

Monday, January 11, 1915

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting 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-----	\$ 2554.38	extra pumping-----	\$ 8.00	218.54
RECEIPTS		Water System: miscellaneous-----	185.40	
From general taxes-----	\$ 338.57	pipe line extensions-----	23.20	208.60
" special "-----	22.12	Sewer system: miscellaneous-----	16.00	
" water and meter rents-----	14.85	sewer fields-----	3.20	19.20
" meter advances-----	18.00	Street work: labor-----	77.80	
" permits-----	11.00	material-----	8.93	86.73
" miscellaneous-----	15.50	Street lighting-----		147.50
	420.04	General expenses: telephones-----		10.70
	2974.42	Salary, clerk and treasurer-----		35.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		Miscellaneous-----		14.90
Pumping and Filter Plants: miscel.-----	12.83	Balance on hand-----		2233.25
Gasoline-----	114.38			
Salary of engineer-----	83.33			

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

The Mayor called attention to the fact that, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 247, passed and approved December 14, 1915, and pursuant to public notice duly given in accordance with law, this night had been designated for a public hearing in regard to proposed water and sewer mains on Carroll Ave, between Central and Flower Aves, and invited an expression of views thereon by any parties interested.

Mr. Walter Plumley, representing Mr. B. L. Palmer, stated that while Mr. Palmer was heartily in favor of the proposed work and was perfectly willing to pay his share for the mains abutting his property, he was very much opposed to being assessed for the cost of the sewer extending from Flower Ave. toward the bridge, to the cross sewer connection.

No further views having been submitted Mr. Grabill moved that the matter be referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration in connection with Mr. Palmer's protest. Carried and so ordered.

The Mayor suggested to the Council the advisability of having a more thorough revision of the annual assessment of property for the purposes of taxation, and in order to do so, recommended that the Board of Assessors be ap-

pointed at once and directed to proceed with a general reassessment of property.

Mr. Grabill moved that the recommendation of the Mayor be approved. The motion was carried.

The following nominations for the Board of Assessors were submitted: By Mr. Grabill - Mr. Norman E. Jackson; by Mr. Taff - Mr. J. H. Van Houten; by the Mayor, Mr. J. W. Shadle.

Mr. Grabill moved that the three gentlemen nominated, namely, Messrs. Norman E. Jackson, J. H. Van Houten and J. W. Shadle be appointed a Board of Assessors for the purpose of revising or reassessing the property in the Town for the purpose of municipal taxation and that the Mayor be authorized to fill any vacancy occurring in the personnel of the Board. The motion was carried.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals -- \$ 10.65	Frank Ruppert, Hardware -- \$ 2.00	Thos. Somerville Co. Belting -- \$ 8.42
Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Coal -- 7.35	Mottingly Bros. Disinfectants -- 1.10	Chicago Bridge and Iron Works -- 30.00
Standard Oil Co. 795 gals. gasoline -- 99.38	Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe -- 6.00	A. W. Skinner, printing -- 4.25
" " " 1 bbl. lubricating oil 12.04	Evening Star, Advertising -- 4.80	E. E. Blodgett, tapping fees -- 5.00
Fairbanks Co. Engine repairs -- 7.23	Nat. Elec. Supply Co. Batteries -- 7.23	" " Reading meters -- 18.00

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported continuance of good general health conditions. He reported further that recent disbursements of the Town for anti-toxine for indigent families, had been reimbursed by the county.

Mr. Blodgett, for the Street Committee, reported the sale of 2 of the old street lights and a collection of \$2.00 for private work - in all \$6.00 - which amount he turned over to the Town Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$50 was authorized for material and repairing of bad places in Takoma Avenue between Chestnut and New York Avenues.

Mr. Blodgett invited attention to the serious undermining of the cement sidewalk at the eastern approach to the Carroll Ave. bridge and on motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to make temporary repair thereof and to submit plan and estimated cost of making the necessary permanent and substantial repairs thereof.

Mr. Lewton, for residents of Chestnut Avenue who desire to improve street conditions, requested to be advised

of the amount of parking allowable in that street. After brief consideration the suggestion of Mr. Grabill that three feet of parking could be permitted in Chestnut Ave., was approved.

