

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. O. 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.

The following unfinished business, a communication from the Town Treasurer, was laid before the Council:

Sub. Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front feet	Side feet	Total feet	Amount Due	Sub Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due
Cunq.	A	1	Harry W. Miller	67.7	37.56	105.26	47.36	Gil.	49	8	Sylvester M. and Louise A. Butler	50	---	50	22.50
		2	" " "	60	---	60	27.00			8	Chas. C. and Elizabeth Lewis	60	---	60	27.00
		3	Flora N. Vasey	60	---	60	27.00			10	Harry W. and Marie Miller	104	100.65	204.65	92.09
		4	" " "	60	---	60	27.00			11	Leon L. and Agnes Cabiness	75.3	---	75.3	33.88
		5	Harry W. and Marie Miller	60	---	60	27.00			12	Deborah S. John	66.1	---	66.1	29.75
		6	" " " "	60	---	60	27.00			13	Henry N. and Patience S. Sisco	82.4	---	82.4	37.08
		7	Mary M. Campbell	60	---	60	27.00			14	" " " "	67	---	67	30.15
		15	Thomas R. and Mary V. Davis	50	---	50	22.50		51	Un.	Washington Sanitarium	414.8	---	414.8	186.66
		16	Pauline A. Hannen	50	---	50	22.50		"	"	B. L. Palmer	75	---	75	33.75
		17	Alma S. Knoblack	50	---	50	22.50		"	"	Margaret R. Stewart	291.3	---	291.3	131.09

Very Respectfully
BEN G. DAVIS, Clerk and Treasurer.

After extended discussion of the assessment as submitted, especially in reference to the assessment against Block 51, in the name of the Washington Sanitarium, the following Ordinance was presented for the Consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 279.

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

Sec. 1. That the special assessment presented in the report of the Town Treasurer under date of November 1, 1915, for the payment of sewer construction in Carroll Avenue and Flower Avenue, with the exception of the assessment therein of \$186.66 against 414.8 feet frontage of block 51, Washington Sanitarium, which item is hereby deferred for future determination, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, the several properties being hereby declared specially benefitted by the said work to the amount of the assessments therein.

Sec. 2. - The assessments herein approved and adopted shall be due and payable within 30 days from the adoption hereof; provided that if so desired, payments may be made in five equal installments, the first due and payable 30 days from the date of approval hereof and the remaining payments due and payable on the first day of each July following, until paid; provided further, that payments of one-fifth or excess thereof may be made at any time prior to becoming due; all deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Mr. Dyar 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, LaFetra, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

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

C and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.00	Carroll Electric Co. leather belting	\$ 17.00	Thomson Meter Co. 12 water meters	\$ 105.00
Standard Oil Co. 1325 gals. gasoline	251.88	B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing	2.35	A. S. Rogers, Repair parts gas engine	14.60
Col. Brick and Coal Co. 1 ton coal	7.35	Laumont Bros. Terra cotta pipe	25.00		518.98
S. J. Powell, Platting cross sections	16.80	E. N. Jackson, Surveying	68.00		

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

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

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md. Takoma Park, Md., Jan. 10, 1916
 Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of the cost of the cement walks recently constructed on Maple and Holly Avenues:
 Contractor ----- \$ 472.82 | Inspector ----- \$ 15.00
 Advertising ----- 9.00 | Miscellaneous ----- 45 Total -- \$ 497.27
 This cost is chargeable to 802.06 linear feet of abutting property - a per foot assessment of 62 cents. Upon this basis the following proposed assessment is submitted for your consideration:

Sub Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	Sub. Div.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	
Gilbert	3	2	Lulah Pafflow	81.12		81.12	\$ 50.29	Gilbert	6	23	Harrison M. Bennett	23		23	\$ 14.26	
		3	Arthur L. Reynolds	50		50	31.00			26	Martin E. Anderson	54		54	33.48	
		4	" "	25		25	15.50			27	Mary H. Ellin	60		60	37.20	
	6	2	Emil A. and Mathilda Kreutzer	65.74		65.74	40.76			28	Fannie S. Dyar	60		60	37.20	
		3	Nellie Plumley	50		50	31.00			29	Edward M. Douglas	60		60	37.20	
		4	" "	50		50	31.00			31	Ella M. Heaton Estate	43.2		43.2	26.78	
		5	William F. Wight	50		50	31.00			32	Charles W. Smiley	30		30	18.60	
	6	Parmela T. Gore	50		50	31.00										
	7	Elizabeth J. Whitmer Estate	50		50	31.00										
												Totals	802.06		802.06	497.27

Very Respectfully
 BEN G. DAVIS Treasurer.

The following Ordinance was thereupon submitted for consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 280

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

Sec. 1. That the special assessment presented in the report of the Town Treasurer under date of January 10, 1916 for the payment of cement sidewalks on Carroll and Holly Avenues, be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted, the several properties therein mentioned being hereby declared specially benefited by the said cement walks to the amount of the assessments therein.

Sec. 2. The assessments herein approved and adopted shall be due and payable within 30 days from the adoption hereof; provided that, if so desired, payments may be made in five equal installments, the first due and payable 30 days from the date of approval hereof, and the remaining payments due and payable on the first day of each July following, until paid; provided further, that payments of one-fifth or excess thereof may be made at any time prior to becoming due; all deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Mr. Dyar 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, LaFetra, Jenkins, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, submitted a statement showing a total amount of \$502.86 due Messrs. Harper and Voigt Company for the construction of cement walks on Park, Maple and Holly Aves., and the committee's approval for payment thereof. On motion of Mr. Grabill payment of the bill was directed.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, submitted also a final statement of all work done in connection with the construction of concrete roadways under the contract with Messrs. Harper and Voigt Company. This report showed the total cost of work done by the contractors to be \$19937.57. Of this amount \$355.76 is for private driveways and leads.

