

Saturday Evening, Nov. 9, 1912

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Town Clerk, this, date, convening at 8 o'clock, upon call of the Mayor, for the purpose of considering a proposed Ordinance granting certain rights and privileges in the town to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Grabill, Rush, Taff and Van Houten. Mr. Waters, a representative of the telephone company, was also present.

The Mayor stated that the proposed Ordinance as submitted by the telephone people at the last meeting of the Council and which at that time had been referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration and report, had been considered by said Committee in conjunction with himself and that certain changes had been made and submitted to the telephone company for further consideration. The telephone company was agreeable to some of these changes but not to others. The matter was therefore submitted to the Council for further discussion and determination.

The Council thereupon entered into an informal discussion of the entire matter with Mr. Waters but without a definite agreement upon all the points of difference. It was decided that the entire matter go over for the present and on motion of Mr. Grabill the Ordinance was referred back to the Ordinance Committee for further consideration and consultation with the telephone company if so desired, and to report at a later date.

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

Approved:

Williams Mayor

Ben D. Davis

Monday evening, November 11, 1912.

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

In the absence of the Mayor due to business requiring his presence in another city, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Rogers was unanimously chosen to act as Mayor pro tem.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of Nov. 9 were read by the Clerk and without objection were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	3750.51	Street lighting: oil	9.00
Receipts:		miscellaneous	32.00 41.00
From general taxes	\$ 583.33	Street work: labor	91.20
" special "	141.39	material	7.40 98.60
" water rents	4.50	Cement walks	45.58
" permits	19.00	Macadam roads	51.00
	748.22	General expenses: contingent	1.25
	4498.73	telephones	12.25
Disbursements:		miscellaneous	2.00 15.50
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 29.10	Tapping fees	2.50
gasoline	149.58	Semi-annual interest on water and sewer bonds	1040.00
salary of engineer	75.00	Salary of clerk and treasurer	35.00
assistance to engineer	8.00	Garbage collections	33.00 2385.07
Waterworks: miscellaneous	224.48		
pipe line extensions	494.58	Balance on hand	2113.66
Sewer system: miscellaneous	41.95		

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

The following bills, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, on motion of Mr. Rush, were ordered paid:

Standard Oil Co., 850 gals. gasoline	\$ 129.55	M. Frank Ruppert, Tools	\$ 9.25	Eddy Valve Co. Valves and hydrants	\$ 68.25
Thos. Somerville & Co. Lead and hemp	73.37	C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	10.75	Columbia B. and C. Co. stone and cement	49.53
U.S. Cast Iron and Foundry Co. pipe specials	12.40	B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing	2.50	Geo. L. Tarbell, Sundries	1.18

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported that a case of scarlet fever had been reported and that due precautions and disinfecting had been done.

A communication was presented from Mr. G. W. Lewton requesting that the sidewalk grade on Buffalo Ave. in front of his new house be established so that he could put in cement lead and necessary steps from street to house. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Chairman

of the Street Committee was directed to furnish Mr. Lewton with the desired information.

Mr. Grabill from the Water and Sewer Committee reported that the sewer extension on Ash Avenue had been completed and that on Baltimore Avenue nearly so and that the water main extension on Elm and Ash Aves. would be finished in a few days. In regard to the proposed sewer on Cedar Ave., Mr. Grabill reported that a survey of the proposed route had presented some difficulties and that the committee would have to investigate the matter further before submitting final plans and recommendations to the Council.

The communication of Mr. Thomas R. Davis relative to a cement sidewalk on Carroll and Flower Avenues eastward from the Sanitarium entrance, was returned by the Street Committee, to which it had been referred, indorsed as follows:

Nov. 7, 1912 - Respectfully returned to the Mayor and Council with recommendation that reply be made that it is too late to have this walk laid during this season; but that the Council is disposed to favorably consider an application for this walk provided that a petition therefor be signed by the owners of a majority of the frontage which the walk will abut. The work could not now be done until Spring. The present petition is signed by the owners of 237.56 feet of frontage out of a total of about 738 feet affected.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the recommendations of the committee were approved.

