

Mr. Rogers, of the Health Committee reported that it appeared that the proposed septic tank requested by Mr. Thomas would be located upon the Sliquo water shed and might be a source of possible danger. Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk advise Mr. Thomas to submit his plans for the proposed septic tank and that the site therefor be investigated by the Health Committee and that under no circumstances will a permit be granted if the drain of the overflow is toward the Sliquo. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett called attention to a leaking watermain upon the grounds of the Washington Sanitarium and upon motion of Mr. Grabill repair thereof was directed and bill ordered to be rendered the Sanitarium.

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

Approved:

W. Williams

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, September 14, 1914

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of August 24 were read 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		\$ 6357.59	Water System: miscellaneous	28.77	
Receipts:			pipe line extensions	49.40	78.17
From general taxes	\$ 617.00		Sewer System: Sewer fields	12.80	
" special "	495.00		pipe line extensions	58.80	71.60
" water rents	20.43		Street Work: labor	87.80	
" permits	16.00	1148.43	material	29.12	116.92
		7506.02	General expenses: Printing	6.00	
Disbursements:			Telephones	10.20	
Pumping and Filter Plants: miscel	\$ 12.25		Tapping fees	7.50	
Gasoline	151.26		Miscellaneous	22.00	45.70
Salary of engineer	75.00		Salary Clerk and Treasurer		35.00 735.40
Extra pumping	7.00	245.51	Balance on hand		6770.62
Street lighting		142.50			

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

A communication from Mr. R.S. Cyphers renewing former complaints as to the condition of Chestnut Ave. and especially the gutters thereon, in front of his premises, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Communications from Messrs. Lisle Morrison and J. Bond Smith in opposition to the proposed ordinance charging a portion of street improvements to abutting property, were read and referred to the Street committee.

A communication from Mr. John H. Thomas regarding the construction of a proposed septic tank upon his property was referred to the Health Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee submitted the following approved bills, payment of which was directed:

C and P. Telephone Co. Rentals _ _ _ \$ 10.35	Columbia Wood and Coal Co. Stone, etc _ \$ 14.93	Harrison Bros. & Co. 6 bbl alum _ _ _ \$ 30.38
C. H. Thompson, Blacksmithing _ _ 2.65	Lamond Bros. T. C. Pipe _ _ _ _ _ 21.40	Mattingly Bros. Anti-toxin _ _ _ _ 15.50
Standard Oil Co. 1005 gals. gasoline _ 125.63	Evening Star. Advertising _ _ _ _ _ 4.80	\$ 242.77
Medart Patent Pulley Co. Supplies _ _ 5.40	Thos. Samensville Co. lead + hemp _ _ 11.73	

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, brought up the question of continuation of the garbage collection service. After brief consideration of the matter the Health Officer was authorized to continue it, in his judgment, within the limits of the appropriation.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee reported the necessity of \$50.00 additional for authorized grading on Park Ave. and on motion of Mr. Grabill the expenditure of the desired amount was authorized.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported completion of the cleaning out of the stream at the pumping plant; also of the arrival of the necessary 4" water pipe for the streets of the Hill Crest subdivision.

Mr. Lewton, from the Ordinance Committee, presented a proposed Ordinance relative to dumping of refuse, which, after brief discussion was referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report.

Mr. Lewton laid before the Council the proposed Ordinance providing for assessment of street improvement against abutting property. A number of citizens, namely, Messrs. W.W. Dyar, Homer Guerry, Lisle Morrison, Dr. H. M. Bennett, Chas. S. Miller and J. Bond Smith addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed Ordinance. Mr. J. W. Shadle advocated its passage.

Upon completion of an extended discussion of the matter the Ordinance, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, was referred back to the Ordinance Committee for further consideration in conjunction with the Street Committee, and report.

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

Approved:

S. Williams

Mayor.

Bruce Davis Clerk.

Wednesday evening, September 30, 1914

The Council met in special session at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, upon call of the Mayor, for the purpose of considering further the request of Mr. John H. Thomas for construction of a septic tank upon his premises.