Mr. Dyar moved that the report of the Committee be approved and that the contractor be paid any sums that may be now due him under the terms of his contract; and that the total amounts for private work - drive ways and leads be declared immediately due and payable and the Treasurer directed to send bills therefor at his earliest convenience. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, submitted correspondence with the Potomac Electric Power Company relative to a bill for \$500.00 submitted by the company for the removal of a pole at the corner of Tulip and Oak Ave., in connection with the construction of concrete streets. It is contended by the Company that because the pole supports an electric street light its removal at the request of the Town brings it within the lighting contract which provides that the change of location of a lighting pole shall be made at a charge of \$500.00. Mr. Grabill moved that the Clerk be directed to inform the Potomac Electric Power Co. that the change in location of this pole was not directed for the purpose of changing the location of the light but because it interfered with the necessary street improvement and is not therefore properly chargeable to the Town. The motion was carried.

Mr. LaFetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee, returned to the Council, a communication from the Washington Sanitarium, dated September 20, 1915, relative to proposed changes in their water system, provided their efforts to secure artesian water are successful, with the following indorsement:

Oct. 7, 1915. - The Water and Sewer Committee recommends the granting of new water service near Slick Creek and the closing of service at the intersection of Flower and Carroll Aves, as requested in this letter, all costs attendant to be borne by the Washington Sanitarium. The kind of meter to be installed is to be approved by the Water and Sewer Committee, said meter to be located at the entrance of the main

to the Sanitarium property near Sligo Creek. The Committee further recommends that the Sanitarium be permitted to furnish water to such buildings on Flower Avenue as are now connected to the water main of the Washington Sanitarium, with the understanding that said property will pay its share of the cost when water mains are installed on said street and connect thereto, and that in the meantime these properties shall continue to pay the Town of Takoma for water at the rate fixed by the Town; the Sanitarium to be credited for the amount of water consumed by said parties.

On motion of Mr. La Fetra the report of the Committee was approved and adopted.

Mr. Dyar, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following proposed Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 281.

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

Sec. 1. That whoever shall, without having first obtained permission from the Mayor, knowingly draw or drive, or cause to be drawn or driven, any wagon, cart, automobile, truck, or other vehicle of any kind whatsoever, over, across or upon the curbing of the streets or alleys; or over, across or upon the parking, which lies between the streets and the sidewalks, except where there is a prepared driveway, shall be fined not to exceed twenty-five dollars; and in default of payment of such fine shall be imprisoned for not exceeding thirty days.

Mr. Jenkins 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, La Fetra, Jenkins, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

The Mayor announced the addition of Mr. Jenkins to membership on the Finance Committee.

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

Approved:

J. M. Wilson

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

clerk

Thursday Evening, February 3, 1916

A special meeting was held at the office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock, pursuant to the call of the Mayor, for the purpose of considering the special assessment for construction of concrete streets and such other business as may be presented.

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. George W. Collison, stating that he is about to construct a residence on lot 3, block 17, Pine Crest subdivision, and requesting an extension of the water main in that block so as to afford him water facilities and that the matter of sewer facilities be investigated and also provided if possible.

Mr. LaFetra, for the Water and Sewer Committee moved that the preliminary ordinance for the extension of the water main through Block 17, Pine Crest Subdivision, be presented and that the Water and Sewer Committee be directed to investigate and report as to the feasibility of sewerage for this block. The motion was carried and the following Ordinance submitted:

Ordinance No. 282.

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: extension of the 4-inch water main through block 17 of the Pine Crest Subdivision, from its present terminus in lot 8, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, to First Street, approximately 294 feet at an estimated cost of \$1.00 per linear foot, the total cost thereof to be assessed to the property above enumerated, which property is considered specially benefitted thereby

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, on Monday evening, March 13, 1915, at 8 o'clock p.m., will hear all interested parties in reference 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 Grabill, LaFetra, Jenkins, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communications from the Town Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council, Town of Takoma Park, Md.

Takoma Park, Md., February 1, 1916.

Gentlemen: The following is a statement of the cost of laying the four-inch water mains in Carroll Avenue, from Flower Avenue to Central Avenue, and in Flower Avenue, from Davis Avenue to Jackson Avenue:

818 ft. 4-in water pipe, at 28¢	\$ 228.24	Labor	\$ 182.85	Surveying	\$ 15.00
2 fire hydrants	60.00	Hauling pipe	7.80	Inspection	60.00
625 lbs. lead at 7¢	43.75	Special castings	8.00	Miscellaneous	5.32
25 lbs hemp packing at 8¢	2.00	Advertising	10.00	Total	\$ 622.96

This amount is assessable against 1557.4 linear feet of frontage, a per foot assessment of 40 cents, The following assessment on the basis stated is respectfully submitted:

Feb. 1916

Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount due
Unsubdivided			B.L. Palmer	179.7		179.7	\$ 71.88	Cunq.	C	1	Harry W. Miller	50		50	\$ 20.00
Cunq.	A	1	Mary R. Stewart	291.3		291.3	116.52			2	" " "	50		50	20.00
		2	Harry W. Miller	61		61	24.40			3	Thomas R. and Mary V. Davis	50		50	20.00
		3	" " "	60		60	24.00			4	" " " " " "	50		50	20.00
		4	Flora N. Vasey	60		60	24.00			5	" " " " " "	50		50	20.00
		5	" " "	60		60	24.00			6	" " " " " "	50		50	20.00
		6	Harry W. Miller	60		60	24.00	Gilbert's	49	4	Edward M. Douglas	160		160	64.00
		7	" " "	60		60	24.00			6	" " " " " "	155.4		155.4	62.16
		8	Mary M. Campbell	60		60	24.00				Total	1557.4		1557.4	\$622.96
			" " "	50		50	20.00								

Very Respectfully, BENG. DAVIS, Treasurer

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Takoma Park, Md., February 1, 1916.

Gentlemen: - The following is a statement of the cost of the extension of the water main through a portion of Block 17 of the Pine Crest Subdivision:

170 ft of 4-in water pipe at 28¢	\$ 47.60	Special castings	\$ 3.20	Advertising	\$ 4.05
136 lbs. of lead at 7¢	9.52	Surveying	5.00	Inspection	10.00
5 lbs of hemp at 8¢	40	Labor	37.83	Total	\$ 117.60

This amount is assessable against 336 feet of abutting property, at per foot assessment of 35 cents. The following assessment on the basis stated, is herewith submitted:

Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due
Pine Crest	17	7	John H. Walsh	42		42	\$ 14.70	Pine Crest	17	29	West Penn Land Co.	42		42	\$ 14.70
		8	Grace E. Seeley	42		42	14.70			30	Stephen L. Lush	42		42	14.70
		9	Robert E. Seeley	42		42	14.70			31	Stephen L. Lush	42		42	14.70
		10	West Penn Land Co	42		42	14.70				Total	336		336	\$117.60
		11	Sadie A. Miller	42		42	14.70								

Very respectfully, BENG. DAVIS, Treasurer.