Mr. Blodgett, for the Baltimore and Washington Transit Co., submitted a request for installing a cement pit between its tracks on Laurel Avenue, for repair purposes. Mr. Blodgett moved that the desired permission be granted, the construction of the work to be subject to approval and supervision of the Street Committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, for the Water and Sewer Committee, in reference to the request of Mr. S. L. Lush for extension of water and sewer mains in the Pine Crest subdivision, moved that Mr. Lush be informed that it was impracticable to make the desired extensions at this time. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill reported further that the work in connection with the water tower was completed with the exception of the installing of the expansion joint which would have to be deferred until warmer weather.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Water and Sewer Committee was authorized to take up with the Potomac Electric Power Co. the matter of extending its electric light line to the pumping station.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be authorized to purchase water meters in lots of ten as needed. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Lambert water meter was ordered purchased until further instruction.

Mr. Blodgett called attention to work necessary at various times in filling trenches which have settled after work in the streets by the gas company and suggested that a charge of \$25⁰⁰ be made against the Gas Company's deposit.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be directed to submit to the Town Treasurer a detailed statement of the cost and location of repair work properly chargeable to the deposit of the Gas Company and that the Treasurer inform the Gas Company thereof and to request that the proper amount be forwarded to restore their deposit to the sum of \$50. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

S. Williams

Mayor

Bun Davis

Town Clerk

Monday Evening, January 18, 1915

The Council met at 8:00 o'clock at the office of the Clerk, pursuant to the call of the Mayor for the purpose of considering proposed street assessment work and such other business as may be presented. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Blodgett, Grabill, LaFetra, Lewton and Taff.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. W.B. Walters requesting three street lights on Lincoln Ave. which request was referred to the Street Committee for report and recommendation.

Mr. Lewton, from the Ordinance Committee, in compliance with the instructions of the Council submitted a proposed Ordinance providing for assessing the cost of permanent street improvements to the abutting property. The proposed Ordinance was considered informally at some length and after various changes made without objection was presented as follows:

Ordinance No. 249

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

Sec. 1. That hereafter ~~the~~ cost of grading of streets, construction of gutters and paving, macadamizing, gravelling or otherwise surfacing of the roadways of streets or avenues of the Town, excluding the cost of improving the spaces covered by the intersection of streets, shall be assessed against the abutting real property which shall be found to be specially benefitted by the improvements, according to the linear frontage thereof; except that in cases where the improved street or avenue is abutted by assessable property on but one side thereof, one-half of the cost only of said street improvement shall be charged to the said assessable property.

Sec. 2. The amounts assessed in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be due and payable within thirty days from the completion of the work; provided that if so desired payment thereof may be made as follows: one-fifth within thirty days from the completion of the work, and one-fifth annually thereafter until the entire amount is paid, all deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum; provided, that payments of one-fifth of the total amount due, or of payments in excess thereof, may be made at any time before due.

Sec. 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not be construed to apply to the ordinary and customary work of repair and maintenance of the streets; nor to improvements made entirely at the expense of individual owners or other interested parties by permission of the Mayor and Council.

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, Lewton and Taff. Voting nay, Councilman LaFetra.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett an appropriation of \$30.00 was authorized for a pipe line across Carroll Ave. at the east end of the Sliquo bridge and for bracing sewer.

Referred by No. 252 (1/23)

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$30 was authorized for cleaning out the dam at the pumping station and for the purchase of rubber boots.

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

Approved:

S. Williams Mayor

Ben J. Davis
Clerk

Tuesday evening, January 26, 1915

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Mayor's residence for the purpose of acting upon the proposition to appoint a Superintendent of Public Works as provided in Ordinance No. 245, passed and approved August 10, 1914, and for such other business as may be presented.

Upon motion of Mr. Taff and upon application therefor, permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Co. to erect poles on New York Ave. and to string wires thereon to furnish electric service to Messrs Adams and Ray.

A communication from the B. and O. Commuters' Association requesting that the Takoma Park Corporation Attorney be present and enter himself of record in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the 27th instant, was on motion of Mr. Grabill referred to the mayor with request that he place it in the hands of Mr. Dyar, Corporation Counsel, and request Mr. Dyar to attend the hearing in the capacity requested if possible.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication:

To the Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen:- I hereby tender my resignation as member of Town Council, Takoma Park, Md., to take effect subject to your pleasure.