There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Lewton, LaFetra, Rogers and Taff,

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, submitted the following report:

"In the matter of the application of Mr. John H. Thomas for the installation of a sub-surface drainage plant on Block 56, abutting on Flower Avenue, and on the approval of the plans for the same by the Chief of Bureau of Sanitary Engineering of the State of Maryland, after a personal examination of the property and surroundings made by an engineer sent for that purpose, your committee on Health and Sanitation would recommend as follows: That the application of Mr. Thomas for the installation and use of a sub-surface draining plant on his property in Block 56 be granted, if the same be installed and used in accordance with the plans set forth, and both tanks made water proof. That permission to use this plant be revocable at any time when, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, its use would be objectionable or constitute a menace to the citizens of the Town. That whenever a line of sewer pipes is installed on any street adjacent to Block 56, the use of this plant be discontinued, and connection made with the sewer line installed by the Town.

After thorough discussion of the matter in which Mr. Thomas joined, and who gave consent to the proposed terms of the report, Mr. Rogers moved that the report of the Health Committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

S. Williams

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, October 12, 1914

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

On motion of Mr. Taff reading of the minutes of last regular and special meetings was dispensed with.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 6770.62	Water system: miscellaneous	\$ 22.13	
Receipts:		pipe line extensions	78.88	101.01
From general taxes	\$ 326.80	Sewer system: miscellaneous	11.20	
" water rents	12.68	pipe line extensions	28.85	
" special deposits	275.00	sewer fields	6.20	46.25
" permits	17.00	Street work: labor	244.30	
	631.48	material	14.93	259.23
	7402.10	General expenses: postage	10.50	
Disbursements:		telephones	10.35	
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 40.47	miscellaneous	15.50	36.35
gasoline	125.63	Salary, clerk and treasurer		35.00
salary of engineer	83.33	Deposit to credit of sinking fund		1000.00
extra pumping	8.00			1877.77
Street lighting	142.50	Balance on hand		5524.33

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

The Mayor announced that in view of the fact that notice had been given that upon this occasion the Mayor and Council would be pleased to hear the views of the citizens of the Town upon the proposed Ordinance assessing two-thirds of the cost of permanent street improvements to abutting property; and inasmuch as a large number of citizens were in attendance, that, without objection, the regular order of business would be suspended temporarily, and the citizens heard upon the proposition referred to. There was no objection.

Upon request of the Mayor, Councilmen Grabill, author of the proposed Ordinance, proceeded to explain its intentions. Mr. Grabill stated, in brief, that the probable cost of the required width of macadam on the streets of average width in the Town, would be \$1.00 per linear foot and that gutters would cost about 50¢ per foot, a total estimated cost of \$1.50 per linear foot. Under the proposed Ordinance one-third of this amount would be assessed to the property on each side of the street and the remaining third would be paid from the revenues of the Town. The property owner would therefore pay about 50¢ per linear foot frontage - a total assessment of \$25.00 for a 50-foot lot. The payment therefor could be made in 5 annual payments of \$5.00 each, an amount which would be inconsiderable in view of the many advantages which would result.

The Mayor thereupon invited citizens present to submit their views and responses were made as follows: In favor of the proposition - Messrs. Platt, Kreutzer, Harries, Lilly, Skeels, Crittenden and Wight. Against the proposition Messrs. Arshin, Riggles, Morrison, Smith, Cyphers and Nusbaum. In addition to remarks submitted by the gentlemen named many questions were propounded and answered and several gentlemen submitted non-committal remarks. At 10 o'clock, after two hours discussion the Mayor announced the hearing as closed and stated that the Council would take the matter under further advisement.

The Council thereupon resumed its regular order of business.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.08	Natl. Elec. Supply Co. dry cell batteries	\$ 2.35	E. E. Blodgett, Tapping Fees	\$ 15.00
Standard Oil Co. 940 gals gasoline	117.51	M. Frank Ruppert, 3 shovels	3.00	" " work on meters	8.00
" " " 48.9 " lubr. oil	11.98	Lamond Bros. terra cotta pipe	9.60	Eddy Valve Co. Hydrants + valves	129.75
Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Brick + cement	4.80	Thos. Somerville Co. washer leather	1.35	J. W. Shadle, lumber	7.80
Lynchburg Foundry Co. Water pipe	575.53	A. W. Skinner, Printing	1.25	" " Cement sidewalk	259.20 1160.00

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

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, submitted a verbal statement of work done during the month.