The following Ordinance was submitted:

Ordinance No. 283

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

Sec. 1. - That the special assessments presented in the reports of the Town Treasurer, dated February 1, 1916, for the construction of water mains in Carroll Ave. from Flower to Central Ave.; in Flower Ave. from Davis Ave. to Jackson Ave.; and through a portion of Block 17, of the Pine Crest Subdivision, be and the said assessments are hereby approved and adopted, the several properties being hereby declared specially benefitted by the said work.

Sec. 2. - The assessments herein approved and adopted shall be due and payable within 30 days from the adoption hereof; provided that, if so desired, payments may be made in five equal installments, the first due and payable within 30 days from the approval hereof, and the remaining payments due and payable on the 1st day of each July following, until paid. Provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof may be made at any time prior to becoming due; all deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Mr. LaFetra 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 Grabill, Jenkins, LaFetra, Rogers and Taff, Voting nay, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication from the Town Treasurer:

To the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland; Takoma Park, Md., February 1, 1916.
 Gentlemen: - In accordance with the report of the Street Committee which represents the total cost of the cement roadways to be \$2.65 per linear foot for the 20-foot streets and \$3.60 for the 30-foot streets, I have the honor to submit herewith a proposed assessment against the abutting and benefited property upon the one-third basis provided in Ordinance No. 256, passed and approved May 29, 1915. The assessment submitted, based upon the figures of the street committee, provides for a per foot assessment of 88 1/3 cents for the 20-foot roadways and of \$1.20 for the 30-foot roadways, and is as follows:

Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due		
Land E.	5	1	Review and Herald Pub. Assn.	60		60	53.00	Land E.	6	17	Samuel P. Shadle	50		50	44.17		
		4	Louise Y. Roberts	50		50	44.17			18	Mary E. Shadle	50		50	44.17		
		5	John B. and Marquerite Maynard	50		50	44.17			19	Gershon P. Bickford	50		50	44.17		
		6	Carrie E. Boyd	50		50	44.17			20	Charles F. and Addie P. Wilcox	50		50	44.17		
		7	C. M. Andrews	50		50	44.17			21	Benj. H. and Lucy J. Welsh	50		50	44.17		
		8	Roscoe F. and Addie P. Walter	50		50	44.17			22	Harry C. Deibler	50		50	44.17		
		9	George B. Thompson	50		50	44.17			23	Ida A. Simpson	91.25		91.25	80.60		
		10	Carrie V. Graham	50		50	44.17										
		11	Stanley E. and Bertha E. McNeill	50		50	44.17										
			12	" " " " " "	10		10			8.83	7	1	Walter T. and Belle Knox	23.9		23.9	21.11
			13	I. H. Evans	65		65			57.42		2	" " " " "	50		50	44.17
	14	William H. Martin	60.66		60.66	53.58	3	Lillie F. Blanks	50			50	44.17				
								4		50		50	44.17				
								5	Lewis F. Shrader	50		50	44.17				
	6	5	Seventh Day Adventist Church		55	55	48.58	6		50		50	44.17				
		6	" " " "	50		50	44.17	7		50		50	44.17				
		7	A. J. S. Bourdeau Estate	50		50	44.17										
		8	Wm. G. and Kate D. Gerdson	50		50	44.17	8	1		50		50	44.17			
		9	Stella N. Woolgar	45		45	39.75		2		50		50	44.17			
		10	" " " "	22.5		22.5	19.88		3		50		50	44.17			
		10	General Conference Corporation	22.5		22.5	19.88		4	Mary R. Ridgeway	50		50	44.17			
		11	" " " "	45		45	39.75		5	Lillie F. Blanks	50		50	44.17			
		12	" " " "	50		50	44.17		6	Frederick D. B. Austin	50	50	100	88.33			
		13	" " " "	50		50	44.17		7		50		50	44.17			
		14	" " " "	50		50	44.17		8		50		50	44.17			
	12	Robert A. Ramsay	67.35		67.35	59.56	9			50		50	44.17				
	13								50		50	44.17					
	14						10			50		50	44.17				
	15	Mary Ellen Shadle	50		50	44.17	11		50		50	44.17					
	16	" " " "	50		50	44.17	12		50		50	44.17					

Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due
Land E	8	13		50		50	44.17	Gilberts	3	10	Jesse H. Van Alstyne	50		50	44.17
		14		50		50	44.17			11	Seraph Y. Ford	50		50	44.17
		15		50		50	44.17			12	" " "	50		50	44.17
		16		50		50	44.17			13	" " "	55		55	48.58
		17		50		50	44.17								
		18		50		50	44.17								
		19		50		50	44.17		4	17	Alcena Lamond	109.9		109.9	97.07
		20		50		50	44.17			17	Angus Lamond	10		10	8.83
		21		50		50	44.17			18	" "	50		50	44.17
		22		50		50	44.17			19	F. Viola Fowler	56.28		56.28	49.71
										20	Francena Brainerd	50		50	44.17
										21	Angus Lamond	50		50	44.17
										22	Alcena Lamond	50		50	44.17
										23	Evelyn S. Brainerd et al	20		20	17.67
	9	1	Frank Sommer		10	10	8.83			2					
		1		40		40	44.17			24	Evelyn S. Brainerd et al	50		50	44.17
		4		50		50	44.17			25	Angus Lamond	50		50	44.17
		5		50		50	44.17			26	" "	25		25	22.09
		6		50		50	44.17			26	Charles L. Greenfield	25		25	22.09
		7		50		50	44.17			27	Charles Hering	50		50	44.17
		8		50		50	44.17			28	Hannah J. Riess Doten	50		50	44.17
		9		50		50	44.17			29	Charles L. Greenfield	50		50	44.17
		10		50		50	44.17			30	" " "	5		5	4.42
		11		50		50	44.17			30	Edward M. Douglas	45		45	39.75
		12		50		50	44.17			31	Augusta W. T. Long	50		50	44.17
		13		50		50	44.17			32	" " "	50		50	44.17
		14		50		50	44.17			33	Edward M. Douglas	25		25	22.09
		15		50		50	44.17			33	Trustees, Presbyterian Church	25		25	22.09
		16		50		50	44.17			34	" " "	35		35	30.92
		17		50		50	44.17			34	Mary K. Smith	15		15	13.25
		18		50		50	44.17			35	Augusta W. T. Long	50		50	44.17
		19		50		50	44.17			36	" " "	55		55	48.58
										37	Mary K. Smith	55		55	48.58
Gilberts	3	2	Lulah Pafflow	81.12		81.12	71.65								
		3	Arthur L. Reynolds	50		50	44.17								
		4	" " "	25		25	22.09		5	2	Barbara A. Brown Estate	65.74		65.74	58.07
		4	Mary C. Taff	25		25	22.09			3	" " " "	50		50	44.17
		5	" " "	50		50	44.17			4	" " " "	50		50	44.17
		6	Elizabeth Maxwell	50		50	44.17			5	George W. Pigman	50		50	44.17
		7	" "	50		50	44.17			6	" " "	50		50	44.17
		8	" "	50		50	44.17			7	Eliza P. and Anna S. Baitzer	50		50	44.17
		9	Jesse H. Van Alstyne	50		50	44.17			8	" " " " " "	50		50	44.17

Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Feet	Side Feet	Total Feet	Amount Due	
Gilberts	5	9	Eva P. Eldridge	50		50	\$ 44.17	Gilberts	7	5	Clara A. and Florence Cole	50		50	44.17	
		10	" " "	50		50	44.17			6	Ben G. Davis	50		50	44.17	
		11	Rollinson Colburn	50		50	44.17			7	Mary A. Poler Estate	50		50	44.17	
		12	William W. Anderson							8	" " "	50		50	44.17	
		13	" " "							9	Ben G. Davis	50		50	44.17	
		14	Emma H. Le Clerc	50		50	44.17			11	Mary A. Spencer	50		50	44.17	
		15	" " "	50		50	44.17			12	" " "	50		50	44.17	
		16	" " "	50		50	44.17			15	" " "	55		55	48.58	
	6	C		Stephen W. Williams	70		70		47.61	19	Elizabeth Purman	50		50	44.17	
			1	Edith B. Culley	65.74		65.74		59.17	20	Benj. B. and Minerva P. Jenkins	50		50	44.17	
			2	Emil A. and Mathilda Kreutzer	50		50		44.17	21	" " " " " "	55		55	48.58	
			3	Nellie Plumley	50		50		44.17	11	4	Minerva Keller	97.40		97.40	86.04
			4	" " "	50		50		44.17		4	Alberta W. K. Rhodes	9.84		9.84	8.39
			5	William F. Wight	50		50		44.17		8	Anna L. Colcord	50		50	44.17
			6	Parmela T. Gore	50		50		44.17		9	Elizabeth E. Reiss	135.18		135.18	119.40
			7	Elizabeth J. Whitmer Estate	50		50		44.17		10					
12			Stephen W. Williams	50		50	44.17	11	Lisle and Isabel Morrison		60		60	53.00		
13			" " "	50		50	44.17	12	" " " "		60		60	53.00		
14			Mattie B. DeWitt	50		50	44.17	13	Harriet and Charles S. Miller		60		60	53.00		
15			Amelia E. Eggleston	50		50	44.17	14	Harrison M. Bennett		60		60	53.00		
16			Mary B. A. McLaughlin	50		50	44.17	15	" " "		60		60	53.00		
17			" " "	10		10	8.83	16	" " "		60		60	53.00		
17			Edith B. Culley	40		40	35.35	17	" " "	6		6	5.30			
18			" " "	50		50	44.17	12	3	Myra E. Ourand	40		40	36.00		
19			" " "	50		50	44.17		4	Maggie A. Ourand Estate	50		50	44.17		
20			" " "	50		50	44.17		5	" " " "	50		50	44.17		
21			" " "	50		50	44.17		6	Amelia M. Parkins	50		50	44.17		
23			Harrison M. Bennett	23		23	20.32		7	Eliza H. Parkins	50		50	44.17		
26			Martin E. Anderson	54		54	47.70		8	Albina N. Parkins	50		50	44.17		
27			Mary H. Ellin	60		60	53.00		9	James A. Buchanan	50		50	44.17		
28			Fannie S. Dyar	60		60	53.00		10	" " "	50		50	44.17		
29			Edward M. Douglas	60		60	53.00		11	Lewis and Ella K. Riggles	50		50	44.17		
31				43.5		43.5	38.42		12	" " " " "	25		25	22.09		
32			Charles W. Smiley	30		30	26.50	12	Homer C. Skeels	25		25	22.09			
7				1	Christian DeVries, Trustee	135.41		135.41	119.61	13	" " "	50		50	44.17	
				2	Clara A. and Florence Cole	59.59		59.59	52.64	14	" " "	25		25	22.09	
				3	Mary A. Poler Estate	39.8		39.8	35.16	15	Mrs. J. Owen Darsey	57.3		57.3	50.61	
				4	" " " "	50		50	44.17	16	" " " "	50		50	44.17	

