

Monday Evening, January 13, 1913.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and there being no 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	\$ 209.50	Waterworks: miscellaneous	\$ 13.15
Receipts:		labor	5.40
Proceeds of certs of indebtedness	\$ 1000.00	pipe line extensions	135.00 153.55
General taxes	308.14	Sewer system: construction of mains	200.00
Special taxes	254.42	Street lighting	138.75
Water rents	23.55	Street work: labor	12.80
Permits	8.00	General expenses: printing	6.75
Balance of road tax, Prince Georges Co.	20.34 1614.45	contingent	.98
	\$ 1823.95	telephones	11.05 18.78
Disbursements:		Water tapping fees	12.50
Pumping and filter plants: miscel.	\$ 16.23	Salary clerk and treasurer	35.00
gasoline	146.25	Labor: general work	8.00
salary of engineer	75.00	Builders' deposits returned	10.00 832.86
assistance to "	6.00 243.48	Balance on hand	\$ 991.09

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

The Mayor stated that in accordance with public notice duly given in accordance with law the Council would now listen to objections, if any, or to remarks and suggestions by interested parties, relative to the construction of sewers as provided in Ordinances Nos. 210 and 212 as passed and approved by the Council December 9, 1912.

In the absence of objection or remarks Mr. Grabill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance in regard to the proposed work:

Ordinance No. 214

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the authority granted 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 public sewers be constructed as provided in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 210 and Sec. 1. of Ordinance No. 212, both passed and approved Dec. 9, 1912.

Sec. 2. The whole cost of the work herein provided shall be assessed in accordance with law, proportionately, against the property enumerated in said Ordinances Nos. 210 and 212, or such portion thereof as may be deemed specially benefited by the said work.

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Upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted, as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff, and Van Houten. Voting nay, none.

A communication from Mr. E. M. Douglas requesting improvement of Laurel Ave. was, upon motion of Mr. Taff, referred to the Street Committee with authority to expend not to exceed \$1500 in placing cinders upon the roadway of this street.

Mr. George C. Tower appeared before the Council and through his attorney, Mr. Calvert, who addressed the Council, requested that in the matter of settlement of the back taxes due the Town on the "Wildwood" property, amounting to \$1376.82, which amount has been paid to the Town Treasurer, that a refund of \$376.82 be made to Mr. Tower. Mr. Calvert stated that this request was made on behalf of his client because it was considered that the assessment on this property was too high and that \$1000.00 in his judgment would represent a more equitable taxation on the property for the ten years of its delinquency, during the progress of litigation covering that period. Mr. Calvert further stated that this long period of litigation and its final settlement had resulted in a practical loss to Mr. Tower of all he had put into ~~it~~ ^{the property} and that refundment of the amount in excess of the \$1000, to which he seemed equitably entitled would represent a considerable percentage of the amount he would receive in the final settlement.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Walter H. Rudolph, M. E., representing the Mietz & Weiss Oil Engines addressed the Council briefly upon the advantages and economical operation of the machines and upon conclusion of his remarks promised, upon request of the Mayor, to submit estimates of cost of engines of sufficient power to operate the pumping machinery and the probable fuel cost thereof.

The Clerk presented a communication from H. N. Sisco, Supt. of the Washington Sanitarium relative to the used amount of water at the Sanitarium and at the Hospital, the meter readings showing a far greater consumption at the latter building than at the former, which, according to the writer was scarcely possible. Discussion of the matter elicited the fact that the meter at the Sanitarium was frequently out of ~~water~~ ^{order} and doubtless failed to register the real amount of water consumed.

Mr. Grabill moved that the water meters at the Hospital and Sanitarium be tested and that if it be found desirable meters of larger capacity be purchased and installed. The motion was carried.

A communication from Mr. W. G. Platt for permission to remove dirt from New York Ave. where grading for a sidewalk will be necessary, for the purpose of filling a lot upon which he is building, was on motion of Mr. Grabill, referred to the Chairman of the Street Committee for such action as he deemed to be for the interest of the Town.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.50	Columbia Brick & Coal Co. 1 ton coal	\$ 7.25	Harrison Bros & Co. 6 bbl. alum	30.38
B. F. Schrider, Blacksmithing	5.30	W. F. Mattingly, Disinfectants	1.75	E. N. Jackson, Surveying	25.00
Standard Oil Co. 755 gals gasoline	114.15	Star Newspaper, Advertising	5.10	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	5.00
Natl. Elec. Supply Co. Batteries	1.50	Nephtune Meter Co. 12 meters	105.00	U. S. Fidelity Co. Prem. on Treas' bond	8.00
				Total	\$ 319.93

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

Upon verbal petition of Mr. J. W. Shadle, representing Messrs. Terrell and Little, owners of the larger proportion of the land on Spruce Ave., for extension of the water main on Spruce Avenue under the assessment system, Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee presented and moved the adoption of the following preliminary ordinance:

Ordinance No. 215.

