

Monday Evening, November 8, 1915.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor pro tem Dyar and Councilmen Grabill, Jenkins, LaFetra and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of November 1 were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 1101.30	Water System: miscellaneous	22.75		
Receipts:			pipe line extensions	129.60	152.35	
From general taxes	\$ 411.06		Sewer System: miscellaneous	4.80		
" special "	271.69		sewer fields	4.80		
water rents	13.50		pipe line extensions	210.92	220.52	
special deposits	28.00		Street Work: labor	65.80		
meter advances	18.00		material	3.15	68.95	
water and sewer permits	24.00		Improved roads		4685.03	
building permits	2.00		Street lighting		147.50	
miscellaneous	5.00		General expenses: printing	4.50		
proceeds of bond issue	6000.00	6773.25	postage	21.00		
		7874.55	telephones	10.70		
Disbursements:			miscellaneous	3.40	39.60	
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 20.93		Semi-annual interest on bonds		1000.00	
gasoline	134.28		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	35.00		
salary of engineer	83.33		supt. of public work	100.00	135.00	6699.99
extra pumping	8.00	246.54	Balance on hand			1174.56
Cement walks		4.50				

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

The Mayor pro tem laid before the Council a communication from Mr. W. A. Colcord complaining of the method of laying a tile drain in the parking in front of his house on Chestnut Ave., in connection with the permanent street improvements. The Mayor pro tem informed the Council that the matter was being considered with the hope of improving the situation complained of.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. R. S. Cyphers objecting to the grade of the driveway constructed at his lot on Chestnut Ave. but in view of the statement of the Superintendent of Public Work that the driveway had been removed, no action was deemed necessary.

Mr. Lloyd Biddle and Dr. A. L. Miller, representatives of the Baltimore Ave. Improvement Association, appeared before the Council urging that the error in construction of the sidewalks on Baltimore Avenue, whereby the end of the old walk and the beginning of the newer walk in front of Dr. Miller's residence failed to coincide, be rectified and that an exposed drain basin on the same street be made safe and secure.

On motion of Mr. Grabill it was ordered that the necessary portion of the cement walk on Baltimore Ave in front of the property of Dr. A.L. Miller be removed and the walk be reconstructed in conformity with the property lines, at the expense of the general fund and that the Mayor be authorized to contract for the work; and that the Superintendent of Public Work be directed to have the catch basin complained of properly repaired

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

Gand P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.41	Evening Star N.C. Advertising	\$ 8.55	Edward Dickens, 16 loads sand	\$ 32.00
Standard Oil Co. 1375 gals. gasoline	217.15	Rudolph West and Co. 1 doz. hack saw blades	.70	A. H. Deike, Plumbing	2.50
Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe	6.80	Columbia Brick and Coal Co.	6.84		312.50
E. M. Dawson, Testing cement	4.00	Barrett Mfg. Co. 566 gals Tarvis	33.96		

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

Mr. Grabill, from the committee on streets and lights submitted the following approximate estimate of the amount due the Harper and Voigt Co. on their contract for cement roadways to date and moved that payment of the balance due be authorized as soon as the funds are available. The motion was carried: For work completed to date (Nov. 8, 1915) \$16250.00; less 10% (\$1625.00) as per contract, leaves amount due, \$14625.00; deduct total payment to date, \$9540.00, leaves balance due of \$5085.00

Mr. Grabill moved that the Water and Sewer Committee be authorized to enter into contract for the construction of sewer extension on Flower Avenue. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Superintendent of Public Work was authorized to expend not to exceed \$100 in the construction of a shelter house on the water tower lot for the housing of town machinery and tools.

Mr. Grabill laid before the Council a copy of a letter from the State Board of Health to Mr. Harry E. Stevens, civil engineer, in which it was pointed out that the filtration plant was not in proper working condition, the analysis of water not showing proper standard. Mr. Grabill moved that acknowledgment be made of the receipt of the communication and suggestions invited as to improvement of the purification plant and that the Health Department be asked if it is not possible the unsatisfactory samples are due to improper handling of them. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Ordinance Committee was directed to prepare and submit to the Council an Ordinance pro-

viding for protection of the concrete streets and curbs, with appropriate penalties for violations thereof.