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Gilberts	12	17	Mrs. J. Owen Dorsey	25		25	22.09	T.P.L+T.	70	1	Bliss Electrical School	132.32		132.32	158.78		
		17	Frederick L. Lewton	25		25	22.09			2	" " "	33		33	29.15		
		18	" " "	50		50	44.17			14	" " "	101.6		101.6	121.92		
		19	Clarence A. Reed	50		50	44.17			15	" " "	101.6		101.6	121.92		
		20	Azro J. Corey	50		50	44.17										
		21	" " "	50		50	44.17										
		22	Marie E. Corey	50		50	44.17			73	6	Edwin S. LaFetra	92.20		92.20	110.64	
		23	Emma Bond Smith	58.2		58.2	51.42			7	Wilmer G. Platt	90		90	108.00		
		24	Mrs. J. Owen Dorsey	109		109	96.28			8	Henry Oldys	90		90	108.00		
		25	Anna A. Larkin	60		60	53.00			9	Charles B. Bailey	90		90	108.00		
		26	" " "	60		60	53.00			10	" " "	95		95	114.00		
		27	" " "	60		60	53.00										
		28	Russell S. Cyphers	60		60	53.00										
		33	Joseph A. Davies	60		60	53.00			74	21	Brainard H. Warner	88.38		88.38	97.06	
		34	George W. Nusbaum	60		60	53.00			22	" " "	30		30	36.00		
		35	Frederick B. Linton	60		60	53.00			23	" " "	30		30	36.00		
36	Neville D. and Lottie D. Staughton	20		20	17.67	24	" " "	30		30	36.00						
38	Bessie H. Guerry	54		54	47.70	25	" " "	30		30	36.00						
39	Oscar M. Judd	53		53	46.81	26	" " "	30		30	36.00						
40	Robert N. Gray		39.32	39.32	34.73	27	Emma T. Creecy	30		30	36.00						
						28	" " "	30		30	36.00						
						29	" " "	30		30	36.00						
						30	Bliss Electrical School		56.06	56.06	67.27						
T.P.L+T.	69	1	James L. Wilmeth	107.2		107.2	128.64										
		13	Harry Lakeland	130		130	156.00										
		15	Ida R. Young	70		70	84.00										
		15	Edgar V. Crittenden	60		60	72.00										
		16	" " "	15		15	18.00										
		16	William H. H. Smith	75		75	90.00										

Very Respectfully, BEN G DAVIS Treasurer

The following Ordinance was presented for the consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 284

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the report of the Committee on Streets and Lights, under date of December 27, 1915, which shows the per linear foot cost of the concrete roadways and curbs recently completed, to have been \$2.65 for the 20-foot roadways and \$3.60 for the 30-foot roadways, the rate of the assessment for one-third of the cost thereof, to be paid by the owners of abutting property, is hereby fixed at 88 1/3 cents and \$1.20 per linear foot respectively, and the assessment submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of February 3, 1916, based upon the figures above stated, be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted, the abutting property therein described being hereby declared specially benefitted by the said work; provided that any measurements in the abutting properties submitted in the above-mentioned assessment which may prove to be erroneous, shall be subject to necessary correction at the rate per linear foot herein adopted.

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Sec. 2. The assessments herein approved and adopted shall be due and payable within 30 days from the adoption hereof; provided that, if so desired payments may be made in five equal installments, the first due and payable within 30 days from the date of approval hereof, and the remaining payments due and payable on the first day of each July following, until paid; provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time before coming due; all deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

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 Grabill, Jenkins, La Fetra, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, permission was granted Mayor Williams to lay cement leads in the parking of the streets adjoining his property.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. Williams

Mayor

B. D. Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, February 14, 1916

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of February 3rd were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 918.38	salary of engineer	83.33	
Receipts		extra pumping	10.00	385.96
From general taxes	\$ 243.52	Water system: miscellaneous	105.00	
" special "	281.12	pipe line extensions	77.53	182.53
" water rents	2821.35	Street Work: labor	12.80	
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	1232.67	material	203.00	215.80
" special deposits	222.04	Cement walks		502.86
" water, sewer and gas permits	12.00	Concrete streets		91.00
" building permits	4.00	Street lighting		120.00
" water meter advances	9.00	General expenses: postage	3.74	
" interest on deposits in bank	26.32	telephones	11.00	
	4852.02	miscellaneous	5.19	19.93
	5770.40	Salary, clerk and Treasurer		35.00
Disbursements:		supt. of Public Work		100.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	40.75			1653.08
gasoline	251.88	Balance on hand		\$ 4117.32

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

Mr. W.T. Knox, President of the Washington Missionary College and Washington Sanitarium Corporations, and a delegation of interested citizens residing in the Sanitarium vicinity, appeared before the Council to urge street improvements in Carroll and Flower Aves. Remarks pertinent to the subject were made by Messrs. Knox, Palmer, Stewart and Miller and a petition setting forth the needs of the section noted was filed with the Council and referred to the Street Committee for consideration.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mrs. Emma Bond Smith relative to assessment against her lot for concrete streets in which she stated that the actual amount of streets laid in front of her property, by measurement, was 58 ft 2½ in., while the assessment called for 66.52 feet. The clerk was directed to inform Mrs. Smith that the street would be measured and any discrepancy properly adjusted. [to investigate and report]

A complaint by Mr. Fox, Carroll Avenue, of excessive water bill, was referred to the Superintendent of Public Work, to investigate.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 11.30	G. W. Forsberg, Engine Repairs	\$ 4.84	U.S. Fidelity Co. Treas. bond premium	\$ 10.00
Natl. Elec. Supply Co. Batteries, etc	9.85	A. S. Rodgers " "	2.65	Mattingly Bros. Disinfectants	2.55
Standard Oil Co. 1075 gals. gasoline	227.99	Thos. Somerville Co. Gate valve	3.08	J. R. King, Plumbing	5.25
Rudolph and West Co. 100 ⁺ waste	12.40	Medart Patent Pulley Co. fulcrum arms	2.40	Thomson Meter Co. Meter repair parts	12.75
Cal. Brick and Coal Co. Coal and stone	15.95	H. Mueller Mfg. Co. Brass cocks	17.01	Total	\$ 411.02
Lamond Bros. T.C. pipe	45.00	John R. Wright Co. Funeral expenses	28.00		

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

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, moved that \$900 be deposited to the credit of the sinking fund and that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from the sinking fund a \$1000 water and sewer bond which has been offered for \$950 and accrued interest. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee moved that an appropriation of \$30.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be authorized for temporary improvement of Carroll Ave., east of Sliquo bridge, and of Flower Ave. Carried and so ordered.

On suggestion of the Mayor the matter of cutting into the concrete streets by plumbers, etc, including repairs and deposits, was referred to the street committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Grabill moved that the order of May 31st last providing for certain street lights east of Sliquo Ave. be rescinded and that in lieu there-

of one light be located on Carrall Avenue 300 feet north of Flower Ave, and one light on Flower Avenue 300 feet west of Carrall Ave.

