessary legal action against owner and occupants to enforce compliance with its sanitary regulations. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett from the Street committee reported that the macadamizing of Carroll and Tulip Avenues, as authorized by the Council, had been practically completed, and also a portion of the cobble gutters, that on Carroll Ave. as also authorized, and in connection therewith submitted the following bills of the contractor:

Stone and screenings: 1103.96 tons at \$1.74 per ton	\$ 1920.89
197 hours use of steam roller at \$1.50 per hour	295.50
531 linear feet 3-ft. cobble gutter, 177 sq. yds. @ 80¢ square yd.	141.60
	Total \$ 2357.99.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr. J. B. Lindner, contractor, \$2000.00 on account for construction of macadamized road and cobble gutters and that payment of the balance due, in accordance with the terms of the contract, may be made upon completion and acceptance of the work and approval of the bills by the street committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the grading of Grant Avenue, authorized some time ago had been completed and that necessary work on Hancock Avenue had been done and paid for out of the surplus from the Grant Ave. appropriation.

In this connection Mr. Taff called attention to the rule of the Council whereby unused appropriations lapsed on the first day of July, in view of which he moved that the money expended on Grant and Hancock Aves be authorized and the action of the street committee in grading these streets be approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill called attention to the rusting of the iron railing on the Sliquo bridge and moved that it be cleaned and given two coats of paint and that an expenditure of \$ 25⁰⁰ or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the work. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill mentioned several instances of needed street repairs and moved that an appropriation of \$ 200 be granted the street committee for general repairs to streets throughout the Town. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee, stated that after consideration of the matter, the committee had abandoned for the present the matter of a settling basin and in view thereof consider that the most feasible method and the less expensive for filling the washout at the pumping plant will be to take the dirt from the unimproved adjacent part of Geneva Avenue; that the committee had received a proposal from Mr. Bonnifant to make the fill for 35 cents per cubic yard which is considered reasonable and Moved that the committee be authorized to contract with Mr. Bonnifant for the work at the price stated and that an appropriation not to exceed \$150.00 be authorized for the work. The motion was carried.

The water and sewer committee, through Mr. Grabill, reported further that considerable repairs were urgently needed to place in proper working condition the sewer farms and recommended an appropriation of \$ 200 for that purpose, which recommendation, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was approved and the expenditure authorized.

The Clerk laid before the Council a copy of an order passed by the County Commissioners of Montgomery county in relation to a proposed water and sewer system for the tax district of Silver Spring Park, pursuant to Chapter 561 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912. In said Order the county commissioners request that any person, firm corporation or municipal corporation desirous of submitting any proposition or proposal to furnish water or sewerage or both to said special tax district, shall communicate with the Board of Commissioners in regard thereto.

Mr. Grabill moved that the report of the water and sewer committee upon the Silver Spring Park water and sewerage question be taken from the table in connection with consideration of the order of the county commissioners. The motion was carried.

After some consideration of the question, owing to the lateness of the hour, the Mayor suggested that it might be well to defer further action upon the matter for a special meeting in the near future, which suggestion was agreed to.

The following communication was submitted by the Town Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., Sept. 6, 1912

Gentlemen: The cement sidewalk on Chestnut Avenue, recently authorized by the Council, has been completed at a cost of \$345.10 as per the following statement:

Material: Cement and stone \$160.51; sand, \$11.60; lumber and lamp black, \$5.89 \$ 178.00
Labor, 162.10; surveying, \$ 5.00 167.10 Total \$345.10

The total number of feet of the walk is 595 which makes the per linear foot cost thereof, 58¢. Based upon this price the following assessment of abutting property is submitted:

Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front ft	Per ft	Amt. due	Blk	lot	Assessed Owner	Front ft	Per ft	Amt. due
11	9	Elizabeth E. Reiss	6	58¢	3.48	12	24	J. Owen Dorsey Estate	109	58¢	63.22
	11	Harrison M. Bennett	60	"	34.80		25	Francis S. Larkin	60	"	34.80
	12	" " "	60	"	34.80		26	" " "	60	"	34.80
	13	Harriet and Charles S. Miller	60	"	34.80		27	" " "	60	"	34.80
	14	Harrison M. Bennett	60	"	34.80						
	15	" " "	60	"	34.80						
								Total	595		345.10

The following Ordinance is submitted for your consideration and action:

Ordinance No. 206.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

That the special assessment submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of September 6, 1912, for the payment of a 4-foot cement sidewalk on Chestnut Ave, abutting part of lot 9 and all of lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 in block 11 and lots 24, 25, 26 and 27, in block 12, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 4, 1904, be, and the said assessment is hereby approved and adopted.