The following communication was presented by the Town Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md. Nov. 9, 1912

Gentlemen - The extension of the cement sidewalk on Holly Ave. has been completed and the following is a statement of the cost thereof: labor, \$85.11; material, \$50.16; Miscellaneous, \$2.53; Total, \$135.80. The length of walk is 194 linear feet which will make the rate of assessment 70¢ per linear foot. The following assessment is submitted:

Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front ft	Rate pr. ft	Amt. due	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front ft	Rate pr. ft	Amt. due
12	33	Joseph A. Davies	60	70¢	\$42.00	12	35	Frederick B. Linton	60	70¢	42.00
	34	George W. Nusbaum	60	"	42.00		36	Neville D. Staughton	14	"	9.80
								Total	194		135.80

The following Ordinance is submitted:

Ordinance No. 209

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

That the special assessment submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of Nov. 9, 1912, for the payment of a 4-foot cement sidewalk on Holly Avenue, abutting lots 33, 34, 35 and a part of 36, in block 12, constructed 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; the Mayor and Council hereby declaring said lots to be specially benefited by the said work.

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 annual 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 annum.

Very respectfully
BEN DAVIS, Treasr.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye Messrs. Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers and Rush; voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill presented a communication from Messrs. Crittenden and Dewhurst, owners of lots 5, 6 and 7, block 80, requesting that the sewer at present being constructed on Baltimore Ave. be extended to embrace the lots mentioned. Mr. Grabill stated that the communication was received too late for the necessary legal steps involved in the requested extension, but that the committee had ordered a change in grade so as to provide sufficient additional depth to the constructed sewer so as to permit future extension which will afford sewerage facilities to at least two and possibly all three of the lots mentioned and moved that the correspondents be so advised. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

H. E. Rogers

Mayor pro tem.

BEN DAVIS, Clerk.

Monday evening, December 2, 1912

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock.

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

The Mayor stated that he had called the Council together at the request of the Water and Sewer Committee for the purpose of considering bids for the construction of the proposed sewer line on Cedar, Beech and Sycamore Avenues and laid before the Council bids as follows:

By Martin McNamara and Bros., of 1224 13th St, N.W., to construct the sewer line complete, \$1850.00

By J.W. Shadle, of Takoma Park, D.C., to construct the sewer line complete, \$1335.00.

Accompanying the bids was a communication from the Water and Sewer Committee recommending acceptance of the bid of Mr. Shadle and that he be instructed to proceed with the work at once.

Informal consideration of the matter developed a reluctance to award the contract upon the grades as prepared, fear being expressed that the small percentage of fall might result in constant clogging of the sewer. In the absence of Mr. Grubill who was out of town, and unable to be present at the meeting, and whose advice the Council desired to have relative to a possible change of grade, the consensus of opinion favored a postponement of further action until the regular meeting on the 9th instant, which postponement was finally directed on motion of Mr. Rush. In the meantime Mr. Blodgett was directed to go over the ground with Mr. Jackson and see if an advantageous change of grade was feasible.

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

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor.

Ben Davis

Clerk

Monday evening, Dec. 9, 1912

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of December 2 were read by the clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 2113.66	Waterworks: miscellaneous	\$ 1.25	
Receipts:			pipe line extensions	387.66	388.91
From general taxes	\$ 139.09		Street lighting		111.31
" special "	21.03		Cement walks		88.24
" water rents	5.38		Cobble gutters		670.84
" permits	21.00		General expenses: printing	1.00	
" miscellaneous (fines)	15.00	201.50	telephones	10.75	11.75
		2315.16	Water tapping fees		7.50
Disbursements:			Miscellaneous		13.66
Pump and filter plant: gasoline	129.55		Semiannual interest on filter bands		100.00
salary of engineer	75.00		Salary clerk and Treasurer		55.00
assistance to "	4.00	208.55	General labor		12.00
Sewer system, including extensions	457.90		Balance on hand		2105.66
					209.50

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

Owing to the presence of gentlemen interested in the matter and to prevent their waiting for the routine business of the Council, the Mayor called up the matter of a new Ordinance relating to telephone construction and called upon the Ordinance Committee, to which the matter had been referred, for report thereon. Mr. Van Houten thereupon submitted the following report:

The Committee on Ordinances recommend that the existing ordinance granting certain privileges to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., be not disturbed. However, should such Company make application to place under ground any part of its existing lines in said Town, favorable action upon such an application is recommended.