The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:05 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor

Paul Davis

Clerk.

Thursday Evening, March 2, 1916

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 Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins, LaFetra and Rogers.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting at the instance of the water and sewer committee for the purpose of considering their report relative to increased water supply and the furnishing of water to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County as representatives of the Silver Spring special taxing district.

Prior to the specific business of the meeting the Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. W. B. Walters requesting the erection of three electric street lights on Lincoln Avenue between Carrall Avenue and Cumberland Avenue. Without objection the communication was referred to the Street committee for consideration and report.

The Mayor also laid before the Council a communication from Mr. R. L. Tolson, advising the Mayor and Council that on behalf of blocks 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58, he was having introduced in the legislature a bill divorcing these blocks from the corporation limits of the Town in order that the roads and streets may be fixed up by the county. Mr. Tolson expressed a desire to meet with the Council and explain his side of the case.

Mr. Grabill moved that Mr. Tolson be informed that the Mayor and Council were opposed to the removal of the blocks mentioned from the town and that they would be glad to hear him in the matter if he so desired; and that the Clerk

be directed to correspond with the county representatives in the legislature advising them of the opposition of the Mayor and Council to the removal of the blocks mentioned from the corporation limits. The motion was carried.

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

March 2, 1916. - After several meetings your Committee submits the following report in reference to the improvements of the water system and the supplying of Silver Spring with water.

1st. Your committee reaffirms its recommendation of December 14, 1914, embodying the expenditure of approximately \$20,000, in building a settling reservoir, dam and connections; a new filter unit, a new water tower of about half the height of the present one, and the installation of other engines instead of the present gas engines, all generally described in the report above mentioned.

2nd. Your committee further recommends that, provided the bond issue herein provided for is authorized, the Mayor be authorized to enter into negotiations with the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Maryland, to furnish water for Silver Spring, Maryland, at a present price of 18 cents per 100 cubic feet, with a minimum payment of \$18.00 per annum, which would permit the use of one million cubic feet per year; Takoma Park to build an 8-inch main to a point on the boundary line of the town and to provide a suitable meter at this point.

3rd. To cover the expense incident to the above your Committee recommends the adoption of an ordinance calling for a special election to authorize the issue of \$25,000 bonds at a rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent.

4th. Details in reference to the above are found in the Appendix herewith attached.

Appendix

1. Improvements to Water System. The growth of the Town demands a more adequate supply of water to be taken from Sligo and held in reserve in a settling basin. Water could be taken from stream when comparatively clear and by settling, and then filtering, a much better purification can be effected than at present. This basin would be lined with cement and would have a capacity of approximately 3,600,000 gallons, or a 36-day supply at present rate of consumption. New engines with motive power of oil or coal would be a great saving of expense in fuel. The engines now in use have seen long service and are, of course, deteriorating. The lower water tower would save a great amount of power in pumping and also diminish the loss by leakage in the mains.

APPROXIMATE COST:

Cement settling basin	-----	\$ 10,970.00
Dam	-----	575.00
Pipe	-----	1881.00
New engines	-----	1500.00

Water Tower, large (1.2 extra later)	---	\$ 4,000.00
Extra filter unit	---	1,500.00
Total	---	20,426.00
Engineering, 5%	---	1,021.00
Grand total	---	\$ 21,447.00

2. Silver Spring. To arrive at the rate of selling water your committee first took the average cost for three years for operation and added one-fifth increase for supplying Silver Spring. We then added sufficient to cover interest, depreciation and sinking fund on the cost of the present and the improved plant. This gives us the estimated cost of water in the mains. (See below) We then charge to Silver Spring the entire amount of interest, depreciation and sinking fund on the \$5000.00 necessary for extending main to boundary line, installing meter, etc. (See b below.)

(a) Estimate of Cost of Water with improved plant:

Operating expenses, exclusive of labor (based on 3 years)	\$ 2000.00	
1/5 increase, account of Silver Spring supply	400.00	2400.00
Estimated fixed charges on entire plant rating present plant at	\$ 15,000.00	
Improvements at	20,000.00	
Total investment	35,000.00	

Interest, \$15,000.00 at 4% (present rate)	\$ 600.00
" 20,000.00 " 5% (proposed ")	1000.00
Depreciation, 3%	1050.00
Sinking fund to retire bonds in 30 yrs, 3%	735.00
Labor	1200.00
Total	\$ 4585.00

This is a cost of 12.3 cents per 100 cubic feet on 5,667,000 cubic feet, the estimated yearly amount pumped, if supplying Silver Spring with 1,000,000 cubic feet. This is cost in the mains but does not allow for any leakage. The leakage in present system is not known,

but is probably nearly 40% of the amount pumped,

(b) Expense for installation for Silver Spring as follows:

Water main to boundary line, about 3000 8" pipe @ \$1.00 --- 3,000.00
 One-half extra cost for installing tank of 100,000 gals capacity instead of 50,000 gallons capacity --- 1,000.00

8 inch water meter installed --- \$ 800.00
 Incidentals --- 200.00
 Total --- 5000.00

To cover this \$5,000, fixed charges would be

Interest at 5% --- 250.00
 Depreciation 2 1/2 % --- 125.00

Sinking fund, 20 years --- 186.00
 Total --- 561.00

This would be 5.61 cents per 100 cubic feet on 1,000,000 cubic feet plant is installed and we have

Add this to the above cost in the mains (a) for water after new

Cost in the mains --- \$.123 (a)
 Extra fixed charges for Silver Spring --- .0561 (b)
 Cost in mains for amount supplied Silver Spring .1791 per 100 cubic feet

NOTE.

Approximate cost of water year ending July, 1915:

Operations, including salaries --- \$ 3100.00
 Fixed charges, based on \$20000.00 investment; interest --- \$ 800.00

Depreciation 5% --- \$ 1000.00
 Sinking fund, 30 years, 3% --- 420.00
 2220.00
 5320.00

Receipts for water rent, about 340 meters, \$4745.00

If 35,000,000 gallons pumped, cost is 15.2 cents per 1000 gallons, or 11.4 cents per 100 cubic feet. During this period 2,674,500 cubic feet were sold which makes cost at meter about 20 cents per 100 cubic feet.