In view of the possibility that the previous appropriation for scraping and rounding of streets might be insufficient, Mr. Grabill moved an appropriation of an additional \$100.00 dollars for this and such additional street work as may be necessary.

On suggestion of the Mayor and upon motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to extend an iron pipe across the road bed of street at the Spring.

Mr. Lewton, from the Ordinance Committee, laid before the Council the proposed Ordinance relating to assessment of abutting property for street improvements which Ordinance, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was made the unfinished business.

Mr. Ben G. Davis, for the Board of local school trustees, called attention of the Council to the improvements made in the local public school. Mr. Davis stated that the county had expended about \$500 more than the \$5000 appropriated for the improvements and that it would require about \$500 more to put the building and grounds in a finished condition; that inasmuch as this was a matter of vital importance to the community the local school board felt justified in asking the Council to render such financial assistance as in its judgment the funds of the Town might justify.

Mr. Grabill moved that an appropriation of \$250.00 be authorized, payable to the local school board to be used as in the judgment of said board would be to the best advantage of the school, in the completion of building and grading of grounds and other school purposes. The motion was unanimously carried.

In connection with the proposed Ordinance for assessment of abutting property for permanent street improvements, Mr. Rogers submitted petitions in favor thereof signed by property owners representing 4000 linear feet of frontage.

The following communication was presented by the Town Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council.				Takoma Park, Md. October 10, 1914.										
Gentlemen:- The following is a statement of the cost of water and Sewer construction on Spruce Avenue:														
4" WATER MAIN:				8 IN. SEWER:										
145' cast iron water pipe			\$ 36.25	188' sewer pipe								\$ 20.00		
100# lead			6.00	Cement								.85		
5# hemp			.40	Labor								58.80		
2 plugs			4.00	Blacksmithing								2.65		
1 corporation cock			1.00	Advertising								2.10		
Labor			45.20	Miscellaneous								1.88		
Advertising			2.10											Total
Miscellaneous			5.05											\$ 86.28
			Total	100.00										
This cost is to be assessed against 250 feet of abutting and benefited property as follows, a rate of 40¢ per foot:				This cost is to be assessed against 287.6 feet of abutting property, and benefited property (30¢ per foot) as follows:										
Sub-div	BLK	Lot	Owner	Front Ft.	Rate	Amt due	Subdiv	BLK	Lot	Owner	Front feet	Rate	Amt due	
Land E	8	19	Marie Dawkins	52.5	40¢	\$ 21.00	L+E.	8	19	Marie Dawkins	52.8	30¢	15.84	
		20	" "	52.5		21.00			20	" "	52.8		15.84	
		27	" "	50.0		20.00			27	" "	50.0		15.00	
		28	" "	50.0		20.00			28	" "	50.0		15.00	
		29	Carl L. Davis	45.00		18.00			29	Carl L. Davis	50.0		15.00	
				250.0		100.00			30	" "	32.0		9.60	
											287.6		86.28	

The following Ordinance is submitted:

Ordinance No. 247.

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

Sec. 1. - That the special assessment submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of October 10, 1914, for the payment of water and sewer mains constructed in Spruce Ave, abutting and specially benefiting lots 19, 20, 27, 28, 29 and 30, in block 8, of the Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, said water and sewer mains having been 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 adapted, the Mayor and Council hereby declaring all of the above enumerated lots to be specially benefited by said work.

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

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

There being no further business the Council, at 11:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, November 9, 1914.

The Council met in regular session, at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock p.m.

There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, LaFetra, Lewton, Rogers and Taff.

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

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 5524.33	Water System: miscellaneous	\$ 8.00	
Receipts:		pipe line extensions	710.18	718.18
From general taxes	\$ 740.46	Street Work: labor	362.24	
" special "	196.46	material	25.00	387.24
" water rents	295.03	Cement walks		259.20
" permits	9.00	Street lighting		148.31
	1240.95	General expenses: printing	1.25	
	6765.28	telephones	11.08	12.33
Disbursements:		Water tapping fees		15.00
Pumping plant; miscellaneous	\$ 16.43	Interest on water and sewer bonds		1020.00
gasoline	117.51	Miscellaneous expenses		288.25
salary of engineer	83.33	Salary, clerk and treasurer	35.00	3116.78
extra pumping	6.00			
	223.27			
Sewer System: work on sewer fields	10.00	Balance on hand		3648.50

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

Mr. A. Van Reuth appeared before the Council and requested that permission be granted the C. and P. Telephone Company to string telephone wires on existing electric light poles on Cleveland Ave., to supply him with telephone service.

