

Mayor and Councilmen Blodgett, Lewton, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

*A. Williams* Mayor

*Ben Davis*, Clerk.

Monday Evening, January 12, 1914.

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

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

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 1540.25	Sewer system: sewer fields	\$ 3.20
RECEIPTS:		Street work: labor	337.63
From general taxes	\$ 245.96	material	36 337.99
" special "	245.55	Cement crossings	48.18
" water rents	1.53	Street lighting	142.50
" permits	19.00	General expenses: printing	5.50
	512.04	telephones	11.45 16.95
	2052.29	Water tapping fees	15.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		Miscellaneous	50.00
Pump and filter plants: miscel	30.01	Salary, Clerk and Treasurer	35.00
gasoline	113.83	Return of builders' deposit	10.00 1104.86
salary of engineer	75.00	Balance on hand	947.43
assistance to engineer	7.00 225.84		
Water System: miscel	8.00		
pipe line extensions	212.20 220.20		

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

Mr. William A. Mellen appeared before the Council in advocacy of municipal improvements in the vicinity of "Wildwood." Mr. Mellen called attention to his previous efforts in this direction and especially desired that Sliquo Ave. be improved so as to afford ingress and egress to his property which he is desirous of improving. On motion of Mr. Grabill the matter was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Church, living in the Hill Crest Subdivision, requested that the Council extend the proposed water main on Park Ave. 700 feet in order that water connection may be furnished to his residence. The request was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee.

Mr. W. H. Smith in person called the attention of the Council to what he considered an excessive water bill. On motion of Mr. Grabill, a test of Mr. Smith's water meter was directed.

Mr. W. B. Walters, through letter, again called attention to the necessity for a new bridge on Lincoln Ave. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Walters that the matter would receive attention at the earliest possible date.

The following bills, duly examined and approved by the Finance Committee were submitted and ordered paid:

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals for Dec. -- \$ 10.00	Mattingly Bros. Disinfectants --- \$ .85	National Elec. Supply Co. Batty supplies \$ 6.89
Standard Oil Co. 670 gals. gasoline @ 14 1/2¢ 97.16	John G. Hodges, Printing --- 23.25	J. W. Brandenburg, Blacksmithing -- 90
Thomson Meter Co., 12 meters and couplings 105.00	Thos. Somerville Co. Pig lead and hemp -- 24.24	Total --- 572.23
Eddy Valve Co. Hydrants and valves -- 63.00	Lynchburg Foundry Co. Water pipe --- 226.59	
Columbia Brick and Coal Co. 1 ton coal -- 7.35	Lamond Bros. 28' 12" pipe --- 7.00	

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported a recent case of diphtheria with quick recovery. Also called attention to the fact that whooping cough most frequently results seriously and requested the instructions of the Council in case of the appearance of that disease. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Health Officer was authorized to take such steps as he might deem expedient to check any possible spread of whooping cough.

In reference to the request of Messrs. Terrell and Little, through Mr. J. W. Shadle, for an extension of the present 4" water main 350 feet additional on Willow Avenue, Mr. Grabill moved that the proposed extension be made provided that the Messrs. Terrell and Little, owners of all the abutting property, agree, in writing to waive the required official notices and advertising, and agree further to pay the full cost of such water main extension within 10 days from the rendition of the bill therefor. The motion was <sup>(carried)</sup> ~~was~~.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:40 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

B. W. Davis, Clerk

Approved:

*J. McLean* Mayor.

Monday Evening, February 9, 1914

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Lewton, Rush and Taff. The absence of Councilman Rogers was due to illness.