The special assessment herein provided shall be due and payable 30 days from the adoption of this Ordinance; provided, that if so desired, payment may be made in five equal installments, the first due 30 days from the date of approval hereof and the remaining installments due on the first day of each July following until paid; provided that payments of one-fifth or excess thereof may be made at any time within the payment period; all deferred payments to draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Very Respectfully

BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Mr. Taff moved that the report of the Treasurer and the Ordinance submitted therewith be approved and upon an aye and nay vote as follows the motion was carried: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Van Houten; voting nay, none.

With reference to the work authorized at the last meeting of the Council, laying of water and sewer mains, Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be directed to insert the necessary advertisement calling for proposals therefor, and to have the necessary

specifications prepared and that bids for the work be opened at the office of the Clerk, Wednesday evening, September 25, 1912, at 8 o'clock. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Treasurer was directed to deposit \$500. to the credit of the sinking fund.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the street committee was directed to proceed with the construction of the cement sidewalk on Holly Avenue authorized by Ordinance No. 205.

Mr. Grabill called attention to the carelessness or neglect of the lamplighter for the past several weeks during which time many lamps have been unlighted and many globes uncleaned and so smoked as to render the lights valueless, and moved that the Treasurer be directed to withhold one-half of the advance salary made the lamplighter on the 15th instant and to inform him that payment of the sum withheld and of any amount due him for the remainder of the month will be contingent upon the proper performance of his duty. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett the Street committee was authorized to place an electric light at the corner of Lee and Hancock Aves.

There being no further business the Council at 11:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

Approved:

For Williams Mayor

Ben O. Davis

Clerk.

Takoma Park, Wednesday evening, Sept. 25, 1912

In accordance with public notice duly given as required by law, a special meeting was held at the Office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of certain water and sewer mains heretofore authorized by the Council. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Taff and Van Houten.

The Clerk informed the Council that notices of the proposed work were duly prepared, posted and advertised as required by the Council, but that no proposals had been received by him. Mayor Williams also announced that he had received no bids.

Mr. Grabill moved that the non-receipt of any bids for the contemplated water and sewer construction be made a matter of record and that when the work is specifically ordered done it be done by the Town by day labor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the construction of about 400 feet of terra cotta sewer on Ash Ave.; of about 800 feet of four-inch water main on Ash and Elm Aves., and of about 450 feet of four-inch water main on Chestnut Ave. be authorized to proceed at once, under the direction of the water and sewer committee, and that the Clerk be authorized and directed to purchase the necessary material for this work. The motion was carried.

In connection with the special work recently authorized by the Council Mr. Taff stated that it would probably be necessary to secure funds for this work apart from the regular revenues and moved that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to secure such funds as they may deem necessary for the prosecution of the work. The motion was carried.

In reference to the cobble gutters being laid on Poplar Avenue Mr. Polodgett stated that the available appropriation would be insufficient to lay more than a short distance of the gutter on the east side of the street; that the contractor had a carload of cobble stone here he was anxious to use and suggested that it would be good policy to use these stone while they were here and available.

Mr. Taff moved that the street committee be authorized to contract for the purchase and laying of the car-load of cobble stone above mentioned provided the price of the completed gutter does not exceed the contract price of the work now doing. The motion was carried.

A petition was presented to the Council, signed by Messrs. E. A. Coleman and Scott H. Lilly requesting that a sewer be laid in Baltimore Avenue from lot No. 15 in block 75 to the sewer to the south of said block.

Mr. Grabill moved that an Ordinance be prepared and presented providing for the usual public hearing in regard to the sewer asked for by the petitioners. The motion was carried and the following proposed Ordinance was submitted:

Ordinance No. 207.

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

That, in accordance with the authority granted by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, and in

furtherance with the general public safety and convenience, consideration will be given to the construction of an eight-inch terra cotta sewer on Baltimore Avenue adjoining lots 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 in block 75; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 79 and lot 5 in block 80, approximately 450 feet, at an estimated cost of \$350.00. In case of the construction of the sewer herein specified it is proposed to assess the total cost thereof proportionally against such of the property above mentioned as the Council may deem specially benefitted thereby.

The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Monday, October 14th, at 8 o'clock p.m. will hear all parties interested in the construction of the work herein provided.