After considerable discussion of the matter Mr. Taff moved that the desired permission be granted provided that connections, etc, be made in accordance with existing regulations in the District of Columbia in like circumstances. The motion was carried.

The clerk laid before the Council a communication from Messrs J.E. Cockerbom, Kenneth B. Holmes, Henry Reuther and G.C. Ketchum requesting that they be granted permission to string a wire across Chestnut Ave., from No. 108 to No. 113, for the purpose of study - no poles to be erected. Discussion having developed that the wire had already been strung, Mr. Blodgett moved that the permit be refused and removal of the wire directed. Lost for lack of a second. Mr. Rogers moved that the permit be not granted which motion was adopted.

A petition, signed by Flora N. Vasey, B.L. Palmer, Sadie A. Palmer and George W. Davis requesting extension of water and sewer mains on Carroll Ave. east of Flower Ave., was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration and report.

The Clerk presented a petition, signed by C.C. Lewis, V.E. Thompson, S.M. Butler, T.R. Davis and Samuel A. Low, requesting a street light at the corner of Flower and Davis Ave. Mr. Blodgett, of the street committee, stated that in his judgment a light should be placed at the corner designated by the petitioners and moved that the request be granted. Motion carried.

In this connection Mr. La Fetra stated that he had been requested to present the necessity for a street light at the corner of Cleveland and Baltimore Aves., and that upon investigation, the request seemed reasonable, and moved that a street light be established at that point. The motion was carried.

Upon request of Mr. La Fetra and on motion of Mr. Rogers permission was granted the Bliss School to construct, at its own request, expense, a brick sidewalk on Chicago Ave. to the bridge approach.

The Clerk laid before the Council the Unfinished Business - the proposed Ordinance for street improvement. On motion of Mr. Taff the matter was carried over to the next meeting.

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

C and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 10.70	L.R. Grabill, iron sleeve	\$ 1.22	Fairbanks Co. Repairs gas engine	\$ 1.85
Columbia Brick and Coal Co.	2.40	Standard Oil Co. 1120 g. gasoline	140.00	E.E. Blodgett, Tapping fees	7.50
Hunter Bros. Plow repairs	2.60	Lamond Bros. 28' 12" tc. pipe	5.60		171.87

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported general health conditions satisfactory; one case of scarlet fever reported within the town but of a very mild nature.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Street Committee, presented a resume of street work done with a recommendation for additional appropriations as follows: continuance of general street work, \$250.00; tools - shovels, picks, etc. \$15.00; for oiling of Carroll Avenue, if in the judgment of the Street Committee it was feasible to do so at this uncertain period of the year, \$250.

Mr. Rogers moved that appropriations asked for be approved and granted, that of \$250 for the oiling of Carroll Ave. to be expended only upon the approved judgment of the street committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. Blodgett entered complaint against the connection of the premises of Mr. A. Van Reuth, outside the Town, with the town sewer and the filling-in of the sewer trench prior to inspection thereof. The matter was referred to the water and sewer committee for consideration.

The Mayor announced a special meeting of the Council for Monday evening next, November 16, 8 o'clock at the office of the Clerk.

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

Approved:

S. Williams Mayor

Bruce Davis, Clerk.

Monday evening, November 16, 1914

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor the Council met in special session at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of hearing the report of the Water and Sewer Committee on proposed changes in the charges for water and meter rents and for the consideration of such other business as may be presented. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock.

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

The Mayor presented to the Council a verbal request of Mrs. Edith Colley, Oak Ave., for permission to purchase from the

Town about 80 of the square tile used in the tile sidewalks in parts of the Town for the purpose of completing a walk within her yard. On motion of Mr. Grabill the request was denied because of need of the extra tile for sidewalk repairs.