Very Respectfully,

Takoma Park, Md. Sept. 14, 1914

E. E. BLODGETT.

Mr. Grabill moved that the resignation of Mr. Blodgett be accepted. In making the motion Mr. Grabill took occasion to comment upon Mr. Blodgett's long, diligent and faithful continuous service as a member of the Council and as its competent Chairman of the Committee on Streets. Mr. Grabill stated that during his own 8 years service on the Coun-

cil he had come in constant contact with Mr. Blodgett regarding municipal affairs and that on account of his familiarity with the town affairs he had long regarded Mr. Blodgett as the most valuable member of the Council and would consent to acceptance of his resignation only because of the probability of his thus being enabled to serve the Town in a more valuable capacity. In moving to accept Mr. Blodgett's resignation Mr. Grabill moved further that in so doing the Mayor and Council express their deep appreciation of Mr. Blodgett's long and faithful service as one of their associates and express a sincere regret at his retirement. The motion was seconded by Messrs. Taff, Lewton and Williams in similar expressions of regard. The motion was thereupon submitted and unanimously carried, the resignation being immediately effective.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Superintendent of Public Works be compensated at a salary of \$1000 per annum; and that he be granted in addition thereto an allowance of \$200 per annum for hire or maintenance of the necessary horse and vehicle for his personal transportation and for light hauling in connection with his duties. Carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. E. E. Blodgett be appointed Superintendent of Public Work^x. The motion was ^{Carried.} unanimously ^{Carried.} to be effective beginning February 1, 1915.

Mr. Lewton moved, in view of the many robberies of chicken coops within the past few weeks, that a reward of \$25⁰⁰ be offered for any information leading to the capture or arrest and conviction of chicken thieves operating in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. The motion was carried.

The Street Committee submitted a proposed schedule of permanent street improvements, copies of which were furnished the members of the Council but consideration of which, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was deferred until the next meeting.

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

Approved:

Ammons Mayor

Ben G. Davis

clerk

Monday Evening, February 8, 1915

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of January 18 and 26 were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report-----	\$ 2233.25	extra pumping-----	\$ 10.00	229.35
RECEIPTS:		Water system: Miscellaneous-----	198.45	
From general taxes-----	\$ 324.96	pipe line extensions-----	36.00	234.45
" special "-----	58.60	Sewer System: miscellaneous-----		16.00
" interest on deposits in bank-----	35.75	Street work: labor-----	78.80	
" miscellaneous-----	6.00	material-----	6.00	84.80
" redemption fund-----	135.33	Street lighting-----		147.50
" permits-----	11.00	General expenses: printing-----	4.25	
" water rents-----	964.10	telephones-----	10.65	
" meter advances-----	18.00	water tapping fees-----	5.00	
	1553.74	miscellaneous-----	1.10	21.00
	3786.99	Salary, clerk and treasurer-----		35.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		Paid from redemption fund-----		135.33
Pumping and filter plants: miscel \$	36.64	Balance on hand-----		2883.56
gasoline-----	99.38			
salary of engineer-----	83.33			

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

Mr. Lush appeared before the Council and urged favorable action upon his request for extension of the water and sewer mains in the Pine Crest Subdivision so as to supply him with this service for a new house he has in contemplation

Mr. Grabill stated that preliminary to action it would be necessary for Mr. Lush to secure from the owners the necessary rights of way over private property for the water and sewer mains and, ^{moved} that Mr. Lush's request be referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for recommendation when said rights of way shall have been secured. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Dawkins of Spruce Ave. appeared before the Council in protest against an excessive water bill against a new residence erected by him on Spruce Ave., and also to enter objection against the assessments made against lots 19 and 20, block 8, Land E. Subdivision, for construction of water and sewer mains in Spruce Ave. These matters were referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration and report.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. Jas. S. Plunkett offering to sell to the Town a road scraper owned by

him for the sum of \$75.00. Upon adverse recommendation of Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of Public Work, Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Plunkett's offer be declined and that he be so informed. The motion was carried.

A communication was presented from Mr. John H. Thomas requesting that the C. and P. Telephone Co. be granted permission to string wires on the electric light poles along Flower Ave. in order to supply him with telephone service. In view of the fact that but a small section of Flower Ave. lies within the town limits, Mr. Taff moved that the Council permit the C. and P. Telephone Co. to string wires on such electric light poles as are upon Flower Ave. within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., under such agreement and arrangement as the Telephone and Electric Light Companies may mutually agree, for the purpose of supplying Mr. Thomas with telephone service, such permit to be revokable at the pleasure of the Council. The motion was carried.