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

Extension of the 4-inch water main on Spruce Avenue, abutting lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 in block 8, and lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 7, of Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision.

The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church Monday evening, February 10, 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, the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush, Taff and Van Houten; voting nay, none.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee stated that certain street repairs had been necessitated by cuttings into the street by the Gas Company and suggested that action be taken so that future work of this nature shall be paid for by the Gas company.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Washington Gas Co. of Montgomery County be notified that it will be necessary for them to deposit with the Town Treasurer the sum of \$50.00 from which shall be paid, from time to time, amounts necessary to repair damage to

In connection with the foregoing assessment the following ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 216.

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

Sec. 1. That the special assessments submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of January 13, 1913, for the payment of water mains constructed in Elm, Ash and Chestnut Aves, abutting lots 1 and 21, block A, Filfield Tract; lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, block 17, and lots 22 and 23, block 18, Pine Crest subdivision; and lots 15 and 16, block 16; lots 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, block 11; and lots 15, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, block 12, Gilbert'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 assessment is hereby approved and adopted; the Mayor and Council hereby declaring said lots to be specially benefitted by said work.

Sec. 2. The special assessments hereby 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 date of approval hereof and the remaining installments due on the 1st 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 motion was carried 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.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:50 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor.

Ben S. Davis Clerk

Thursday evening, January 23, 1913

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting upon request of Mr. Grabill, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee, for the purpose of considering a proposal from Mr. J. W. Shadle for the construction of sewer on Sycamore and Elm Ave.

Mr. Shadle was present and submitted his proposal as follows:

Jan. 23, 1913. To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md. Gentlemen:- I propose to build 877 feet of 8" terra cotta sewer on Sycamore and Elm Aves as follows: depth of sewer to average six feet. Build 3 man holes and 1 lamp hole complete. Place reinforced concrete around pipe 4" thick and containing 6 1/2" iron rods 15 feet long over culvert - total length of pipe to be covered with concrete

is 15 feet. Haul 18 loads of ground on low place in street from surplus excavation. Use all Somerville pipe. Tamp ground when put back in ditch, one man tamping to one man shoveling. Have necessary red lights along open ditch at night. All completed for the sum of Five hundred and seventy-eight dollars, fifty cents (\$578.50) Payments to be made every two weeks during the progress of the work equal to 90% of the cost of the work accomplished as reported by the inspector. If solid rock is encountered in excavation \$3.50 per cubic yard extra will be charged in addition to the above price. All work to be done according to the revised general sewer specifications of the Town. The final payment to be made within thirty days after completion of the work as reported by the inspector.

Respectfully submitted:
J. W. SHADLE.

Mr. Grabill moved that the proposal of Mr. Shadle be accepted by Ordinance as follows:

Ordinance No. 217.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md. That in pursuance of Sec. 1 of Ordinance No. 214, passed and approved Jan. 13, 1913, the contract for the construction of sewer on Sycamore and Elm Avenues, as therein provided, is hereby awarded to J. W. Shadle of Takoma Park, Md., as per the terms of his proposal dated Jan. 23, 1913 as follows: To furnish all necessary labor and material and construct complete, with 3 manholes and 1 lamp hole, 877 linear feet of 8-inch terra cotta sewer on Sycamore and Elm Aves; to reinforce 15 feet of said sewer passing over culvert with 4 inches of concrete and 6 1/2" iron rods; and to haul 18 loads of earth for grading low part of street; all work to be done under the revised general sewer specifications of the town; all for the sum of Five hundred seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$578.50)

Upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Rogers, Rush and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report on request of Mr. Tower for refund of taxes:

In the matter of the request on behalf of Mr. Tower for refund of a portion of the taxes paid on the "Wildwood" property, which was referred by the Council to the Finance Committee: So far as the committee is at present advised, the Council is without legal authority to make such refund. It is therefore recommended that if Mr. Tower or his counsel can show wherein the Council has the legal right to make refund, that the matter be given further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved.

Mr. Grabill read to the Council a communication from Mr. W. H. Rudolph relative to the fuel cost of the Mietz and Werss Oil Engines and stated that the Water and Sewer committee would continue their investigations along the line of a more economical pumping plant.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved: *J. McIlwain* Mayor.

Ben Davis Clerk.