Proceeding to the business of the meeting, Mr. Grabill presented the following report for the Water and Sewer Committee:

The Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

November 16, 1914

The Water and Sewer Committee presents the following recommendations with reference to the charge for ~~meter~~ meter rent and for the use of water. The committee further recommends the adoption of an ordinance covering the provisions necessary,

1. That after January 1, 1915, no further charge for meter rent shall be made to parties who have paid such rent for three full years or longer,
2. That in case of meters issued during the past three years the charge for meter rent shall be continued at the present rate of three dollars per year until such rent has been paid for three years, after which it shall be discontinued
3. That a charge equal to the actual cost of the meter and connections issued, including cost of delivery, shall be made hereafter for each meter issued by the Town; such charge to be made in lieu of a charge for meter rent; the meter to remain the property of the Town.
4. That all damage or injury to meters owned by the Town, now in use or which shall be hereafter issued, except the ordinary wear in service, shall be charged against the owner of the premises where the meter is in use; and the cost of removal or repair shall be added to the bill rendered against such person for the use of water.
5. That hereafter the minimum charge for water to any premises shall be \$9.00, which shall entitle the premises to the use of 5000 cubic feet of water per year.
6. The charge for water above 5000 cubic feet shall be at the rate of 15 cents per 100 cubic feet.
7. That hereafter the deposit for water for building purposes shall be \$3.00 for a frame building of not over 10 rooms and \$6.00 for a building of masonry of not over 10 rooms; with a proportionate increase in case of a larger number of rooms; such deposit to be good for not over four months, after which time the deposit must be renewed or a meter installed to measure the water used. Respectfully submitted:

L. R. GRABILL E. E. BLODGETT,
H. E. TAFF
H. E. ROGERS Water and Sewer Committee

After thorough and full discussion the report of the Committee, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was approved and adopted.

Mr. Grabill called attention to the continued use of water for power purposes in the running of the elevator at the Sanitarium and upon his motion the Clerk was directed to inform the Sanitarium authorities that use of water for this purpose cannot be longer granted.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to expend \$30.00 for the purchase of an expansion joint for installation at the stand pipe.

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

Approved:

J. McIlwain Mayor.

B. W. Davis Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md., December 14, 1914

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Orabill, LaFetra, Lewton, Rogers and Taff. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of November 16th were read by the Clerk and approved. The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 3648.50	Water system: miscellaneous	\$ 4.00	
Receipts:		Pipe line extensions	1.22	5.22
From general taxes	\$ 98.75	Sewer system: work on fields		10.40
" special "	10.49	Street work: labor	288.70	
" water rents	113.78	material	10.60	299.50
" permits	6.00	Street lighting		147.50
" miscellaneous (fines)	5.00	General expenses: contingent	4.39	
	234.02	telephones	10.70	15.04
	3882.52	Water tapping fees		7.50
Disbursements:		Semi-annual int. on filtration bonds		75.00
Pumping and filter plants: miscel	\$ 1.85	Filtration bonds paid		500.00
Gasoline	140.00	Salary clerk and Treasurer	35.00	1328.14
Salary of engineer	83.33			
Extra pumping	8.00	Balance on hand	\$ 2554.38	
	233.18			

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and approval.

Mr. G. W. Nusbaum appeared before the Council and invited attention to the proposed increase of commutation fares upon the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, ranging from 46 to 100% and urged the Council to take action in protest for presentation to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The matter having been discussed at some length, Mr. Lewton presented resolutions as follows:

Whereas, the proposed increases in commutation rates on the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, ranging from 37 to 100 per cent, appear to be unwarranted, and Whereas, such increases would work a hardship on the commuters patronizing this line, be a detriment to the communities along the route, decrease property values and retard the development of the entire country served by this Branch, be it therefore Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md, respectfully request the Interstate Commerce Commission to disapprove the proposed rates. Resolved further, that a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Council and that a copy be sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

On motion of Mr. Lewton the Resolutions were adopted.

Upon request of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, and upon motion of Mr. Blodgett, permission was granted for the erection of two poles on Beach Ave, east of Sycamore Avenue, under the usual conditions.