A communication from Mr. M. Frank Ruppert relative to needed repairs on Ethan Allen Ave. was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 10.70	Thos. Samerville Co. Engine Repairs	\$ 1.85	M. Frank Ruppert, Tools	\$ 2.45
Standard Oil Co. Gasoline	149.78	" " Leather	1.12	A. H. Deike, Plumbing	2.00
Natl. Elec. Supply Co. Dry cells, etc.	3.95	Columbia Brick + Coal Co. Coal, Cement, etc.	32.39	U.S. Fidelity Co. Treasr. Bond	19.00
Wash. Rubber Co. Boots and hose	12.00	Rudolph & West Co. Waste	16.10		242.34

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

Mr. Lewton, for the Health Committee reported general health conditions excellent, with some few cases of whooping cough reported.

Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of Public Work, reported completion of repairs to the undermined sidewalk at the east end of the Sliquo Bridge and the bracing of the sewer pipe crossing the stream, at an expense of \$50.20.

Mr. Blodgett reported further that the matter of extending electric light line to the pumping station had been taken up with the Electric Company - that the extension of the line from the Sanitarium would require about 8 poles and that the company would probably submit a proposition at an early date. On suggestion of Mr. Grabill Mr. Blodgett was directed to consult further with the Company in regard to the feasibility of using existing Telephone poles on Lincoln Avenue.

In reference to the proposed water and sewer extensions on Carroll Ave., Mr. Grabill moved, in view of the protest of Mr. Palmer, submitted at the public hearing on the 11th of January, that adverse action be taken and the extensions not made as proposed in Ordinance No. 247; and that the original petition for the extension of the water and sewer mains be re-referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for further consideration and recommendation. Carried and so ordered.

On motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$15.00 was authorized for the purchase of an emory wheel, files and paint.

Mr. Lewton moved that the Board of Assessors be directed to submit the assessment for the ensuing fiscal year upon a basis of the full market value of land and a five percent market valuation upon improvements. There being no second to the motion Mr. Lewton moved that the Board of Assessors be instructed to submit an assessment based upon a 75% of market valuation of land and a 25% market valuation of improvements. This motion also failed for lack of a second.

During the discussion regarding Mr. Lewton's motions, which proceeded by unanimous consent, notwithstanding the lack of seconding motions, members of the Council, the Mayor and a number of residents voiced their views upon the matter. Among the citizens present and speaking upon the subject were Messrs. Lisle Morrison, J.A. LeClerc, Lewis Riggles, R.J. Lillie, Benjamin Munroe,

There being no further business the Council, at 10:20 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

S. Million Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Tuesday Evening, Feby 23, 1915.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill, Lewton, Rogers and Taff; also Mr. Blodgett, Supt. of Public Work.

In the unavoidable absence of the Clerk Mr. Lewton was requested to make record of the proceedings.

Mr. Rogers, as Health Officer, made report concerning destitution in the family of Mrs. Dement, quarantined because of scarlet fever. On recommendation of the Mayor the Health Officer was authorized to expend \$25⁰⁰, or so much as need, for relief of the family.

The Mayor presented a communication from the Washington and Maryland Railway Company requesting a conference with the officials of the Town of Takoma Park in relation to an extension of the road through the Town. Upon motion the Mayor was authorized to appoint a committee, to include himself, to meet and confer with the railway officials. The Mayor appointed Messrs. Grabill, Rogers and Lewton to serve with him upon the Committee.

The Mayor announced that he had called the meeting principally for the purpose of considering the report of the Street Committee relative to the permanent improvement of certain designated streets. The report was submitted by Mr. Grabill as ^{follows:}

Jan. 26, 1915. The Street Committee recommends that the necessary ordinance be prepared and a hearing set preparatory to ordering the improvement of the following streets by grading, constructing gutters and laying roadways of macadam:	
Spruce Ave. from Tulip Ave. northward to Hill Crest Sub. Div. \$ 1200.00	Holly Ave. from Eastern Ave. to the Town boundary -- \$ 1680.00
Willow Ave. from Tulip Ave. northward to the town boundary -- 2100.00	Chestnut Ave. from Eastern Ave. to town boundary -- 1440.00
Maple Ave. from Tulip Ave. southward to Eastern Avenue. --- 1120.00	Takoma Ave. from Chestnut Ave. to Buffalo Ave. (Stone 18' wide, gutter one side only opposite railroad) --- 1600.00
Tulip Ave. from Carroll Ave. to Willow Ave. ----- 1420.00	Columbia Ave. from Carroll Ave. to Poplar Ave. --- 2000.00
Tulip Ave. from Oak Ave. to Holly Ave. ----- 1200.00	
Oak Ave. from Eastern Ave. to the town boundary. --- 2240.00	16000.00

