

Monday Evening June 4, 1917.

A special meeting of the Council was held in the basement of the Presbyterian church this date convening at 8 o'clock.

There were present Councilmen Grabill and Taff and Councilmen-elect Hendricks, Miller and Rogers.

In the absence of the Mayor from the city on government business the Council was called to order by the Clerk and on motion of Mr. Grabill Mr. Taff was elected Mayor pro tem. The Mayor pro tem thereupon administered the oath of office to Councilmen-elect Miller and Rogers, Mr. Hendricks having previously taken the oath before Mayor Williams.

On motion of Mr. Grabill, Mr. Ben G. Davis was elected Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year and Mr. E. E. Blodgett was elected Superintendent of Public Work for a like period.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Mayor and Members of the Council, the Clerk and Treasurer and the Superintendent of Public Work were elected as deputy bailiffs, George N. Day was elected as Bailiff and Mr. J. A. Highsmith as deputy bailiff ^{for a term of} ^{one year.}

The Mayor pro tem announced that the meeting of this evening had been called primarily for the purpose of a public hearing of those interested in the construction of a proposed 8-inch terra-cotta sewer on Carroll Avenue as provided in Ordinance No. 310 passed and approved May 14, 1917, and called for objections or remarks thereon from any parties concerned.

The Clerk announced that the necessary advertisements and legal notices regarding the proposed sewer had been made as required by ^{law.}

No one desiring to be heard in the matter the following Ordinance was thereupon presented:

Ordinance No. 313.

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, and in furtherance of the general public safety and convenience it is hereby ordered that an 8-inch terra cotta sewer be constructed in Carroll Avenue as designated and described in Ordinance No. 310, approved May 14, 1917.

Sec. 2. That the total cost of said work shall be assessed against such of the property designated in said Ordinance No. 310 as shall be deemed by the Mayor and Council to be specially benefitted thereby.

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 pro tem and Councilmen Grabill, Hendricks, Miller and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract for the construction of the sewer above authorized or to have it constructed by day labor whichever he considers in accordance with the best interests of the Town. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was instructed to address a letter to the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery county informing them of the proposed concreting of Carrall Avenue and suggesting that if an extension of their gas main on that street is in contemplation it would seem advisable that the work be done prior to the concreting of the street; and informing the Company of the improbability of permission being granted for such extension after the street shall have been concreted.

Mr. W. A. Porterfield appeared before the Council relative to the deplorable condition of Spruce Avenue arising from alternate periods of dust and mud; the matter was referred to the street committee to investigate and report as to most feasible method of relief.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Clerk was directed to call the attention of Mr. Vickery to the health menace created by an unused and incomplected excavation for building on a lot owned by him and that the nuisance thereby created be abated without delay.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. R. O. Belt, agent for Dr. Emerick, requesting an extension of time for installation of plumbing and connecting the Holt house with sewer. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Belt that the period granted appeared to be sufficient and no reason is apparent for extending it.

The Clerk presented for the consideration of the Council a communication from Mrs. H. A. Stacy and Mrs. T. E. Bowen with reference to the proper disposition of Mrs. Emma Brown, who is dependent upon neighborhood charity and who, because of certain eccentricities and doubtful mental capacity, should be taken care of in some public institution. The Council considered the matter at some length, without conclusion, because of doubt of its authority and the proper procedure in the case. The Clerk stated that he would take up the matter with the Mayor immediately upon the latter's return and ascertain what can properly be done in the case.

Mr. Charles J. Oggle, Secretary of the Maryland Tax Reform Association, addressed the Council upon municipal taxation, his remarks being in advocacy of the levy of taxes entirely or chiefly upon land values. Mr. Oggle's remarks were valuable and interesting and he was given marked attention by the Council.

There being no further business the Council, at 10.55 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor pro tem.

Ben J. Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, June 11, 1917

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Williams and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra, Miller, Rogers and Taff. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 4th 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		\$ 6104.62	salary of engineer	90.00		
Receipts:			assistance to engineer	44.60	565.85	
From general taxes	\$ 9.42		Sewer System: miscellaneous	11.25		
" special "	776.69		pipe line extensions	57.83	69.08	
" water rents	134.55		Street Work; labor		57.19	
" water meter advances	60.00		Street lighting		158.75	
" water and sewer permits	24.00		Concrete streets		125.12	
" gas permits	3.00		General expenses: printing	10.65		
" building deposits	10.00		postage	21.32		
" miscellaneous	20.30		telephones	9.75		
" building permits	22.00	1059.96	miscellaneous	317.45	359.17	
		7164.58	Plumbers' deposits returned		50.00	
Disbursements:			Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00		
Pumping and Filter Plants: Miscellaneous	363.90		Superintendent of Public Work	105.00	155.00	1540.16
Fuel Oil	67.35		Balance on hand			\$ 5624.42

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

Mrs. Angus Lamond appeared before the Council and submitted a request for reduction of the assessed valuation of a lot owned by her on Maple Avenue. Mrs. Lamond was informed by the Mayor that she was unfortunately too late, as the time for such protests had passed and the assessment had already been approved and adopted by the Council.