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

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 947.43	Pumping and filter plants: miscel	\$ 14.49
Receipts:		Gasoline	97.16
From general taxes	\$ 179.85	Salary of engineer	75.00
" special "	670.23	Additional pumping	4.00
" water and meter rents	2363.87	Street work: General repairs	669.99
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	1064.64	Material	7.90
" permits	10.00	Street lighting	142.50
" interest on deposits in bank	22.20	General expenses: printing	23.25
	4310.79	Telephones	10.00
	5258.22	Miscellaneous	.85
Disbursements:		Salary, clerk and treasurer	35.00
Water System: miscellaneous	\$ 172.40	Return of plumber's deposit	10.00
Pipe line extensions	535.88	Balance on hand	1801.62
Sewer Fields	3.20		\$ 3456.60

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. R.E. Seely of 134 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, requesting that he be granted permission to extend, at his own expense, the water main from its present terminus on lot 12, block 17, Pine Crest Sub-division, east to lot 9, block 17, a distance of about 84 feet, where he desires to construct a dwelling, such proposed extension being without the corporation limits of the Town.

Mr. Grabill called attention to the Resolution of the Council passed August 11, 1913, prohibiting the use of Town water to parties desiring it but residing without the Town, in view of which he moved that Mr. Seely's request be denied. The motion was carried.

A communication was also presented from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. requesting that permission be granted them to string wires on Maple Ave. north of Tulip Avenue by attaching to ten poles of the Potomac Electric Power Co. in order to furnish telephone service to Mr. Karl Truell at 240 Maple Ave. The Company stated that there are no telephone poles on this part of Maple Ave. and in order to avoid duplication of pole lines, desire to make attachment to the electric light poles, such attachment to

be made in a safe manner and under the supervision of a joint agreement between the two companies.

Mr. Taff moved that the desired permission be granted subject to all work being done in accordance with specifications of the District of Columbia for similar work, and subject to removal upon direction of the Council. The motion was lost.

The Mayor presented a letter from Mr. George L. Whitford, Attorney, of 424 5th St, N.W. stating that he had been retained by one Lewis W. Thomas in the matter of his claim against Takoma Park account of damages sustained to his property by the "careless, neqligent and improper placng of the drains and gutters" and stating that unless this claim is recognized, he will be compelled to enter suit immediately.

Mr. Blodgett briefly stated the conditions existing at Mr. Thomas' property, due to a natural water course. Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Whitford be notified that in the judgment of the Mayor and Council Mr. Thomas has no legitimate claim for damages against the Town. The motion was carried.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. C.W. Prettyman relative to payment by the Beales of the special assessments against their property for sidewalk construction, together with interest and costs in the suit decided in favor of the Town. On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Prettyman's letter was referred to the Mayor for such action as he deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

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

Thos. Somerville Co. lead, hemp, etc.	\$ 2.85	Lynchburg Foundry Co. Water pipe	\$ 98.50	U.S. Fidelity Co. Premium Treas' bond	\$ 8.00
Col. Brick and Coal Co. 1 ton coal	7.35	H. Mueller Mfg. Co. 2 doz comp. cocks	16.20	C and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	10.45
M. Frank Ruppert, Tools	1.95	Standard Oil Co. 925 gals. gasoline	132.34	Eddy Valve Co. Hydrant	22.25

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

A bill of Mattingly Bros., Druggists, for \$19.25, disinfectants and anti-toxin, on motion of Mr. Taff, was referred to Mr. Rogers, Health Officer, for explanation and recommendation.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, stated that as directed by the Council, he had investigated the condition of Sliq Ave and that to grub out the undergrowth, place in drains and cut proper gutters, would involve an expense of about \$150 and he would therefore recommend an appropriation of that amount to repair and improve that street.

After consideration of the recommendation Mr. Rush moved that an appropriation of \$100 be authorized for improving Sliquo Avenue. The motion was carried.

Upon request of Mr. Blodgett and on motion of Mr. Grabill authority was granted for the expenditure of \$12.00 for plumbing tools and supplies.

Mr. J.W. Shadle inquired of the Council if permission would be granted the Washington Gaslight Co. upon application therefor, to extend their gas main along Carroll Ave. and across the Sliquo bridge. The matter was discussed informally the consensus of opinion being that no objection would be raised against such an extension if asked for.

Mr. Shadle and Mr. Dawkins united in a request for extension of water and sewer mains on Spruce Street.

