

Monday Evening, January 8, 1917.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, LaFetra, Rogers and Taff. The Mayor announced the absence of Mr. Grabill due to illness and that of Mr. Jenkins to an unavoidable engagement.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 3329.44	assistance to engineer	\$ 19.65	847.72
RECEIPTS:			Water System: miscellaneous	183.70	
From general taxes	\$ 772.65		pipe line extensions	10.51	194.21
Special "	161.96		Sewer system: miscellaneous	5.25	
meter advances	20.00		pipe line extensions	72.40	77.65
water and sewer permits	8.00		Street work: labor		59.19
gas permits	1.00		Street lighting		153.75
miscellaneous - sale of fence posts	2.55		Cement walks		500.00
proceeds, special improvement bonds	7500.00		Concrete streets		6000.00
accrued interest " "	42.71	8508.87	General expenses: printing	8.25	
		11838.31	telephones	8.95	17.20
DISBURSEMENTS:			Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	505.67		superintendent of public work	100.00	150.00
gasoline	232.40		Balance on hand		3838.59
salary of engineer	90.00				

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

The Clerk presented a letter from Mrs. Annie T. Seaman with reference to the delay in constructing the sewer in Elm Avenue and the Clerk was instructed to inform her the work would be started upon completion of the water main in Park Avenue and that the delay has been due to failure to obtain the necessary sewer pipe.

A communication from Mr. H.W. Humphrey requesting remedy of the deplorable condition of Denwood Avenue was referred to the Street Committee, as was also a communication from Mr. H.H. Spencer for permission to build a rustic bridge across Carroll Avenue near the Slijo bridge, in consideration of his donating land for the widening of Carroll Avenue.

Mr. R.S. Cyphers addressed the Council in behalf of their indorsement of the "Sims bill" to prevent the nullification of state anti-gambling laws by international or interstate transmission of race gambling bets or of racing odds, which matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. LaFetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that a test was being made of the cement oil tank at the pumping station but that the results were not yet ascertainable.

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

Standard Oil Co. 1565 gals gasoline @ 21¢ \$ 313.00	Hugh M. Davis, Drafting water and sewer maps \$ 25.00	T. J. Powell, Computations _____ \$ 21.75
Columbia B. and C. Co. Cement, stone, etc. --- 114.79	C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals _____ 9.00	Nat. E. S. Co. Battery supplies _____ 14.85
E. N. Jackson, Surveying _____ 56.00	Rudolph and West Co. Oilers & padlocks --- 2.50	M. McNamara, Manhole and valves, oil tank 36.78
Hamison Bros & Co. 6 bbl. filter alum --- 78.75	B. F. Schrider, Blacksmithing _____ 1.45	

On motion of Mr. Taff all the above bills were approved and ordered paid, that of M. McNamara to be withheld until approved by the Water and Sewer Committee.

The Mayor referred to the Ordinance Committee for future report the request of certain citizens for repeal of the ordinance against coasting ^{[on concrete streets.}
Mr. Rogers, as special committee with reference to the widening of Carroll Ave., reported verbally of progress being made toward that end and submitted several deeds of land already donated for the purpose, and that the matter was proceeding satisfactorily and successfully.

Mr. W. A. Mellen addressed the Council with reference to a proposed street through the land of Mr. Fred A. Glaize from Ethan Allen Avenue to Circle Ave, for the purpose of more ready access to his property known as "Wildwood." Mr. Mellen stated that Mr. Glaize had expressed a willingness to dedicate the necessary land for a street 60 feet wide if the Council would open and grade it. The Council advised Mr. Mellen that upon filing of the deed with the Clerk the Council would be glad to consider the matter more fully.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:50 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. A. Mellen

Mayor.

B. F. Schrider

Clerk.

Monday Evening, January 22, 1917

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, Dyar, LaFetra, Rogers and Taff. Mr. Jenkins was absent from the city.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering the proposed permit for the Baltimore and Washington Railway Company to extend its tracks on Carroll Ave., from Laurel Avenue to the Sliquo bridge, and such other business as may be presented.