An application was presented from the Washington and Maryland Railway Company requesting permission to build between the

tracks on Laurel Ave., on siding, a pit 4 feet deep, 4 feet wide and 6 feet long, of concrete or brick, to be covered by cloos. Also to erect over said siding track, for the accommodation of passengers, a temporary structure about 30 feet long, to house one car.

Mr. Grabill moved to deny and to inform applicant that street cannot be used for purpose stated. Lost for want of a second.

Mr. Taff moved to refer the communication to the street committee for consultation with the officials of the company with a view to presentation of an unobjectionable plan that may accomplish the purpose desired by the Railway. The motion was carried.

The Clerk laid before the Council the unfinished business - the proposed ordinance relating to assessments for permanent street work, which, upon motion of Mr. Rogers, was further deferred.

The Mayor having been called from the meeting, upon motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Taff was elected Mayor pro tempore.

Mr. La Fetra, for the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills, approved for payment:

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	10.70	Lamond Bros. T.C. pipe	\$ 4.68	B.F. Shrider, Blacksmithing	\$ 4.25
Standard Oil Co. 915 gals gasoline @ 12 1/2 c	114.38	M. Frank Ruppert, hardware	14.90	Geo. L. Tarbell, Sundries	2.88
Columbia B. & C. Co. 1 ton coal	7.35	Geo. F. Muth Co. 2 stucco brushes	2.70	E.E. Blodgett, miscel work	17.00
Nat. Elec. Supply Co. 12 d.c. batteries	2.60	J.O. Foulk, paint & brushes	11.00	" street "	8.00
Eisinger Bros. Lumber	8.58	Thomson Meter Co. Repairs	12.03	Total	218.05

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was adopted and payment of the bills directed.

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported relative to hogs maintained on the premises of William Bonnifant, which matter will be investigated in reference to its relation as affecting the water shed. Mr. Rogers reported further the approval of the septic tank constructed on the premises of Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Blodgett, from the street committee, reported the completion of the scraping and rounding up of streets with an unexpended balance of \$ 8.50. He also called attention to the need of stone for repairs to bad places in New York, Takoma and Chicago Aves. on motion of Mr. Grabill \$25.00 was appropriated for this purpose.

Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, returned the petition of Flora N. Vasey, and others, for construction of water and sewer mains in Carroll Ave, east of Sliqo Ave, with the following report:

In the matter of the petition of Flora N. Vasey, B.L. Palmer, and others, for the extension of sewer and water mains on Carroll Avenue, dated October 11, 1914, this Committee recommends as follows, viz:

1. That about 500 feet of 4" water main be laid in Carroll Avenue, between Flower Ave. and Central Avenue, and one fire hydrant

erected at Central Avenue, at an estimated total cost of \$500, to be assessed against the property on both sides of Carroll Avenue within the limits named, according to the linear frontage thereof on said Avenue.

2. That about 1100 feet of terra cotta pipe sewer be laid from the sewer in the grounds of the Washington Sanitarium or Washington Missionary College, to Carroll Avenue and along said Avenue to its intersection with Central Avenue in the Cunningham subdivision, with necessary manholes and lamp-holes; all at an estimated total cost of \$700; the entire cost of said sewer to be assessed against the property fronting on Carroll Ave. between Flower Ave. and said Central Ave. according to the linear frontage on Carroll Ave; provided that necessary arrangement be made for the use of the sewer on the Sanitarium grounds and for connection therewith

3. That hearing in reference to this improvement be held at the regular meeting of the Council in January, 1915; that the necessary ordinances to this effect be passed and that the notices required by law be given to each owner of the property proposed to be assessed.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the report was adopted. The follow Ordinance was thereupon submitted:

Ordinance No. 247 1/2

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

Sec. 1. - That, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 2, 1904, the following public work is contemplated, namely: the construction of approximately 500 feet of 4-in water main, in Carroll Ave, between Flower and Central Avenues, at an estimated cost of \$500.00; the construction of approximately 1100 linear feet of 8-inch terra cotta sewer, from the existing sewer in the grounds of the Washington Sanitarium to Carroll Ave, and thence along said Avenue to its intersection with Central Ave, in the Cunningham subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$700.00

Sec. 2. - It is proposed to assess the total cost of the work herein contemplated against lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, in block A, of the Cunningham subdivision and the unsubdivided land fronting Carroll Ave. and opposite block A of the Cunningham subdivision

Sec. 3. - The Mayor and Council, at their regular monthly meeting on the evening of Monday, January 11, 1915, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, will be pleased to hear from all persons interested in the proposed public work herein contemplated.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye the Mayor, ^{Protem} and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, LaFetra, Lewton, Rogers. Voting nay, none.