On motion of Mr. Orabill the report of the committee was approved and adopted.

On motion of Mr. La Fetra the Ordinance Committee was directed to prepare the necessary Ordinance for calling an election in regard to the proposed bond issue, to be submitted at a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. M. Williams Mayor.

B. W. Davis clerk.

Tuesday Evening, March 7. 1916

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering an Ordinance providing for a special election in relation to a proposed bond issue for improving the water system.

There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins, La Fetra and Rogers.

Mr. Dyar, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following proposed Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 285.

Providing for the issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness to improve the water supply; and for a Special Election to authorize the same.

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

Section 1. That there shall be submitted to the qualified resident taxpayers of the Town, as hereinafter provided, the question whether the Mayor and Council, in their discretion, shall borrow, on the credit of the Town and issue its Certificates of Indebtedness therefor, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the following purposes, to-wit:— Acquiring a site and constructing thereon a reservoir and appurtenant structures; installing a new pumping engine, an additional filter unit and necessary appurtenances; acquiring a site and erecting thereon an additional water tower; and laying of additional water mains. Such certificates to be issued in denominations of not exceeding five hundred dollars each, to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to mature and be paid as follows: one-fourth of the issue five years, one-fourth ten years, one-fourth fifteen years and one-fourth twenty years from date of issue.

Section 2. That a special election of the qualified resident tax payers of the Town be and the same is hereby called for Monday, April 3, 1916, in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel, in said Town, the polls to be open at 6 o'clock a.m., and closed at 6 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of voting on the question of creating said debt.

Section 3. That the Clerk is hereby directed to prepare, post and publish the notices of said election as required by law.

Section 4. That there shall be submitted to the voters at said election on the same ballot, the following question:

If the vote shall be in favor of the debt, shall the Mayor and Council in their discretion enter into a contract with the proper authorities to furnish a water supply to the village of Silver Spring, Maryland, for a period of five years, provided fair and mutually advantageous terms can be agreed upon.

On this question the ballots shall read: "For supplying Silver Spring." "Against supplying Silver Spring."

Mr. Dyar 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, La Fetra and Rogers; voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor

Monday Evening, March 13, 1916

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of March 2 and March 7, 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		\$ 4117.32	Water system: miscellaneous	\$ 30.15	
Receipts:			pipe line extensions	16.48	46.63
From general taxes	\$ 484.65		Street work: labor	81.70	
" special "	4027.88		material	45.85	
" water and sewer permits	15.00		concrete streets	5.25	132.80
" building permits	4.00		Street lighting		150.00
" water rents	984.15		General expenses: contingent	3.00	
" redemption of property sold for taxes	131.32	5647.00	telephones	11.30	14.30
		9764.32	Miscellaneous expenses		48.30
Disbursements:			Salaries: clerk and treasurer	35.00	
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	48.68		superintendent of public work	100.00	135.00
gasoline	227.99		Redemption of property sold at tax sale		131.32
salary of engineer	83.33		Plumbers' deposits returned		10.00
extra pumping	8.00	368.00	Deposit to credit of sinking fund	900.00	2511.35
Sewer System: pipe line extensions	575.00		Balance on hand		\$ 7252.97

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

The Mayor stated that in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 282, passed and approved February 3, 1916 this evening had been designated as the time for a public hearing in regard to a proposed extension of water mains through block 17, of the Pine Crest Subdivision, and that in accordance therewith the Council was ready to hear from anybody interested in the proposed work.

The Clerk reported that due publication and notice of the contemplated work had been given in accordance with law.

No protests having been filed and no one having appeared to be heard the Mayor declared the public hearing at an end.

Mr. Robert L. Tolson laid before the Council copy of a petition addressed to the General Assembly of Maryland and signed by eight residents of the property affected, requesting the elimination from the corporation limits of the Town of Takoma Park of blocks 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58. The petition asserted the remoteness of these blocks from the main portion of the Town; the absence of lights, water, sewerage and improved streets; taxation for Town expenses without receiving benefits therefor and that the main thoroughfare of the section, Flower Ave, is without the Town boundaries and any improvement thereto must be done by the county.

Mr. Tolson and Mr. Thomas, residing in the vicinity mentioned, addressed the Council within the matters mentioned in the petition.

Speaking for the Council the Mayor informed the gentlemen above mentioned that he appreciated their situation and the fact that because of their remoteness and the limited population there had been no demand for public improvements in their neighborhood; that there would probably be little or no objection on the part of the Council to the proposed legislation except for the fact that the property affected lies along the watershed of the Town's water supply and that it is of great necessity that the Town retain its jurisdiction in order to exercise proper control so far as possible; and that in consequence the Town had already expressed its opposition to the suggested action.

Mr. W. A. Wallace, for the Baltimore Ave. Improvement Association presented a numerously signed petition for the concreting of Baltimore Avenue. Similar petitions for concrete streets on Laurel, Spruce, Park Aves. and Crescent Place were presented and referred to the Street Committee for consideration in connection with further permanent street work.

Mr. Lisle Morrison addressed the Council in reference to the formation of a Cooperative Horticultural Club, having for its main object mutual effort in beautifying parkings and yards. In connection therewith Mr. Morrison submitted a few proposed general regulations for consideration and approval of the Council. The regulations were referred to the street committee.

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

Card P. Telephone Co. Rentals	----- \$ 10.80	Standard Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubr. oil	----- \$ 12.46	Harrison Bros. and Co. Alum	----- \$ 78.75
Col. Brink and Coal Co. Stone	----- 23.78	" " " 995 gals. gasoline	----- 223.89		----- 365.53
" " " " " / ton coal	----- 7.35	John C. Hodges, Printing	----- 8.50		

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

Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of Public Work, reported that a number of streets had been draagged with beneficial results and that if conditions were favorable this work would be continued.

Mr. La Felva, from the Water and Sewer Committee, explained to the Council briefly the salient features of pending bills before the legislature relative to state control, under a commission, of water and sewer systems. The matter was informally considered at length.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to take such action as he might deem advisable, in the best interests of the Town, in connection with pending legislation referring to water and sewer districts and any hearings in connection therewith.