Mr. Grabill moved that 200 linear feet of 4" water main be laid in Spruce Street provided that the estimated cost thereof be deposited with the Town Treasurer by the parties in interest and that permission be granted to Messrs. Terrell and Little to construct the necessary sewer mains to complete the sewerage of Spruce Ave. at their expense and under the supervision of the Town. The motion was carried.

Mr. Charles Selden, Jr., appeared before the Council requesting a reconsideration of the recent refusal of the Council to grant a permit for a right of way over Carroll Ave. for extension of the tracks of the Baltimore and Ocean City railway. In the course of his remarks Mr. Selden stated that he had not been officially advised of the action of the Council and was desirous of receiving a copy of the report of the committee upon which the Council's action was based.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Selden a copy of the desired report.

With the understanding that Mr. Selden would submit in writing such further application as he might desire after receipt and consideration of the committee's report, no further action at this time was deemed necessary.

Upon motion of Mr. Taff the Treasurer was directed to take up \$1000 of outstanding filter bonds.

The following communication from the Town Clerk and Treasurer was laid before the Council:

To the Mayor and Council,

Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of the cost of the laying of water mains in Flower Park, Grant and Hancock Aves., which work has been completed:

Takoma Park, Md., Feb. 7, 1914



Mr. Taff moved that the report and recommendation of the Treasurer be approved and that the Ordinance included therein be adopted. Upon an aye and nay vote Mr. Taff's motion was approved as follows: voting aye, Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Lewton, Rush and Taff. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved: *J. Williams* Mayor.

*Bruce Davis* Clerk.

Monday Evening, March 9, 1914

The Council met at 8 p.m. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, Lewton, Rogers, Rush and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and, there being no objections, 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	\$ 3,456.60	Water system: miscellaneous	44.60	
Receipts:		pipe line extensions	177.86	222.46
General taxes	\$ 324.69	Street work: labor	14.40	
Special "	127.22	material	1.95	16.35
Water and meter rents	1136.87	Street lighting		142.50
Permits	5.00	General expenses: telephones		10.45
	1,593.78	Water tapping fees		7.50
	5050.38	Interest on filter bonds		10.42
Disbursements:		Miscellaneous expenses		8.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 7.35	Salary, Clerk and Treasurer		35.00
gasoline	132.34	Filtration bonds paid	1000.00	1675.27
salary of engineer	75.00	Balance on hand		3375.11
extra pumping	6.00			
220.69				
Sewer system: work on fields	1.90			

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

A communication from Mr. R.S. Cyphers, 129 Chestnut Ave., complaining of the condition of the lower end of Chestnut Ave, and requesting repairs thereof, was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report. Mr. Cyphers was present in person and supplemented his written complaint in oral statements to the Mayor and Council.

A communication was presented from Mrs. Jessie F. Sanders, 13 Sycamore Ave., requesting refund of water rent erroneously paid by two parties, she being one, upon the same property. Without objection the Treasurer was authorized to make the refund if the records agreed with Mrs. Sanders' statement.

Upon written request therefor, and on motion of Mr. Grabill permission was granted the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co to erect seven poles on Maple Ave., north of Tulip Ave., and eight poles on Niagara and Mississippi Aves., upon the usual conditions that the location of said poles shall be determined by Mr. Blodgett, Chairman of the Street Committee.

The Mayor reported, in relation to the letter of Mr. C.W. Prettyman, Attorney for the Town, in the Beale case, referred to him at the last meeting of the Council, that he had written Mr. Prettyman that the Town would endeavor to collect the money due from the Beales without accepting any notes; that Mr. Prettyman declined to reduce the amount of his fee of \$250 and the Mayor there fore recommended payment thereof. On motion of Mr. Rush payment of Mr. Prettyman's bill of \$250 was directed.