Mr. Rogers, of the special committee to secure deeds to land donations for the purpose of widening Carroll Ave., reported briefly that progress was being made and that donations and deeds to most of the land required had already been obtained.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee returned the application of Mr. H. H. Spencer for permission to construct a rustic bridge across Carroll Ave. from his property to the approach to the Sliquo bridge with recommendation "that on account of the fact that the public interests might be adversely affected by the proposed construction, that the permit be not granted" which recommendation was approved.

Taking up the railroad matter the Council thereupon proceeded to an informal consideration and discussion of the terms of the proposed permit for extension of tracks on Carroll Avenue embodied in the report of the Street Committee submitted November 28, 1916 and recorded in full on page 231 of this minute book. Upon conclusion of such consideration and discussion Mr. Grabill moved that the terms of the proposed permit in the report referred to be amended by striking out of Section 2 the words beginning at line 5: "of nine thousand dollars (\$9000) to enable the Town to suitably pave that portion of the street occupied by the track and two feet on each side thereof and to make the necessary changes in pipes, conduits and other underground construction rendered necessary by the construction of said railway" and to substitute therefor the following words: "of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500⁰⁰) to be applied toward the payment for such public work as shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor and Council in connection with or as a consequence of the laying of said tracks."

Mr. Grabill's motion was unanimously adopted and the proposed permit amended as stated.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 11:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

William

Mayor

Ben Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, January 29, 1917

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 Grabill, Jenkins, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting in accordance with the understanding at the close of the last special meeting, for the purpose of further consideration of the proposed Ordinance granting permission to the Washington and Maryland Railway Company to extend its track on Carroll Avenue, from Laurel Avenue to the Sligo bridge.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had ascertained that no contract had been actually signed between the Washington and Maryland Railway Company and the Capital Traction Company whereby the latter agreed to operate the cars of the former but that it was understood such contract would be promptly entered into upon securing the proposed right of way.

In view of the virtual agreement arrived at during the meeting of the Council on the 22^d instant as to the terms to be imposed and the conditions to be met in the granting of the proposed permit, the following Ordinance, embracing such terms and conditions was thereupon submitted for the Consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 303.

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

Sec. 1. That the Washington and Maryland Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, its successors or assigns, be permitted, under the conditions hereinafter set forth, and not otherwise, to continue its line of railway from its present terminus near the junction of Laurel and Carroll Avenues through the corporate limits of the Town, and to lay its tracks in the streets along the following route: Beginning on Carroll Avenue at its junction with Laurel Avenue, thence along the former to the southern end of the bridge across the Sligo creek; provided that only a single track may be laid in Carroll Avenue and no turn-outs or switches shall be constructed thereon except that a switch may be constructed at the terminus of the line and just before it reaches the bridge across the Sligo creek.

Sec. 2. That the said railway tracks shall be laid as nearly as practicable along the center of the street and shall be constructed of standard material in a neat, substantial and durable manner, the plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of any work; that the actual work of construction shall be commenced on or before the first day of March, 1917; that the Company, before commencing any work affecting the surface of that portion of Carroll Avenue now used as a driveway, shall enter into the contract with the Capital Traction Company provided for in Section 3 hereof and shall pay to the Treasurer of the Town the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) to be applied toward the payment for such public work as shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor and Council in connection with or as a consequence of laying the said track, and the Company shall also be liable for any damage resulting to any individual or corporation by reason of the construction of said railway. The Company shall maintain the portions of the street occupied by its track, and for a distance of two feet on each side thereof, in the same manner and condition as that in which the Town shall maintain the remainder of the street.

Sec. 3. That unless the railway shall be constructed along the entire route herein described and cars regularly operated thereon by the first day of June, 1917, this permit shall be null and void; and if, after completing the construction of the railway the Company shall fail to operate cars propelled by electric power, or other method approved by the Council, thereon regularly and continuously, as hereinafter pro-

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vided, said Company shall, upon demand of the Council, remove its tracks, poles, wires and other structures and replace all portions of the street affected in good condition, subject to the approval of the Council; and in event of its failure to do so, the work may be performed by the Town and the Company held liable for the cost thereof. This permit is to become effective only upon the further expressed condition that the said Washington and Maryland Railway Company shall enter into a contract with the Capital Traction Company of the District of Columbia under which the latter Company will agree to operate for a period of at least ten years a through car service from some point near the center of the city of Washington to the terminus of the line herein authorized, under a schedule of not less than one car every twenty minutes in each direction between the hours of six o'clock, a.m., and six o'clock, p.m., and not less than one car in each direction every thirty minutes, between the hours of six p. m., and midnight.