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

Ordinance No. 248.

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

Sec. 1. That on and after January 1, 1915, the charges for meter rent shall be discontinued to all parties or premises where said meter rent has been paid for a period of three years or over. That in all cases where meters have been issued during the past three years, the charge for meter rent shall be continued at the rate of \$1.50 per annum until a total meter rent of \$9.00 shall have been paid after which said meter rent shall cease.

Sec. 2. - That on and after the passage of this Ordinance a charge equal to the actual cost of the meter and connections, including cost of delivery, shall be made for each meter issued by the Town; such charge to be in lieu of meter rent, the meter remaining the property of the Town. All damage or injury to meters owned by the Town, now in use or which shall be hereafter issued, except the ordinary wear in service, shall be charged against the owner of the premises where the meter is in use; and the cost of removal or repair shall be added to and become a part of the water bill for the premises where the meter is in use and be collectable under the same rules as govern the payment of water rent.

Sec. 3. That on and after the first day of January, 1915, the minimum annual charge for water to any premises shall be \$9.00 which will entitle the premises to the use of 5000 cubic feet of water. The charge for water in excess of 5000 cubic feet shall be at the rate of 15 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Sec. 4. - That on and after the passage of this Ordinance the deposit for water covering building operations shall be as follows: for a frame building of not over 10 rooms, \$3.00; for a building of masonry of not over 10 rooms, \$6.00; with a proportionate increase in buildings larger than herein specified. Water deposits for buildings shall be good for not to exceed four months after which time the deposit must be renewed or a meter installed.

Sec. 5. - All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Repealed by No. 1009 (2/21/15)

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and upon an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was adopted as follows: voting aye, the Mayor, ^{Protem} and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, LaFetra, Lewton, ^{and} Rogers, and Faff. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill moved that \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated, be authorized to complete repairs to the stand pipe. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Blodgett was authorized to take such action as he deemed advisable in reference to the removal of the water meter at the residence of Mr. W. A. Mellen, said meter now being in an inaccessible place.

On motion of Mr. Rogers Mr. Blodgett was directed to investigate the matter of stop cocks used on service pipes with a view to amend the plumbing regulations so as to require uniform and better stop cock connections.

Mr. Lewton called attention to the National Code of Regulations for electric lighting and suggested in view of the lack of regulations for electric lighting that the matter be investigated. On motion of Mr. LaFetra, Mr. Lewton was directed to investigate and report

Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted the following report which was read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in regard to financing of the proposed improvement in the water system:

December 14, 1914. The Mayor and Council. Relative to the report on the proposed reservoir and other improvements to the municipal waterworks of Takoma Park, Md., submitted by Harry Stevens, C.E., and which is dated March 9, 1914, which was referred to this committee, we have to submit the following report and recommendations:

1st. The Committee recommends the adoption of the general plan as to the reservoir, subject to revision as to details; and recommends that the water level of the reservoir and dam be made two feet higher than proposed. This will give a considerable increase of capacity and at the same time render it unlikely that the pumps to supply the filters would ever be required to be put in use, since a supply amounting to 150,000 gallons per day for about eleven days would be drawn upon before the pumping would be needed; after which time 18 days supply at the same rate would be available in the reservoir without further addition from the stream, which would require to be pumped.

2nd. The Committee recommends that steps be taken to confirm and make sure the title of the Town to the land adjoining the Sligo proposed to be used as the reservoir and dam site and of the land above the dam which will be overflowed, as well as the right of way needed for a pipeline if any; and of such land as will be required for the purpose of relocating the roadway of a part of Sligo Avenue. It suggests that this matter be placed in the hands of a special committee, headed by the Mayor.

3rd. The Committee recommends also that detailed plans and specifications for the dam, reservoir, inlet and outlet gates and pipe lines, be secured as soon as the title to the necessary land is acquired or made certain in the town; and that the work upon these items be then undertaken.