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

C and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 10.20	Geo. S. Coyne, 2 bbl. soda ash	8.15	Thos. Somerville Co. lead, hemp, tools	29.48
Standard Oil Co. 715 g. gasoline @ 13/2¢	96.53	Col. Brick & Coal Co. 1 ton coal	7.35	A.W. Skinner, Printing	4.50
Thomson Meter Co. Repair parts	3.07	C.H. Thompson, blacksmithing	6.00	Total	\$ 165.28

Mr. Blodgett requested that bill of C.H. Thompson for blacksmithing be held up until a key therein charged for had been properly altered. Mr. Taff moved that the bills be paid except that of Mr. Thompson and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay his upon approval thereof by Mr. Blodgett. The motion was carried.

The Street Committee submitted the following memorandum for improving Willow Avenue north of Tulip Avenue:

March 9, 1914. - 600 lin. ft of 12" terra cotta pipe @ 12 1/2¢ \$75.00. 45 lin. ft. of 18" terra cotta pipe @ 30¢, \$13.50. 20 lin. ft of 24" terra cotta pipe @ 50¢, \$10.00. Laying 18" and 24" pipe, including 2 inlets, \$20.00. 100 loads cinders, 3 cu. yds. per load @ \$1.00 per load, \$100.00. Total, \$218.50. The laying of the 12" pipe and construction of 3 inlets in this line, and the spreading of the cinders is to be done by and at the expense of the developers of the property. The street is to be roughly graded by the owners or developers and is then to be shaped by the Town under an appropriation of \$50.00 which is now available, before the cinders are applied.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report of the Committee was approved and an appropriation of \$218.50 authorized therefor.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, presented to the Council Mr. Harry Stevens, an engineer, of Washington



D.C., who had been authorized by the Council to make the necessary surveys and plans for a storage reservoir in connection with the water supply. In accordance with such authority Mr. Stevens <sup>submitted</sup> his plans and an explanatory report in detail. These plans were carefully considered by the Council and explained by Mr. Stevens, at the conclusion of which they were referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for further consideration and report.

On motion of Mr. Rush, Messrs. J.W. Shadle, E.N. Jackson and Ben G. Davis were appointed a Board of Assessors to revise the assessment list for the ensuing fiscal year.

Mr. Lewton moved that the Board of Assessors be directed to base their assessment upon a three-fourths valuation of land values and a one-fourth valuation of improvements. The motion was lost.

Upon request of various members of the Council the Mayor submitted a proposed Ordinance providing for the appointment by the Council of a Superintendent of Public Works who should receive such salary as the Council, from time to time, might determine, defining his duties and providing that such official should not, while holding said office, be a member of the <sup>Council</sup>.

After some consideration the proposed Ordinance, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was laid upon the table.

Calling attention to the fixing of a date for "Clean-up Week" in the District of Columbia, Mr. Lewton suggested that the matter be given attention by the Town authorities as well, and moved that the Health Officer be authorized to expend not to exceed \$25<sup>00</sup> in providing the necessary notices, teams, etc., for a similar purpose in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. The motion was carried.

Mr. H.E. Rogers, Registrar of Vital Statistics submitted the following report for the year 1913.

*TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Gentlemen, With this I submit statements showing the number of births and deaths in the Town of Takoma Park for the year 1913, There were 32 births; 26 deaths, 15 of residents and 11 of transients. A larger number of infectious and contagious diseases was reported in 1913 than in former years, nearly all, however, being of a light character. Of diseases requiring quarantine, only one death occurred during the year, that being from a malignant case of diphtheria. Respectfully submitted*  
H.E. ROGERS, Registrar

#### *Infectious Diseases:*

*During 1913 there were 45 cases of measles; 1 of scarlet fever, 8 of typhoid and three cases of diphtheria. Fumigation was promptly attended to at the required time in all cases of infectious and contagious diseases, as well as in all cases of death from tuberculosis.*