Sec. 4. That the permission hereby granted to operate the railway and use the streets of the Town, shall expire thirty years from June 1, 1917, unless sooner terminated for a default in the performance of conditions, at which time such further arrangements may be made as the authorities of the Town may deem right and proper. None of the provisions of this permit is to become effective until it shall have been accepted by the Washington and Maryland Railway Company in all its terms and conditions.

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, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Rogers, of the Health Committee, called attention to the death of an indigent colored man living within the Prince Georges County side of the Town, for the burial of whom the county allows but \$6.00, a sum quite insufficient, and upon his motion the Treasurer was authorized to advance such additional amount required to give the man a decent burial as the Health Officer of the Town shall approve.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:05 o'clock adjourned:

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor

Ben J. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, February 5, 1917

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Dyar, Jenkins and Rogers.

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of giving further consideration to that portion of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 303, approved January 29, 1917, as related to schedule requirements in the running of cars and stated that, in view of the fact that this concerns a matter under the regulation of the Public Service Commission of Maryland it might be well to eliminate it from the Or-
(distance)

After some discussion the following Ordinance embodying the proposed elimination was submitted for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 304

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

That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 303, granting a right of way to the Washington and Maryland Railway Company to extend its track on Carroll Avenue, passed and approved January 29, 1917, be and is hereby amended by striking out and eliminating from said Section 3 the following words in the last sentence thereof: "under a schedule of not less than one car every twenty minutes in each direction between the hours of six a.m. and six p.m., and not less than one car in each direction every thirty minutes between the hours of six p.m. and midnight."

Mr. Rogers 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, Jenkins and Rogers; voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

J. McIlwain

Mayor

Bruce Davis

clerk.

Monday Evening, February 12, 1917

The Council met at 8 p.m. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill, Jenkins, La Fetra and Rogers.

The minutes of the last regular meeting 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		\$ 3838.59	pipe line extensions	74.29	76.12
Receipts:	\$		Sewer System: miscellaneous	25.00	
From general taxes		516.27	pipe line extensions	46.25	71.25
" special "		368.46	Street work: labor	10.75	
" water rents		3065.65	material	99.04	109.79
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.		1403.48	Street lighting		168.61
" interest on deposits in bank		34.62	Cement walks		16.00
" building permits		2.00	Concrete streets		51.75
Disbursements		9229.07	General expenses: postage	12.00	
Pumping and filter plant: miscel		117.33	telephones	9.00	21.00
gasoline		313.00	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	50.00	
salary of engineer		90.00	superintendent of public work	100.00	150.00
assistance to engineer		27.30	Return of builders' deposit		10.00
Water System: miscellaneous		1.83			1222.15
			Balance on hand		8006.92

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. H.L. Thornton requesting that water and sewer facilities be provided for lots 24, 25, 26, and 27, resubdivision of lots 1 and 2, block 12, for which service rights of way will be granted by the owners of said lots.

After consideration thereof Mr. Grabill moved that construction of the necessary water and sewer mains desired by the petitioner be authorized and directed and that the work be proceeded with upon filing with the Clerk of the necessary rights of way and upon deposit with the Treasurer of the sum of \$300, the estimated cost of the work. The motion was carried.

The Mayor laid before the Council the verbal request of the Home Interest Club for repeal of the Ordinance against washing on concrete streets and for the establishment of trash receptacles throughout the Town, both matters being deferred for future action.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills, approved and recommended for payment:

C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 9.45	U.S. and G. Co. Premium Treas. bond	\$ 10.00	Thos. Somerville Co, Supplies	\$ 20.46
Standard Oil Co. Gasoline and oil	242.15	Nat. Elec. Supply Co. Batteries	3.60	Carroll Elec. Co, "	7.15
Col. B. and C. Co. Coal and cement	8.60	Col. Auto Supply Co. 100-gal tank	5.00	Crane & Co. Hardware	11.25
B. F. Schrider, Blacksmithing	2.25	J. B. Kendall Co. Hardware	5.58	H. Mueller Mfg Co. drills	7.79
Lynchburg Foundry Co. Meter covers, etc	24.90	Lamond Bros., Sewer pipe	2.90	Harry Waters, Hauling	6.00

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

[Property fumigated.]