Mr. A. H. Deike, plumber, on behalf of Mr. Benjamin E. Stine, submitted plan for a cess pool to be constructed upon Mr. Stine's premises

and requested that same be approved and permission granted for its construction.

Mr. La Fetra moved that, in view of the absence of sewer facilities in the vicinity of Mr. Shine's residence that permission be granted him to construct a cesspool upon his property in accordance with plans submitted by A.H. Deike upon the understanding that such permission shall be revocable at the will of the Mayor and Council; and upon condition that Mr. Shine agree, in writing, to abandon such cesspool and to connect with the public sewers when constructed and available and to pay any assessment made against his property for sewer construction. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Dyar an appropriation of \$60.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated for repairs to foundation of one of the engines at the pumping plant and for proper alignment of said engine with its accompanying pump.

Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of public work, reported that he had investigated the excessive water bill against Mr. Fox, Carroll Ave. and was of opinion that water consumption was due to leaks in the plumbing, of which Mr. Fox had been twice warned but had made no repairs.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Superintendent be directed to inform Mr. Fox that unless the leaks in his plumbing are repaired and the water rent now due paid prior to April 1st next, it will be necessary to turn off the water from his premises.

Mr. Grabill submitted a proposed amendment to the plumbing regulations relative to deposits of plumbers and repairs to cuts in streets but after brief informal consideration, withdrew it for submission at a later date.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, Messrs. J.W. Shadle, E.N. Jackson and J.H. Van Hauten were appointed as a Board of Assessors to revise the assessment of property for the ensuing fiscal year.

On motion of Mr. Dyar Messrs. L.M. Mooers, S.R. Kyle and F.W. Longley were appointed Judges of Election for the special election to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian chapel, Monday, April 3, 1916, from 6 o'clock a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m., and the Mayor was authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board as above appointed.

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

Approved:

J. M. Melious Mayor

Ben V. Davis, Clerk

Friday Evening, March 17, 1916

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering proposed legislation pending before the General Assembly of Maryland in reference to the establishment of sanitary districts in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and for such other business as may be presented.

There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, Grabill, Jenkins and LaFetra.

The Council considered at length the terms of the proposed legislation which was apparently open to much objection. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor and Mr. Dyar were requested to place the views of the Mayor and Council in the form of a Resolution and were authorized at the proper time to proceed to Annapolis and present the same to the proper members or committees.

The Resolution as presented, was adopted upon motion of Mr. LaFetra and was as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, are in full sympathy with the general purposes of the proposed legislation for supplying the populous regions adjacent to the District of Columbia with water and sewerage systems, on some thoroughly worked-out plan that shall be equitable to all concerned and duly safeguard the rights of existing municipalities which have already, at great expense, supplied themselves with water and sewer systems.

After such consideration as the limited time given them has permitted, however, they cannot see their way clear to approve the legislation provided in House Bill No. 506, even with the amendments now suggested. Their most serious objections are as follows:

1. The bill vests very large discretionary powers in a purely appointive commission, without any obligation to consult with the authorities of existing municipalities, in the formulation of plans or in adjusting equitably the financial burdens, or in determining what further burdens of debt and taxation it is possible to lay upon the communities involved. The municipalities and unincorporated communities are left no option but to approve or disapprove, by a vote of the people, any bond issues proposed by the Commission. Under such an arrangement the adverse vote of one drainage area might entirely prevent the logical and progressive development of any harmonious scheme of sewerage.

2. In the absence of any statement of the present valuation of the taxable property in the various areas provided for, it does not appear that the money raising possibilities are at all capable of meeting the estimated cost of even the trunk line sewers laid out in the report of the engineers. In the judgment of the Mayor and Council the first step should be the ascertainment of the taxable values of the property in the various proposed drainage areas, and a statement of the existing bonded indebtedness of the communities to be affected, and the rate of taxation already in force.

3. In the judgment of the Mayor and Council the proposed legislation, instead of leaving the whole matter to the Commission, should itself prescribe the boundaries of the various drainage areas, if it be practicable, after thorough and complete investigation and consultation, to prescribe them in advance; and, if it is not, then that the act should express general rules or principles to govern the commission in laying out the areas and determining the financial burdens to be laid upon each. Both of these latter suggestions may, on examination and investigation, prove to be impracticable; but until their impracticability is ascertained the Mayor and Council cannot agree to rest so unlimited a power in the commission.

That the Mayor and Council favor legislation, at this time, providing for a commission to further study the sanitary and engineering features, ascertain the facts as to taxable values and existing indebtedness, and, in cooperation with representatives of the communities involved, and of the Federal Government or the District of Columbia, if such shall be appointed, to prepare a legislative project for consideration by the next session of the legislature.

It is fully realized that this method of dealing with the problem means much consultation and delay, yet it is believed that some such method must be employed to harmonize the interests involved and enlist the support necessary to insure success under any plan requiring the assent of the voters and taxpayers.

In reference to the public hearing held at the regular meeting of the Council on March 13, 1916, in regard to the extension of a water main through block 17 of the Pine Crest Subdivision, the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 286

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, it is hereby ordered that the existing water main in block 17, Pine Crest Subdivision, be extended through said block as provided in Ordinance No. 282, passed and approved February 3, 1916.

Sec. 2. - The whole cost of the work herein provided will be assessed against the property enumerated in said Ordinance No. 282, the said property being hereby declared specially benefitted thereby.

Mr. LaFetra 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 LaFetra; voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the water main just directed was ordered constructed by day labor and under direction and supervision of the Superintendent of Public Work.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to give notice of a public meeting to be held at the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening, March 25, 1916 for discussion and explanation of the proposed construction of a storage reservoir and other waterworks improvements for which a \$25,000 bond issue is to be asked; and that the water and sewer committee is authorized to expend not to exceed ten dollars for explanatory lantern slides to be used in an explanatory way at the proposed meeting.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Treasurer was authorized to reimburse the Mayor and Councilman Dyar for expenses to Annapolis and return in connection with hearings before the legislature.

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

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor.

Burr Davis Clerk