4th. The Committee recommends that one new pumping engine, provided for in Mr. Stevens' report, be purchased at an early date, after due advertisement; and that specifications for this engine, to be of type adapted to the use of a low grade of oil, or other economical fuel, be prepared at once, and that proposals be invited for supplying and installing such engine. The estimated cost of installing this engine is about \$1500 complete. It is expected that the use of such an engine will save nearly one-half of the amount now paid for gasoline, which saving will be approximately \$750 to \$800.00 per annum or 50% on the investment. There appears to be no further reason for delay in initiating this saving.

5th. The Committee approves the recommendation of Mr. Stevens for a lower water tower, but recommends that expenditure for the purpose be made at a later stage of the development of the project on account of the inadvisability of making greater expenditures at present. The concrete lin-

ing of the reservoir should be provided for at a date as early as funds can be allotted for the purpose, but need not be built at first, and may be postponed also as suggested for the tower; but neither the lower tower nor the concrete lining should be lost sight of in connection with the completed project. The omission of these two items will reduce the expenditure at this time by the amount of about \$8,500, leaving the approximate cost of the remaining items at about \$10,000, including a reasonable price for the land.

The Committee does not offer a plan for financing this work of improvement, which is properly a question of consideration by the Finance Committee, but it suggests that the purchase and installation of the new engine may be made from funds now in the Treasury and otherwise unappropriated; and that certificates of indebtedness may be issued from time to time under Section 26 of the Charter as other funds may be required in the execution of the project, provided that the payment of such certificates be made within one year from the date of issue.

The Committee believes that the entire execution of the work proposed will result in a lasting benefit to the Town such as can be had at an equal expense in no other way; and that it will insure a satisfactory supply of water to the Town for at least 20 years to come and for at least double the population. It therefore urges that the work be begun at an early date and completed as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Especial attention is called to the fact that besides affording safety in the quantity of the supply, additional purity of the water will be insured by allowing its settling before filtration, as well as by admitting it to the reservoir only when the stream is fairly clear, thereby adding much to the safety of the population from water-bourne diseases. An additional filter unit will be needed in course of time, but need not be considered at an early date, nor until the balance of the project is completed.

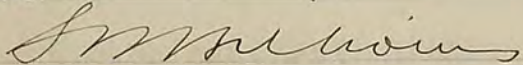
Pending construction of the reservoir, if delayed for more than two years, it may be found needful to purchase and install, at a cost of about \$400.00 a new engine to operate the filter pumps, the present engine being apt to give out in that time. This need not be considered as immediately necessary and this expenditure may be made unnecessary by early completion of the reservoir.


The Committee submits the following estimate which omits provision temporarily for a new stand pipe, cement lining to reservoir and additional filter unit:	
1. Cost of acquiring land not to exceed 3 acres, if found to be necessary. \$ 906.00	3. Pipe. 880' 15' wood stave pipe ----- \$ 1100.00
Cost of new oil engine, installed ----- 1500.00	710' 10' cast iron pipe ----- 781.00
2. Excavation 700 c.y @ 35¢ per c.y ----- \$ 2485.00	Lining of gravel 6" thick ----- 3756.00
Outlet wall - 13 c.y concrete @ 10.00 ----- 130.00	Add 5% for engineering and contingencies ----- 433.00
Gates, screens, etc ----- 175.00	Total ----- 10,000.00
Waste pipe - 40' @ 1.00 per ft ----- 40.00	
Dam. 45 c.y concrete @ 10.00 ----- 450.00	(Add to above, if embankment is raised 2 feet to avoid need of pumping, approximately 2000 cu. yds. @ 40¢ per c.y, \$800.00 plus raising dam 2 feet - say \$1,000, to be safe.)
Gates, screens, etc ----- 125.00	
3405.00	

The remaining items, viz: concrete lining for reservoir, new tank of lower elevation and new filter unit may be deferred until later. The above items should be undertaken in about the order named. It is thought that this work ought to be completed within two years and that the first two items should be undertaken at once.

L.R. GRABILL, Chr. H.E. ROGERS } Committee.
H.F. TAFF E.E. BLODGETT.

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

Approved:  Mayor.


Town Clerk.