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Mr. Grabill moved the adoption of the Ordinance and upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye, Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Taff and Van Houten; voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill brought to the attention of the Council the matter of providing sewerage facilities for the Silver Spring Tax District and in connection therewith presented the following resolution:

Whereas, The Commissioners of Montgomery County have, under authority of law, forwarded to the Mayor and Council an invitation to submit a proposition for receiving and disposing of the sewage of the Silver Spring Park Tax District; and

Whereas, it is deemed by the Mayor and Council a measure of sanitary improvement which would promote the safety of the health of the citizens of Takoma Park that the proposed sewers of the Silver Spring Tax District should be connected with the sewers of this town and the sewage disposed of through our sewers and disposal fields, therefore be it

Resolved, that upon notification from the Commissioners of Montgomery County of their willingness to enter into the agreement herein set forth, the said agreement be drawn in the form of a contract and when signed by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners and by a majority of the Council of the Town of Takoma Park, shall be binding upon both parties to the contract; and the stipulations set forth in the agreement shall be carried out promptly by both parties, each as agreed upon.

This agreement is to be substantially as follows:

First, that an eight-inch terra-cotta pipe sewer, well built, with a suitable grade, shall be constructed along Philadelphia Ave from Chicago Ave. to Baltimore Ave, connecting with a manhole to be constructed, with the existing sewer line of the Town of Takoma Park running from New York Ave. substantially as shown upon the plan for the sewers of Silver Spring Park Tax District prepared by Harry Stevens, C.E. Said line shall contain manholes at intersecting streets, at angles, and at intervals not exceeding four hundred feet in the straight lines of the sewer; and shall contain lampholes placed between manholes whenever the latter are more than two hundred feet apart.

Second, The construction of the sewer above described is to be done by the Town of Takoma Park, Md., after payment shall be made to the Treasurer of said Town of the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) by the Commissioners of Montgomery County

Third, The Town of Takoma Park, by its Mayor and Council, agrees to receive through the sewer thus to be built and to dispose of the sewage of the Silver Spring Park Tax District, in the same manner as the sewage of Takoma Park is now disposed of, namely, by settling and filtration through sand beds, for a term of not to exceed six (6) years, on the payment to the Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, by the Commissioners of Montgomery County, annually, on or before July 1, after the system is placed in operation, of a sum which is to be determined as follows, viz: a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per annum when the number of private residences connected is twenty (20) in number, or less, to which shall be added two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per annum for each additional private residence connected with said sewer, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per annum for each hotel or other public building of not exceeding fifty rooms; and the right is reserved by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park to make special rates for buildings affording greater accommodations than those specified

Provided, that the Commissioners of Montgomery County agree to pay for the Silver Spring Park Tax District a proportion of the cost of any addition or alteration of the disposal system which may become necessary during the life of this agreement; which sum shall be proportioned in accordance with the ratio of the respective populations served by the disposal system as changed or altered, in the Silver Spring Park Tax District and in the northerly sewer district of Takoma Park, Md; and provided further, that such changes or alterations of such disposal system shall be determined upon and ordered by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Mr. Orabill moved that the resolution be adopted and after some discussion thereof the motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor

Ben G. Davis Clerk,

Monday evening, October 14, 1912

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of September 25 were read and, without objection, were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 6811.52	Sewer system: miscellaneous	\$ 6.40
Receipts:			Street work: labor	\$ 221.60
From general taxes	\$ 284.38		material	3.00 224.60
" special "	164.28		Cement sidewalks	182.11 182.11
" " deposits	80.00		Macadam roads	2290.92
" permits	12.00		General expenses: printing	1.75
" water rents	8.93	549.59	telephones	11.20
		7361.11	contingent	3.49 16.40
Disbursements:			Water tapping fees	2.50
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 14.17		Salary clerk and Treasurer	35.00
gasoline	151.91		General work: labor	1.60
salary of engineer	75.00		Garbage collections	33.00
assistance to "	5.00	246.08	Builders' deposits returned	10.00
Waterworks: miscellaneous	22.55		Deposited in sinking fund	500.00 \$ 3610.60
pipe line extensions	10.20	32.75	Balance on hand	\$ 3750.51
Street lighting: oil	19.20			
salary of lamplighter	10.00	29.20		

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

A petition numerously signed by property owners in the Hill Crest subdivision, requesting the construction of a sewer, was on motion of Mr. Taff, referred to the water and sewer committee, for consideration and report.

A communication was presented from Mr. Thomas R. Davis calling attention to the neglect of the Cunningham subdivision and requesting that a sidewalk, heretofore requested by petition, be constructed before bad weather sets in. On motion of Mr. Taff the communication was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report at the next meeting.

The Mayor stated that in accordance with public notice, duly given as required by law, this evening had been designated to hear any objections to the construction of a proposed sewer on Baltimore Ave. as provided in Ordinance No. 207, and called for any remarks relative to this work by any parties interested and present. No objections were presented and the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 208.