Excepting Tulip Ave. and Takoma Ave., the above estimates are based upon an estimated average cost of \$1.60 per lineal foot of street, and the estimated assessment, except on the streets named, will be 80 cents per lineal foot of abutting property. In the case of Tulip Ave., the estimated lineal foot cost is \$1.10 per foot of abutting property on account of the excessive grading; and on Takoma Avenue, the cost will approximate \$1.31 per lineal foot of abutting property where gutters are laid.

The exemptions in the above streets will amount to about 2150 lineal feet on abutting lots on one side of the street and about 200 lineal feet of street in the intersections, and will leave about \$2100 of the total estimated cost to be borne by the town, provided that the cost opposite the exempted portions of lots is not assessed.

The committee recommends that in addition to the streets recommended herein, any entire squares which may be petitioned for by the owners of a majority of the abutting frontage be also improved.

All of the work named herein, and any additions thereto which are made prior to the time of executing a contract should be included in one contract, to be completed not later than October 1, 1915.

After discussion and explanation of the several expenses of paving and guttering, Mr. Grabill moved to amend the re-

port so as to include Takoma Ave. from Buffalo Ave. to Philadelphia Ave. This would entail an additional 1000 feet of paving, costing approximately \$2600.00, to be paid for by the owners of abutting property, beside the strip along the Baltimore and Ohio right of way and bounded by the public park, which would have to be paid for by the Town. Mr. Grabill's motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved that the report as amended be adopted and the preliminary ordinance prepared. Carried and so ordered.

The following Ordinance was thereupon presented:

Ordinance No. 250

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, viz: the grading of streets, the paving or macadamizing of roadways and the laying or construction of gutters, upon the following named streets or Avenues of the Town, abutting the lots herein enumerated:

Spruce Avenue, from Tulip Avenue northward to the Hill Crest Subdivision, abutting lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 7; and lots 1, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, in block 8; all in the Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision.

Willow Avenue, from Tulip Avenue northward to the corporation line, abutting lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, in block 8; and lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, in block 9; all in the Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision.

Maple Avenue, from Tulip Avenue southward to Eastern Ave, abutting lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, in block 5; and lots 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 37, in block 4; all in B.F. Gilbert's subdivision.

Tulip Avenue, from Carrall Avenue to Willow Avenue, and from Oak Avenue to Holly Avenue, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 7; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 8; and lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, block 6; all in the Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision. And lots 1 and 2, block 6; and lots 14 and 15, block 7, of the B.F. Gilbert Subdivision.

Oak Avenue, from Eastern Avenue to the corporation line, abutting lots 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 36, block 4; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 5; lots 1, C, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 6; and lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14, block 7; all in B.F. Gilbert's subdivision.

Holly Avenue, from Eastern Avenue to the corporation line, abutting lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32, block 6; lots 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15, block 7; and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38 and 39, block 12; all in Gilbert's subdiv.

Chestnut Avenue, from Eastern Avenue to the corporation line, abutting lots 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, block 11; and lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, block 12; all in B.F. Gilbert's subdivision.

Takoma Avenue, from Chestnut Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue, abutting lots 4 and 6, block 11, B.F. Gilbert's Subdivision; and lots 1, 13, 15 and 16, block 69; lots 1, 2, 14 and 15, block 70; lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 73; lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, block 74; lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 21, block 76; lots 1, 2, 3, block 77; and lot 1, block 78; all in the Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co's Subdivision.

Columbra Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Poplar Avenue, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 19; lots 3 and 4, block 16; lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 18; and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 20; all in B.F. Gilbert's Subdivision.

In case of the construction of the herein mentioned public work it is proposed to assess the total cost thereof, exclusive of work at the intersections of streets, and the customary exemptions provided by law, to the abutting property herein before described. The cost of the proposed completed work is estimated at 80 cents per linear foot of assessible property.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, March 29, 1915, at 8 o'clock, at which time and place all parties interested will be heard in regard to the proposed work.