Mr. William C. Allard, of Poplar Ave., addressed the Council relative to the carrying of water from the street into and upon his property; similar complaint was submitted by Mr. Haislip, of Takoma Ave., and the complaints were referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

A communication from Mr. W. A. Mellen, General Manager of the Washington and Maryland Railway Company, was laid before the Council wherein it was requested that the Ordinance granting a right of way to said Company to lay its tracks on Carroll Avenue, be so amended as to grant an extension of the time limit to August 1, 1917, the Company having been delayed in their work because of the necessity of removing a water main out from under the tracks.

After a thorough consideration of the request, Mr. Rogers submitted the following Ordinance: and moved its adoption;

Ordinance No. 314.

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

Sec. 1. That the time limit of June 1, 1917, provided in Section 3, of Ordinance No. 303, passed and approved January 29, 1917, providing for the extension of the tracks of the Washington and Maryland Railway on and over Carroll Avenue, be and the same is hereby amended to read _____, 1917.

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The Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. William J. Fay, of Blue Plains, D.C., requesting refund of water rent arrears on property recently purchased by him and of which he was unaware. The letter was referred to the water and sewer committee.

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

Grand P. Telephone Co. Rentals _ _ _ \$ 9.15	Washington Rubber Co. Boots. etc _ _ \$ 4.60	Bigelow & Murphy, Oil conductor _ _ \$ 4.00
Harry Stevens, Engineering Services _ 112.35	Vacuum Oil Co. Lubricating oil _ _ _ 26.26	Evening Star, Advertising _ _ _ _ 6.12
Col. Brick and Coal Co. Cement etc. _ 9.41	Wash. Miss. Col. Press- printing _ _ 8.60	Thos. Somerville Co. Hardware _ _ _ 17.02
Standard Oil Co. Fuel oil _ _ _ _ _ 433.05	J. M. Demick, repairing float _ _ _ 15.00	Rudolph & West Co. Boat pump _ _ _ 8.25
Mattingly Bros. Disinfectants _ _ _ 4.75	Mueller Mfg. Co. 24 Corp. Cocks _ 28.22	<u>\$ 686.78</u>

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported general health conditions excellent, one case of measles reported.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, submitted the following Ordinance and moved its adoption;

Ordinance No. 315.

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, it is hereby ordered that concrete streets and curbing be constructed as proposed in Ordinance No. 305, passed and approved April 9, 1917.

Sec. 2. - That the cost of said work shall be assessed against the property benefitted by said work, in such manner, in accordance with law, as may be determined by the Mayor and Council.

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The Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Grabill moved that in connection with the concreting of Carroll Avenue that the roadway of the bridge across the Sligo be concreted at an estimated cost of \$900, payable from the general fund. The motion was carried.

In connection with the slow progress of the railway work on Carroll Ave. as well as the delay in the negotiations for state aid in the paving of the street, Mr. Grabill moved that authority be granted the Mayor to take such steps as in his judgment may seem desirable to hasten these matters. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill moved also that the Superintendent of Public Work be directed to take such practical and vigorous measures as may be necessary to maintain a passable condition on Carroll Avenue during the progress of improvements thereon. The motion was carried.

Mr. LaFetra laid before the Council a communication from the State Board of Health suggesting the form of a disinfecting plant in connection with the filtration of the Sligo water, which communication was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for further consideration.

The Council considered at length complaints of residents living on Takoma Ave. with reference to the bad conditions resulting from dust caused by constant hauling from the near-by unloading switch of the Baltimore and Ohio railway.

On motion of Mr. Rogers permission was granted to Messrs. Miller, Haislip and Dawkins, residing on Takoma Avenue to sprinkle the street for the purpose of allaying the dust thereon, from their residence water supply, up to December 1, 1917, and that they be allowed \$5.00 each on any excess water consumed, provided that no sprinkling be permitted after 7 o'clock p.m. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:50 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

J. McElroy

Mayor.

Ben W. Davis

Clerk

Tuesday evening June 19, 1917

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering the work on Carroll Ave. and matters pertaining thereto and such other business that members of the Council may desire to present.

Mr. Grabill suggested that the matter of a concrete pavement on Carroll Avenue should be hastened and to that end moved that bids be advertised for the construction of about 17000 square yards of cement concrete pavement, about 9000 linear feet of cement curbing and about 5000 cubic yards of grading and that all bids received be opened and considered at the regular meeting of the Council convening at 8 o'clock p.m., in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Monday, July 9, 1917. The motion was carried.