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary for the public safety and convenience that an 8-inch terra cotta sewer be constructed as provided in Ordinance No. 207, passed and approved September 25, 1912.

Section 2. The whole cost of the work herein provided shall be assessed in accordance with law, proportionally, against the property enumerated in said Ordinance No. 207, or such portion thereof as may be deemed specially benefited by the said public work.

Section 3. The special assessments resulting from the work herein provided shall be due and payable thirty days from the date of completion of said work; provided, that said special assessments, where desired, may be divided into and made payable in five equal installments, the first payable within thirty days from completion of the work and the remaining installments due and payable on the first day of each July following, until paid; all deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum; provided, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, with accrued interest, may be made within the payment period if so desired.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance 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.

A communication was presented from Mr. Harry H. Spencer reciting that in 1906 he purchased at tax sale lot 9 in block 37, for the sum of \$118.92, and that after two years he was given a deed thereto and shortly after improved the property by a 5-room cottage; that subsequently suit was brought against him by the owner of the lot and that, upon advice of his attorneys he compromised the matter

at a cost of about \$500, receiving clear title to the property. Mr. Spencer requested, as some compensation for the trouble caused him that the \$118.92 paid by him to the Town at tax sale, be refunded to him.

After consideration of the matter at some length and an explanation by the Treasurer as to the acts of the Town in the matter, Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Spencer be informed that the property is considered liable for the taxes due upon it and that as he has now secured clear title to the lot there is no other person to pay such taxes in reimbursement to the Town if the amount specified should be repaid to him; and that to refund such taxes without such reimbursement would establish an undesirable precedent. The motion was carried.

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

Standard Oil Co., 115 gals illum. oil @ 8¢	\$ 9.20	Lamond Bros, Terra cotta pipe	\$ 7.40	Nat. Elec. Supply Co. Dry cells	\$ 1.50
" " " 965 " gasoline @ 15½¢	149.58	M. Frank Ruppert, Miscel.	11.90	E.E. Blodgett, tapping fees	2.50
Fred J. White, Manhole frame & cover	5.50	O. G. Magruder, computations	5.00	Evening Star, advertising	3.00
Rumsey & Co. 12 Valve Rubbers	6.00	E. N. Jackson, surveying	46.00	Total	\$ 267.88
C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	12.25	Geo. S. Coyne 2 bbl. soda ash	8.05		

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee called attention to the fact that the experimental garbage collection service would terminate on the 23d instant, and that in view of the limited number of householders availing themselves thereof and of the not wholly satisfactory service performed, the Health Committee was not inclined to recommend further continuance of the service but would submit the matter to the Council without recommendation.

Mr. Grabill moved that the collection of garbage by the Town cease upon the expiration of the contract therefor on Oct. 23, 1912 and that no further contract be entered into for such service until so authorized by the Council. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, reported that the electric lights had been installed and turned on as completed as follows: October 4, 60 lights; October 11, 45 lights and that the remaining 6 lights will probably be turned on within a day or two.

Mr. Grabill stated that in the completion of the electric lights the Mayor and Council and the people of the Town were to be congratulated upon the vast improvement in street lighting caused thereby.

Mr. Grabill and Mr. Blodgett commented on the vandalism already committed in the breaking of a number of electric bulbs and shades on the new street lights in North Takoma and on motion of Mr. Rush a reward of \$25.00 was offered for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for destroying any street light or portion thereof within the Town.

Mr. Van Houten, from the Ordinance Committee, to which had been referred the proposed Ordinance granting certain privileges to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, reported that the committee was unable to submit specific recommendations in regard to the Ordinance at this time. Upon suggestion of the Mayor the Chairman of the Committee stated that early and definite action would be taken and a report be submitted at a special meeting or at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported completion of the filling of the washout at the pumping station and of some grading of the grounds and of cleaning out of the reservoir. In this connection Mr. Grabill stated that through a misunderstanding of the amount of funds available for the work the committee had expended more than the appropriation and would need about \$30.00 additional and upon his motion the excess expenditure was approved and \$30.00 additional funds granted.

Upon their application therefor permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Co. to connect premises 220 Holly Avenue with two-wire overhead service from existing pole; to erect two poles on Grant Ave. and string necessary wires to furnish service to Mr. G. Rabbitt and to erect one guy stub on Ethan Allen Ave. and six poles on Cedar Ave. and string the necessary wires thereon to furnish electric service to residence of R.C. Heald on Cedar Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Chairman of the committee on streets and lights was authorized to repair and paint the old oil street lamps, to remove the poles from the street and to dispose thereof to the best advantage and to turn the proceeds over to the Town treasurer.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:55 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

S. Williams Mayor.

Ben D. Davis Clerk.