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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 Grabill, Lewton, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The meeting was attended by the Board of Assessors who, through their chairman asked for instructions as to the relative proportion to assess improved and unimproved real estate. Mr. Grabill moved to instruct the Assessors to assess all land at two-thirds of its market value and the improvements thereon at one-third of their present market value. Mr. Lewton moved to amend to read three-fourths on all land and one-fourth upon improvements. The motion to amend was lost. The original motion was then adopted.

In reference to running electric lights wires to the pumping station, Mr. Blodgett, Supt. of Public Works reported that the electric light company objected to placing their wires on the telephone poles because of the charge of \$1.00 per pole therefor. Mr. Blodgett recommended that the Town set 12 poles along Niagara Ave. to Albermark Ave. and thence to the pumping station, at an estimated cost of \$30.00. The matter was referred back to the Supt. for further consideration.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Work and on motion of Mr. Grabill an appropriation of \$200 was authorized for repairs on Carroll Avenue and other streets of the Town.

The Mayor called attention to the existing vacancy of Councilman and suggested the selection of someone to fill the vacancy until June first next. Nominations were presented as follows: Messrs. B. B. Jenkins, L. M. Mooers, J. A. La Clerk and P. P. Pierce. In the absence of a second to the nominations made the matter was deferred until the regular meeting of the Council on the 8th of March.

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

Approved:

S. Williams Mayor.

Ben Davis Clerk.

Takoma Park, Md. Monday Evening, March 8, 1915

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Grabill, Lewton, LaFetra, Rogers and Taff. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of February 23, were read by the Clerk and approved. The monthly report of the Treasurer, duly examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report-----	\$ 2883.56	salary engineer-----	83.33	
Receipts:		extra pumping-----	8.00	272.63
From general taxes-----	\$ 182.74	Water system: miscel-----		22.00
" special "-----	90.27	Sewer system: sewer fields-----		22.60
" permits (water and sewer)-----	5.00	Street work: labor-----	31.45	
" " (building)-----	2.00	material-----	24.89	56.34
" water rents-----	2186.00	Street lighting for January-----		147.50
" meter advances-----	27.00	General expenses: telephones-----	10.70	
" road tax, Montgomery Co-----	1229.14	tapping fees-----	2.50	
	3722.15	miscellaneous-----	12.45	25.65
	6605.71	Salary: clerk and treasurer-----		35.00
Disbursements:		Supt. of Public Works-----		100.00
Pump. and filter plants: miscel-----	\$ 31.52			681.72
gasoline-----	149.78	Balance on hand-----		\$ 5923.99

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

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals-----	\$ 10.85	B. F. Schrider, Horseshoing-----	\$ 1.25	G. W. Forsberg, Repairs to engine-----	\$ 26.35
John G. Hodges, Printing-----	6.25	Standard Oil Co. 790 gals gasoline-----	90.86		229.16
M. Frank Ruppert, Tools-----	11.60	Thomson Meter Co. Meters-----	88.00		

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported relative to relief furnished the family of Mrs. Dement, quarantined because of scarlet fever and without means of support. Mr. Rogers stated that as the family was outside the Town he had taken the matter up with the County Health Officer who stated that relief funds expended would be reimbursed by the County.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, returned the communication of Mr. W. B. Walters asking for street lights on Lincoln Avenue, with the following report:

"Four lights, at least, would be required on account of the limitation in the contract as to the distance between lights. This would involve an expenditure of \$60⁰⁰ per annum for these lights. It is believed that the limited population served would not justify this expenditure, and it is recommended that this request be denied." ✓

On motion of Mr. Taff the report of the committee was approved.

Communications of Messrs. M. Frank Ruppert and W. H. Waters requesting improvement of Ethan Allen Ave., were returned by the Street Committee with information that this street had been repaired prior to the receipt of the requests.

Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of Public Works, reported that the streets had been dragged and preliminary repair work done on Carroll Avenue.

In reference to the proposed public hearing on street improvements as provided in Ordinance No. 250, Mr. Taff moved, in view of the amount of work involved in serving the necessary public notices, that the date of the proposed public hearing be set for Monday evening, March 29, 1915, instead of March 22, 1915, and that Ordinance No. 250 be so amended. The motion was unanimously carried. No. 250A
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Mr. Grabill, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported a break-down in the filter plant engine which has been repaired. In reference to the proposed sewer in Carroll Ave. east of the Sliqa bridge, Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. E. N. Jackson be engaged to take the necessary levels in Carroll and Flower Avenues and to make survey for sewer in Carroll Ave. Motion carried. In regard to the sewer extension desired by Mr. Lush and others in the Pine Crest Subdivision, Mr. Grabill reported that the Committee had as yet received no report from Mr. Lush relative to the rights of way necessary before the work was possible.