The Council entered into quite an extended discussion of the matter under consideration, in which discussion Messrs Waters and Warren, representatives of the Telephone Company, participated and urged the adoption of the Ordinance as previously prepared and approved by the Ordinance Committee which, they stated, would be acceptable to the Telephone Company. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, and upon the motion of Mr. Van Houten the report of the Committee was approved and adopted.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.05	Barber and Ross Tamber	\$ 1.15
Standard Oil Co., 1 bbl. lubricating oil	11.71	National Publishing Co. Printing bonds	6.75
" " " 975 gals. gasoline @ 15¢	146.25	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	12.50
			\$ 189.41

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

Mr. Grabill, from the water and sewer committee reported the completion of the water main extensions on Elm, Ash and Spruce Avenue and that the extension on Chestnut Avenue would be completed within the present week.

In reference to the proposed sewer on Cedar and Beech Aves., deferred from the special meeting of Dec. 2^d the Council took up the matter in informal discussion with Mr. E. M. Jackson, who had made the surveys and established the grades, and with Mr. J. W. Shadle the lowest bidder for the work, from which discussion it was learned that the grade could be improved with slight change and the work done thereunder at the same price as submitted under first grade sheets.

Mr. Grabill stated that the change in grade would make it desirable to extend the outlet for the sewer from the corner of Beech and Sycamore Avenues along Sycamore and Elm to the existing sewer near the Spring and moved the adoption of the following preliminary Ordinance in connection therewith:

Ordinance No. 210

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 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 Sycamore and Elm Avenues abutting lots 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45, block 16; lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 in block 21 and lots 1 and 9 in block 23, all of B. F. Gilbert's subdivision, about 900 feet at an estimated cost of \$6500.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Monday evening, January 13, 1913, at 8 o'clock p.m., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard in regard to the proposed work.

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.

Referring to the construction of the proposed 8-inch terra cotta sewer on Cedar and Beech Aves., Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted the following report:

Dec. 1, 1912.- The water and Sewer Committee herewith forwards bids received for constructing sewer on Cedar and Beech Avenues and recommend that the inclosed bid of J.W. Shadle be accepted; and that instruction be given him to begin at once construction of the sewer.

In accordance with the above recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 211.

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

That in pursuance of the provisions of Section one (1) of Ordinance No. 204, passed and approved August 12, 1912, providing for the construction of an 8-inch terra cotta sewer on Cedar, Beech and Sycamore Avenues, the contract for said work is hereby awarded to J. W. Shadle of Takoma Park, Md., at the price therefor as submitted in his proposal, dated November 22, 1912 as follows:

Constructing 1640 linear feet of 8-inch terra cotta sewer, including 5 man-holes and 3 lamp-holes complete and furnishing all labor and material in connection therewith, \$1333.00; for rock excavation, if encountered, 40¢ per cu. ft. extra; for additional man-holes, of 7-ft depth, \$ 25.00 each; extra lamp holes, \$4.00 each.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Mr. Shadle, on behalf of the Town for the work herein specified, at the prices stated, and under the general specifications of the Town for sewer construction.

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, Mr. E.E. Blodgett was appointed Inspector for the Town for the work just authorized.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted a petition from the owners of property in the Hill Crest subdivision for the construction of sewers therein and submitted the following preliminary Ordinance in connection therewith:

Ordinance No. 212.

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 furtherance of the general public safety and convenience, consideration will be given to the construction of the following proposed public work:

A terra cotta sewer on Carroll Park, Denwood Aves, and on Holt Place and Crescent Place, approximately 4000 linear feet, at an estimated cost of \$2800, abutting the following lots: lots 15, 16 and 17, block 19, Gilbert's subdivision; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, block 1; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, block 2; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 3; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 4, and lots 1 and 2, block 5, of the Hill Crest subdivision.

Section 2.- The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, January 13, 1913, 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 the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Van Houten; voting nay, none.