BIRTHS, 1913				DEATHS - 1913			
Date	Name	Sex	Father's Name	Date	Name	Age	Cause of Death
Jan. 6	Unnamed Blackstone	Female	Illegitimate	Jan. 9	Unnamed Blackstone	---	Stillbirth
10	Edward Woodrow Day	Male	Geo. N. Day	20	Elizabeth J. Whitmer	63	Arteria Schlerosis
17	Mildred Lee Queen	Female	Clarence I. Queen	29	Harlan P. Maxwell	69	Heart disease
27	Robert Lee Ekin	Male	John J. Ekin	Feb. 5	William F. King	22	Sarcama leg
Feb. 4	Alice Olsen	Female	Mahlan E. Olsen	Mar. 7	Carrie Loeb	28	Phthisis pulmonalis
9	Alexander H. Taltamus	Male	Alexander Taltamus	Apr. 12	John B. Henderson <sup>*</sup>	87	Septicaemia
15	Malinda Jeffers Marton	Female	Luther J. Marton	May 8	Georgiana Albarnez <sup>*</sup>	8	Pneumonia
15	Arthur H. Bodle	Male	James A. Bodle	8	Unnamed Woodall	---	Stillbirth
20	Empress A. Carter	Female	Raleigh M. Carter	17	Henry M. Butler <sup>*</sup>	57	Chronic Endocarditis
25	Robert Lenis Diehl	Male	Ross A. Diehl	23	George A. Irwin <sup>*</sup>	68	" "
Mar. 5	Robert James Kellar	"	Charlton C. Kellar	June 2	Alice L. Goss <sup>*</sup>	26	Pyelites
10	Inez Ursula Magee	Female	Clarence L. Magee	4	Lucy C. Thompson <sup>*</sup>	54	Sarcoma liver
21	Beatrice Naomi Johnson	"	Henry C. Johnson	14	Ellis E. Pettibone <sup>*</sup>	33	Tuberculosis of lungs
22	Ada May Maris	"	Whitten B. Maris	July 25	Edith M. Immich	26 Days	Diarrhoea
Apr. 5	John Dent	Male	Illegitimate	Aug. 1	Mary P. Johnstone	72	Apoplexy
6	Willis Boynton	"	Charles E. Boynton	2	Georgiana C. Lightfoot	77	Chronic nephritis
26	Wilton Platt Lockwood	"	Wilton A. Lockwood	8	Gilhenny D. Hill	4 mos	Inanation
May 7	Unnamed Woodall	"	Marion L. Woodall	23	Mary Ann Poler	65	Heart disease
20	Lloyd Donald Klapfenstein	"	F. P. Klopfenstein	Sep. 25	Philip Harmon <sup>*</sup>	64	Congestion of lungs
July 4	Dorothy Henderson	Female	James M. Henderson	Oct. 21	Marquerite T. Bonifant	3	Acute Poliomyelitis
14	Merian Daisy Gibbs	"	Arthur Gibbs	24	Ezra B. Harrison, Jr.	5	Diphtheria
Aug. 2	Daisy Merle Dinges	"	Edward S. Dinges	Nov. 11	Henry A. Curtis <sup>*</sup>	72	Acute gastritis
Sept. 5	Jesse Aubrey Ridgeway	Male	John A. Ridgeway	14	Hannah Loftfield	36	Tuberculosis of lungs
18	Helen Lucile Ashley	Female	Clyde L. Ashley	18	Benjamin F. Royer	83	Cancer of liver
24	Howard Province	Male	Clarence J. Province	Dec. 9	Edward K. Harris <sup>*</sup>	78	Brights disease
30	Dorothy Hope Waltz	Female	Abram P. Waltz	Aug. 8	Evalyn D. Lothrop <sup>*</sup>	27	Typhoid fever
Oct. 28	Ruth Naomi Coursen	"	George Coursen, Jr.				
28	Mary Lincoln	"	Illegitimate				
30	Eleanor Gertrude Taylor	"	William C. Taylor				
Nov. 20	Clunett Raine Lewis	Male	George H. Lewis				
Dec. 3	James Ira Seaman	"	Ira S. Seaman				
14	Charles Gorman Gary	"	Edwin C. Gary				

<sup>\*</sup> Patients at Washington Sanitarium  
26 deaths - transients, 11; residents, 15.

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

Approved:

*J. McLean*

Mayor.

*Ben Davis*

clerk