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported 5 births and 5 deaths during January, one case of scarlet fever, now recovered and

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, reported that the committee would endeavor to report relative to the total cost and to the amount of assessment for recently completed cement walks and concrete streets, prior to the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. La Fetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee, on recommendation of Mr. Stevens, Engineer, moved that the balance due Mr. M. M. Namara for construction of the cement oil storage tank at the pumping station be paid. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. La Fetra a bill of Mr. Stevens for incidentals, amounting to \$4.54, and a payment to Mr. Stevens of \$50⁰⁰ on account, were authorized.

[supplied to plumbers at cost price.]

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Superintendent of Public Works was authorized to purchase a standard cut-off stop cock for water service pipes to be

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

Approved: *Symelion* Mayor.

Bird Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, March 12, 1917

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of February 5 were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report-----	\$ 8006.92	Pumping and filter plants: miscellaneous-----	\$ 1544.75
Receipts:		Gasoline and oil-----	242.15
From general taxes-----	\$ 217.03	salary of engineer-----	90.00
" Special "-----	1019.63	assistance to engineer-----	25.50 1902.38
" water rents-----	1255.87	Sewer system: pipe line extensions-----	92.81
" meter advances-----	38.00	Street lighting-----	158.75
" water and sewer permits-----	5.00	General expenses: printing-----	17.75
" special deposits-----	204.00	telephone rentals-----	9.45
" builders deposits-----	10.00	miscellaneous-----	10.00 37.20
" building permits-----	4.00 2749.53	Salaries; clerk and treasurer-----	50.00
	10756.45	superintendent of public work-----	100.00 150.00 2465.75
Disbursements:		Balance on hand-----	\$ 8290.70
Water system; miscellaneous-----	124.61		

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

The Clerk laid before the Council petitions from residents of the following streets: Denwood Ave. for concrete pavements; Sycamore Ave. for cement sidewalk on south side thereof; Crescent Place, for concrete pavements, cement walks and additional street lights; Pine Ave, between Columbia and Elm, concrete streets. Without objection the petitions were all referred to the Street Committee for report.

Mr. George Lamar appeared before the Council in behalf of Mr. H.H. Spencer, relative to treatment of Carroll Ave., adjoining Mr. Spencer's property, in connection with extension of the street railway line on that street. Upon conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Lamar was assured by the Mayor that the Council was earnestly striving to satisfactorily solve the problem presented at this point in Carroll Avenue and that every effort will be made not to jeopardize Mr. Spencer's property and that, as soon as determined, Mr. Spencer will be given all possible notice as to the plans to be followed.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, reported that the Washington and Maryland Railway Company had filed with the Town Treasurer a report of the proceedings of a special meeting of the Directors thereof, whereat the provisions of Ordinance No. 303 as amended by Ordinance No. 304, were accepted in all their terms and conditions for the Company; and that transmitted therewith

was a certificate of deposit for \$7500, issued by the District National Bank of Washington, to the credit of the Treasurer of the Town of Takoma Park, covering the amount of deposit required of the Company by the provisions of said Ordinance No. 305,

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

Card P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 9.70	Carroll Electric Co. Belting, etc.	\$ 26.96	August Mietz Oil valves, etc.	\$ 59.57
Standard Oil Co. Gasoline and oil	194.03	Hugh Reilly Co. 12 1/2" pulley	1.00	Rudolph and West Co. Hardware	7.44
Col. B. and C. Co. Sand, gravel, etc.	34.58	Mathingly Bros. Disinfectants	2.00	Pioneer Press, Printing	5.00
Crane & Co. Hardware	11.69	C. M. Wolf & Co. 50" sulphur	2.50	Carroll Electric Co. Belting, etc.	40.21
Glaize & Co. Hire horse and cart	15.50	Thos. Sonnevillie Co. Hardware, etc.	8.84		419.02