The Street Committee, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was authorized and directed to prepare and distribute a circular inviting residents, along the lines of the new streets especially, to prepare and seed their parkings at once in order to get them in best condition for Spring beautification.

The Clerk and Treasurer submitted a proposed assessment for the sewer on Carroll Avenue, between Central Avenue and the Sliqo bridge, but action thereon was deferred pending the absence of the Mayor.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*S. Williams* Mayor

*Ben Davis*

Clerk.

Monday evening, November 22, 1915

In accordance with public notice, legally given and served in requirement of law, a special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins and Taff. In the unavoidable absence of the Clerk the minutes were taken by Mr. Taff.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting and invited remarks from any parties concerned. No oral or personal objections were presented. A letter from Mr. John W. Pater, addressed to Mr. Dyar, was laid before the Council. In this letter Mr. Pater strongly protested against the work, declaring the present work, if relaid in conformity with the new curb grades would last <sup>received.</sup> for many years and that he was financially unable to meet the large assessment it would involve. No other protests were re-

The hearing having been declared closed the Council proceeded to consideration of the following ordinance:

*Ordinance No. 277.*

*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, construction of the following public work is in contemplation, namely, a four-foot cement sidewalk on the westerly side of Maple Avenue abutting lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, block 5, of B. F. Gilbert's*

subdivision, at an estimated cost of 75 cents per linear foot, said cost to be assessed to the property above enumerated, which property is considered especially benefitted thereby.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council will meet at the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, Dec. 13, 1915, at 8 o'clock, at which time and place all parties interested will be heard in regard to the proposed work.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The above Ordinance was presented after consideration of a petition signed by a number of residents living on Maple Ave. extended and after an address by Mr. Gibson in favor thereof.

Reverting to the proposed cement sidewalk on Holly Avenue, Mr. Grabill presented the following Ordinance:

*Ordinance No. 278.*

*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, 1909, it is hereby ordered that a four-foot cement sidewalk be constructed on the easterly side of Holly Avenue as proposed in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 276, passed and approved November 1, 1915.

Sec. 2. The whole cost of the work herein provided will be assessed against the property enumerated in said Section 1 of said Ordinance No. 276, the said property being hereby declared specially benefitted thereby.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins and Taff. Voting nay, none.

A request from Mr. H. H. Spencer for an additional street light at the end of Maple Avenue, and a petition from residents in that vicinity to the same effect, was referred to the street committee for consideration and report.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, the Superintendent of Public Work was authorized to contract for the necessary poles to extend electric light wires to the pumping and filtration plant buildings.

Mr. Grabill moved that of the cement sidewalk ordered constructed on Holly Avenue, that portion from Tulip Ave. to the corporation line be constructed at once, by contract and that the portion from Tulip Ave. to Eastern Ave. be deferred until further orders. The motion was, <sup>[carried.]</sup>

There being no further business the Council thereupon adjourned.

Approved:

*A. Williams*

Mayor

Acting Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 13, 1915

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of November 22, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The Mayor announced that in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 277, passed and approved November 22, 1915, hearing would now be given to all persons interested in the construction of the cement walk on Maple Avenue as therein provided.

The Clerk informed the Council that the necessary advertisement and notice in connection with the proposed work had been made.

Mr. Kyle addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed work, stating that he would be assessed for 200 feet of the proposed 350 feet of walk and that only 50 feet of the walk had been petitioned for by an affected owner.

Mr. Wm. Hanneman advocated the construction of the walk as representative of 50 feet of property assessable therefore.

Mr. John A. Ridgeway spoke of the necessity of the proposed walk to connect the several properties below Mr. Kyle; that these properties would continue the walk at private expense if the connecting walk within the town were provided.