A communication was laid before the Council from John D. Miller and wife requesting permission to lay a 6-inch sewer from the line of lots 19 and 20, block 19 across Carroll Avenue through lot 2, block , of the Hill Crest subdivision to the existing trunk sewer on Park Avenue. This request being made because of the absence of a sewer in the portion of Carroll Ave. on which these lots front.

Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Miller be granted permission to connect his contemplated houses on Carroll Ave. with the sewer on Columbia Avenue, which would appear to be the more direct line, if the securing of the necessary rights of way is practicable. If not, that he be granted permission in accordance with his request, a prerequisite in either case being the securing of the necessary rights of way over private property and the understanding that said sewer is dedicated to the public use. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Chairman of the Health Committee was directed to confer with the proper authorities of the Washington Sanitarium and Foreign Mission Seminary and require discontinuance of the use of a surface drain on their property

which appears to be an open sewer:

Mr. Grabill laid before the Council a proposition of Mr. J.W. Shadle to lay 530 feet of 4-inch water main on Denwood Ave. north from Carroll Ave., the Town to furnish pipe and all required material, for \$150.00, and moved that the proposition be accepted. The motion was carried.

Upon application therefor and on motion of Mr. Taff permission was granted the Potomac Electric Power Company to make changes in wires on poles on Elm Ave., between Carroll and Ash Aves., on Westmoreland Avenue south of Ash Ave. and on Carroll Ave., east of Elm Avenue; to erect three poles on Westmoreland Avenue. and to relocate, renew and remove poles on Carroll Ave., between Willow and Columbia Ave., all work to be subject to approval of the Superintendent of Public Work.

The Water and Sewer Committee returned to the Council the objection of Mr. Dawkins to the special water main assessment against lots 19 and 20, block 8, L. and E. Subdivision, with remark that they had submitted the matter to the Corporation Counsel who was of the opinion that the assessment was open to question. The committee was of opinion therefore that Mr. Dawkins should be consulted and a compromise agreed upon which action the committee recommended. The recommendation of the Committee was approved by the Council.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Messrs. Johnston V. Best, G.W. Nusbaum and F.B. Linton transmitting a number of petitions of protest against the improvement of streets by the assessment plan. The communication asserted that 61% of the property holders affected by the proposed method of improvement was represented in the protest and that many property owners were not seen at all. The communication and petitions were referred to the Street Committee for consideration in connection with proposed street improvements.

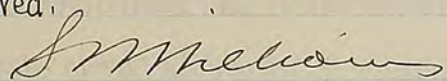
The Finance Committee, to which had been referred the report of the Water and Sewer committee in regard to improvement of the water supply, for the purpose of reporting upon the financing of the matter, returned said report with remark to the effect that the only feasible method of paying for the work would be through the medium of a bond issue. Short term bonds were to be preferred and the project would involve an addition of about 12% in the tax rate during the life of the bonds. The report was referred to the Water and Sewer and Finance Committees for joint consideration and report.

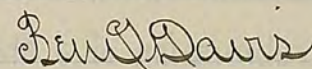
Mr. Lewton, for the Ordinance Committee, submitted a proposed ordinance relative to the regulation of electric wiring. The matter was briefly discussed but final action deferred for further consideration.

The Mayor called the Council's attention to the existing vacancy thereon and suggested the advisability of taking action in regard to filling it. Thereupon Mr. Taff moved that Mr. Benjamin B. Jenkins be elected to fill the vacancy on the Council occasioned by the resignation of Mr. E. E. Blodgett. No other nominations having been made Mr. Taff moved that nominations be closed. The motion was carried. The first motion of Mr. Taff was then unanimously carried and Mr. Jenkins duly declared elected.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

 Mayor.



Clerk

Monday Evening, March 29, 1915

In accordance with law and pursuant to public notice, legally given, a special meeting of the Council was held this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m., in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the provisions of Ordinance No. 250, passed and approved February 23, 1915, providing for certain street improvements, the entire cost of which it is proposed to assess against the abutting property.