On motion of Mr. Taff payment of the bills was authorized and directed except that of Glaize and Bros, for use of horse and those in connection with installation of engines - payment to be withheld until approval - that of Glaize and Bros. by Mr. Blodgett and the others by Mr. Stevens, Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Treasurer was authorized to pay the second one-third due the August Mietz Company for oil engine.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, submitted the following statements of account with the W.F. Brenizer Co. for public work as stated:

CEMENT SIDEWALKS:		CONCRETE STREETS:	
Baltimore Ave: 242 2/9 sq. yds @ \$1.40	\$ 339.11	Cement roadway, 5446.03 sq. yds @ \$1.02	\$ 5554.95
" " (old walk) 31.07 sq. yds @ \$1.40	43.50	Cement curb, 39 .30 lin. ft. @ 24¢	951.08
Park Ave: West side, 134.9 sq. yds. @ \$1.40	188.86	Grading, 1168 cu. yds. @ 48¢	560.64
" " East side, 117.9 sq. yds. @ \$1.40	165.06	Catch basins, 2 @ \$20.00 each	40.00
" " " " extra grading, 20 cu. yds	11.00	Sidewalk repairs, 23.95 sq. yds. @ \$1.40	33.53
	<u>747.53</u>	Extra work, plus 15% above cost	348.51
Deductions:			<u>7491.71</u>
Cash payments	500.00	Deductions:	
10% retent	74.75	Cash payments	\$ 6000.00
	<u>574.75</u>	10% retent	749.17
Balance due	172.78	Material furnished: 1000 bricks \$10.00	
		2 bbl. cement 4.00	14.00
STEAM ROLLER - Repairing Carroll Avenue:		Balance due	6763.17
Dec. 1 to 10, 1916, Man 8 days @ 3.00	24.00		<u>728.54</u>
Steam roller, 6 1/2 days @ \$7.00	45.50		
Amount due	<u>69.50</u>		

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Treasurer was authorized to pay to the Brenizer Company the balances due as above stated.

With reference to the cost of drain pipe on Maple Ave, amounting to \$187.00, Mr. Grabill moved that said amount be included in the cost of the concreting Maple Ave. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Dyar the Clerk was instructed, in preparing the assessments for concrete streets on Maple, Park and Carroll Avenues, to base such assessments upon the cost of each respective street as reported by the Street Committee.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Mayor was authorized to engage the services of a competent engineer to establish the proper grades for the railway extension on Carroll Avenue and to represent the Town in all engineering matters in reference to such extension.

Mr. LaFetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee reported relative to repairs of the small gasoline engine, to be held in reserve.

Upon recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee, and on motion of Mr. Grabill, the pumping assistant's pay was increased from 15 to 20 cents per hour.

With reference to the proposed concreting of Carroll Avenue, on motion of Mr. Grabill, the Mayor was authorized and requested to take up with the County Commissioners the matter of state aid in connection with the proposed work.

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

March 12, 1917. The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.

The Ordinance Committee has considered the petition presented in the fall of 1916 by Mrs. H. C. Gore and others, together with the recommendation of the Citizens' Association of Takoma Park, requesting that Ordinance No. 298, regulating coasting upon the streets, be repealed or modified. Your committee is of opinion that the petition and request should be denied, and so recommends. It is believed that coasting upon the concreted streets in wagons with metal tires often amounts to a real nuisance, detrimental to the comfort and sometimes to the health of householders; and that there does not appear to be any practical modification which would obviate these objections.

W. W. DYAR. H. E. ROGERS

I concur that the Ordinance be not repealed but amended so as to permit coasting during certain hours. -

B. B. JENKINS

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Majority Report was adopted.

Upon complaint of the condition of Flower Ave., Mr. Grabill moved that the street be scraped and rounded with the road machine and that all the dirt streets of the Town be similarly attended to without delay. The motion was carried. (current year.

On motion of Mr. Taff, Messrs. Jos. W. Shadle, J. H. Van Houten and E. N. Jackson, were appointed as a Board of Assessors for the

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

Approved:

J. Williams Mayor.

B. W. Davis

Clerk.