No further persons desiring to be heard upon the matter the hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Grabill moved, that, in view of the opposition of Mr. Kyle, who represented the larger part of the property involved, to immediate construction of the walk, that the matter be deferred until the April meeting of the Council. The motion was carried.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 1174.56	assistance to engineer	\$ 8.00	311.72
Receipts:		Sewer system; sewer fields	6.40	
From general taxes	\$ 266.38	pipe line extensions	9.05	15.45
" special "	198.66	Street work; labor	112.00	
" water rents	40.63	material	72.80	184.80
" meter advances	18.00	Concrete streets		6569.59
" water and sewer permits	23.00	Street lighting		147.50
" building permits	8.00	General expenses; telephones		11.41
" redemption fund	1164.40	Miscellaneous expenses		2.27
" proceeds bonds and accrued interest	9061.25	Salary, clerk and treasurer		35.00
	10780.32	" Supt. of public work		100.00
	11954.88	Redemption fund		1164.40
Disbursements:		Balance on hand		8542.14
Pumping and filter plants: miscel	\$ 3.24			3412.74
gasoline	217.15			
salary of engineer	83.33			

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

The Clerk laid before the Council an invitation from Mr. W. G. Platt, President of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, <sup>inviting them</sup> to attend a meeting of said Association to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Monday evening, December 20, 1915, which meeting is to be devoted exclusively to Maryland affairs and at which Mayor Williams has consented to deliver an address.

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

Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.95	Lynchburg Foundry Co. castings	\$ 22.98	M. Frank Ruppert, Hardware	\$ 4.15
Standard Oil Co. 935 gals. gasoline	151.15	Columbia B. and C. Co. Coal and cement	9.75	Evening Star. Advertising	8.40
Barnett Mfg. Co. 1857 " tarvia	110.04	J. O. Foulk, Painting bridge	20.00	Nat. Elec. Supply Co. Batteries	1.07
Eddy Valve Co. Valves and hydrants	85.25	Harper and Voigt Co. Hauling oil	41.25	Standard Oil Co. Lubricating oil	12.24
E. M. Dawson, testing cement	6.00	Lamond Bros. terra cotta pipe	58.10	A. W. Skinner, Printing	2.25

On motion of Mr. Taff payment of the bills was directed except that of Lamond Bros. for terra cotta pipe, which should be withheld until checked and approved by the Superintendent of Public Work.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee submitted a tentative statement of the cost of the concrete roadways and the work incident thereto and moved that when statement was complete and certified by the Street Committee and the Superintendent of Public Work, that the Treasurer be authorized to make payment of the amount due the contractor, retaining the 10% for 6 months in accordance with the terms of the contract. The motion was carried.

Mr. H. H. Spencer submitted a verbal request to the Council for an additional street light on the lower end of Maple Ave. but inasmuch as such a light would have to be located outside the town limits no action was taken.

Mrs. E. K. Nelson and Mrs. Homer Skeels appeared before the Council in behalf of the Home Interest Club of Takoma Park to request that action be taken by the Council to establish a definite and uniform building line. Without objection the Mayor referred the matter to the Ordinance Committee for consideration and report.

The Council discussed at length the method of assessing the cost of the concrete streets, whether by separate blocks or streets or as a whole. Upon conclusion thereof Mr. Grabill moved that the Street Committee be authorized and directed to figure out the assessments for the special work in connection with the concrete streets, taking the cost of each separate street as the unit thereof. The motion was lost.

Mr. Taff moved that an appropriation of \$25.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be granted for cleaning out the tank at the small sewer field. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

B. D. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, January 10, 1916

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins, LaFetra, 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	\$ 3412.74	additional pumping	9.00	267.41
Receipts:		Water System: pipe line extensions		125.83
From general taxes	\$ 435.03	Street work: labor	49.40	
" water rents	3.00	material	153.69	203.09
" meter advances	27.00	Cement walks		8.40
" water and sewer permits	4.00	Concrete roadways		2014.31
" building permits	4.00	Street lighting		205.00
" miscellaneous	10.00	General expenses: printing	2.25	
	483.03	telephones	11.95	14.20
	<u>3895.77</u>	Miscellaneous expenses		4.15
Disbursements:		Salary, clerk and Treasurer		35.00
Pumping and filter plants: miscel	23.92	" Supt of Public Work		100.00
gasoline	151.15			<u>2977.39</u>
salary of engineer	83.34	Balance on hand		\$ 918.38

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

Upon application therefor and upon motion of Mr. Dyar permission was granted the C. and P. Telephone Company to attach telephone wires to poles of the Potomac Electric Power Co., within the town, to furnish telephone service to W.M. Adams, 248 Maple Ave., and to J.S. Fraser, 105 Elm Ave, provided attachments and connections were made in like manner as required under similar conditions, by the lawful Regulations in force in the District of Columbia.