There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Grabill, LaFetra, Lewton and Taff. The Mayor administered the oath of office to Mr. B. B. Jenkins, recently selected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Blodgett and Mr. Jenkins thereupon entered upon the discharge of his duties. There were a large number of citizens present.

The Mayor, in a brief statement explaining the object of the meeting, called attention to the advisability of improving the town streets and the difficulties in the Council's way, financially, of making any extensive progress in this direction.

except by assessing the cost thereof directly to the property benefitted and permitting repayment within five years, in like manner as to water and sewer mains and cement sidewalks. The Mayor thereupon called upon Mr. Grabill, Acting Chairman of the Street Committee, to explain more in detail the proposed street improvement.

Mr. Grabill explained at length the reasons leading up to the proposed plan of street improvements and payment of the cost thereof. The plan proposed appeared the only one feasible if any real progress were to be made. To increase general taxation for the purpose or to issue long-term bonds both appeared unwise. The estimated cost of 80 cents per foot of taxable property would require an annual payment of but \$8.00 on a 50-foot lot, and the increased value of the lot would doubtless be much in excess of the cost of the improved streets.

After submission of a statement by the Clerk that proper advertisement and notification had been given as required by law, the Mayor called upon interested parties to submit their views in the order in which the streets appeared. The following citizens submitted views in favor of the plan suggested in Ordinance No. 249: Ex-mayor W. G. Platt, ex-Councilman Lisle Morrison, Homer Skeels, Samuel Huff and Lloyd Biddle. Among those opposing the proposed plan were Messrs. D. M. Miller, J. H. Lightfoot, W. W. Dyar, R. S. Cyphers, J. V. Best, Mrs. F. Austin, G. W. Nusbaum, Lewis Riggles, H. C. Gore, John Poler, F. B. Linton, M. E. Anderson, J. A. LeClerc, F. C. Brainard, Angus Lamond, U. S. J. Dunbar, J. J. Snodgrass, Benj. Munroe, F. W. Longley, E. Q. Knight, S. H. Lillie, Dr. H. M. Bennet and J. Bond Smith.

In connection with the verbal remarks, pro and con, the Clerk laid before the Council petitions requesting that street improvements be continued from the general fund and not as proposed in Ordinance No. 249, from residents on streets affected, as follows: Holly Ave., signed by 60% of the property owners; Spruce Ave., 75%; Chestnut Ave., 81%; Takoma Ave., 91½%; Maple Ave., 60%; Willow Ave., 66⅔%; Columbia Ave., 42⅕%; Tulip Ave., 71⅕%; Oak Ave., 28⅓%; an average of 61% of all property owners. Letters of protest were also presented from Terrell and Little, J. N. Fifield, Augusta T. Long, and Mrs. Blanche K. Parker, and a petition of protest from the Baltimore^{Ave} Neighborhood Association, signed by fourteen residents of that street.

A petition was presented to the Council, signed by 9 property owners living on Takoma Ave., between Philadelphia

and Albany Aves, favoring the proposed method of street improvement and requesting that Takoma Ave. between the streets mentioned be improved at an early date in accordance with the plan proposed.

All gentlemen so desiring, having been heard, Mr. Grabill moved that the petitions and papers of record, together with the verbal remarks submitted, be taken under consideration, and that the hearing be adjourned. The motion was carried and accordingly the meeting, at 11:05 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Ben Davis Clerk

Smiley Mayor.

Monday Evening, April 12, 1915

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of March 29, were read, and with slight corrections, 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	\$ 5923.99	Water system: miscellaneous	\$ 91.20	
Receipts:		Pipe line extensions	242.20	333.40
From general taxes	\$ 1060.04	Sewer system: sewer fields		6.40
" special "	264.63	Street work: labor	60.60	
" water rents	458.50	Material	1.25	61.85
" " meters	18.00	Street lighting		147.50
" water and sewer permits	32.00	General expenses: printing	6.25	
" building permits	14.00	postage	10.50	
	1847.17	telephones	10.85	
	7771.16	miscellaneous	29.22	56.82
Disbursements:		Salary, clerk and treasurer		35.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 34.69	" Supt. of Public Work		100.00
Gasoline	90.86			957.85
Salary of engineer	83.33	Balance on hand		\$ 6813.31
Assistance to "	8.00			
	216.88			

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication signed by residents in the Cunningham Subdivision requesting the locating