The Clerk laid before the Council an application from the Washington Gaslight Co. of Montgomery County requesting permission to extend their four-inch gas main on Holly Avenue for a distance of approximately 100 feet. In the absence of plans showing the desired work in detail Mr. Grabill moved that the application be returned to the gas company with request that in this and future similar requests the application be accompanied by detailed blue print plans so that location of gas mains may be approved in relation to water and sewer mains; and also that the Gas Company be requested to supply the Mayor and Council with a map showing the location of gas mains within the streets of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., if such data is of record. The motion was carried.

Upon request of Messrs. Terrell and Little, through Mr. J. W. Shadle, and on motion of Mr. Grabill, an extension of the 4-inch water main on Spruce Avenue for a distance of 200 feet was authorized upon deposit with the Town Treasurer of the estimated cost thereof.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was authorized to order 1 dozen Trident Water Meters, with non-freezing bottoms, and two dozen corporation cocks.

The following communications were laid before the Council by the Town Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.												Takoma Park, Md. Dec. 9, 1912					
Gentlemen: The following is a statement of the cost of the sewer extension on Baltimore Avenue, completed during the past month:																	
Contract price of sewer complete												\$ 265.50					
Surveying and grades												10.00					
												Incidentals			6.57		
												Total			282.07		
This cost is to be assessed against 705.18 feet of frontage, involving an assessment of 40 cents per foot as follows:																	
Sub. Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front feet	Price per ft	Total due	Sub. Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front feet	Price per ft	Total due				
T.P.L. & T. Co.	75	15	Scott H. Lilly	50.	40¢	\$ 20.00	T.P.L. & T. Co.	79	3	Washington Loan and Trust Co. & L. Seaman	50.40	40¢	\$ 20.16				
"	"	16	"	50.	"	20.00	"	"	4	Guy A. Seaman	50.45	"	20.18				
"	"	17	Ernest A. Coleman	50.	"	20.00	"	"	5	Washington Loan and Trust Co.	50.50	"	20.20				
"	"	18	Captain Finn	50.	"	20.00	"	"	6	"	52.20	"	20.88				
"	"	19	"	109.14	"	43.66	"	"	7	"	66.73	"	26.69				
"	79	1	Washington Loan and Trust Co.	50.38	"	20.15	"	80	5	Edgar V. Crittenden & Wm. S. Dewhurst	25	"	10.00				
"	"	2	"	50.38	"	20.15					Total	705.18		282.07			

Respectfully
BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md. Dec. 9, 1912

Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of the cost of the sewer extension on Ash Avenue completed during the past month:

Contract price of sewer complete	\$ 182.00	Incidentals	\$ 11.68
Surveying and grades	10.70	Total	204.38

This cost is to be assessed against 583.94 feet of frontage, at 35¢ per foot, as follows:

Sub-Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front feet	Side ft less 100	Total ft	Price per ft	Total due	Sub-Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front feet	Side ft less 100	Total ft	Price per ft	Total due
Fifield	A	1	Lewis and Heaton, Trustees		101.32	101.32	35¢	35.46	Pine Crest	17	20	Robert G. Lohr	52		52	35¢	\$ 18.20
"	"	21	" "		101.82	101.82	"	35.64	"	"	21	Charles Leaman	52		52	"	18.20
Pine Crest	17	17	Belle Golden	52		52	"	18.20	"	"	22	Robert G. Lohr	120.8		120.8	"	42.28
"	"	18	Robert G. Lohr	52		52	"	18.20									
"	"	19	" "	52		52	"	18.20				Total	380.8	203.14	583.94		204.38

Respectfully,
BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer

In accordance with the foregoing assessments the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 213

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

Sec. 1. That the special assessments submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of December 9, 1912, for the payment of 8-inch terra cotta sewers on Ash and Baltimore Avenues, abutting lots 1 and 21 in block A, Fifield Tract; lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in block 17, Pine Crest subdivision; and lots 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, block 75, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, in block 79 and lot 5 in block 80, a resubdivided portion of the Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co's Subdivision, constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, approved March 3, 1904, be, and the said assessments are hereby approved and adopted; the Mayor and Council hereby declaring said lots to be specially benefitted by said work.

Sec. 2. The special assessments herein approved shall be due and payable within 30 days from the adoption of this Ordinance; provided, that if so desired, payment may be made in five equal annual installments, the first due 30 days from the 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 annum.

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

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

Approved:

Williams Mayor

Ben G. Davis Clerk