The Mayor stated that it had been brought to his attention that some complaint and dissatisfaction had been expressed in connection with the progress of the work on Carroll Avenue, with the services rendered by the engineer and other matters. He thereupon related in detail the facts relating to the selection of an engineer for the supervision of the work and the consideration given to the proper thing to be done in regard to moving or lowering the watermain. The Council discussed the matter informally and at length with an apparent complete understanding of all the facts and difficulties that arose and required prompt settlement.

In connection with traffic on Carroll Avenue Mr. Rogers suggested the advisability of having guide signs printed and placed directing drivers as to proper route to travel, and on motion of Mr. Grabill authority was granted Mr. Rogers to have such signs prepared as he might consider necessary or desirable and to have the Superintendent of Public Work place them as directed by Mr. Rogers.

Reverting to the complaints regarding the Carroll Avenue work and the apparent disinclination of the Superintendent of Public Work to exercise any supervision in reference thereto, Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be requested to inform the Superintendent of Public Work that the Council regrets to note that he has failed to properly and heartily cooperate in the public improvements under way in Carroll Avenue; that the Council expects that hereafter this attitude shall be changed and that he will be expected to give to this and other public work his best attention and to cooperate with any duly appointed or authorized official, agent or employee of the Town. The motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rogers a garbage collection service was authorized, under the direction and supervision of the Health Committee, from this date to October first at an expense not to exceed \$6.00 weekly.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Messrs. Rogers, Hendrick and LaFetra as the Health Committee for the ensuing year, Upon announcing his declination to serve upon the Committee the name of Mr. Hendrick was withdrawn and that of Mr. Taff substituted there-^{for.}

Upon motion of Mr. Taff the appointment of Mr. Highsmith as deputy bailiff was cancelled and Mr. Reed appointed in his ^{stead.}

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

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor.

Paul Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, July 9, 1917

The Council met at 8 o'clock p.m., with the following members present; Mayor Williams and Councilmen Hendricks, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 19th were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 5624.42	Street Work; labor	\$ 107.17	
Receipts:		material	9.41	116.58
From general taxes	\$ 41.69	Street lighting		158.75
" Special "	751.18	Concrete Streets		118.47
" water rents	128.83	General expenses: printing	8.60	
" water meter advances	50.00	telephones	9.15	
" building permits	2.00	miscellaneous	9.35	27.10
	973.70	General improvement bonds paid		3500.00
	6598.12	Interest on general improvement bonds		37.50
Disbursements:		Deposit to credit of sinking fund		1000.00
Pumping and filter plants; miscel.	\$ 56.39	Plumbers' deposits returned		10.00
fuel oil	433.37	Salaries; Supt. of Public Work	105.00	
salary of engineer	90.00	Clerk and Treasurer	50.00	155.00
assistance to engineer	42.60			5844.37
Water system; miscellaneous	47.36	Balance on hand		753.75
Sewer " "	51.25			

The Treasurer submitted also his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, as follows:

Balance on hand July 1, 1916	\$ 527.06	miscellaneous	138.86	
RECEIPTS:		pipe line extensions	115.66	1409.85
From general taxes	\$ 10653.74	Sewer System:		
" special taxes	6896.60	pipe line extensions	1290.30	
" water rents	6328.25	Maintenance, sewer fields	113.13	
" advances for water meters	428.00	Preparation of sewer map	158.50	1561.93
" water and sewer permits	148.00	Street Work:		
" building permits	62.00	Labor	750.46	
" gas permits	27.00	Material	374.26	
" interest on deposits in bank	68.13	Concrete Street Construction	7844.06	
" road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	1403.48	Cement Sidewalk Construction	783.89	9752.67
" " " Prince Georges Co.	119.07	Street Lighting		1882.77
" proceeds of bond issue	7500.00	General Expenses:		
" accrued interest on bonds	42.71	Printing	72.60	
" deposits for special work	241.00	Postage	55.57	
" builders deposits	35.00	Telephones	109.90	
" plumbers deposits	30.00	Attorneys fees	250.00	488.07
" miscellaneous sources	41.40	Miscellaneous Expenses		261.07
	\$ 34024.38	Salary, clerk and Treasurer		600.00
	\$ 34551.44	Salary and allowances, Supt. Public Work		1210.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		Builders' deposits returned		20.00
Pumping and Filtration Plant:		Plumbers deposits returned		60.00
Chemicals	242.88	Special improvement bonds paid		3500.00
Lubricating oil	130.42	Interest on bonded indebtedness		2685.00
Fuel oil	3018.62	Deposited in Sinking fund		1000.00
Battery supplies	41.92			33797.69
Repairs to machinery	265.84	Balance on hand		\$ 753.75
Coal	29.10	BONDED INDEBTEDNESS:		
Cotton waste	38.55	Water and sewer 4% 30-year bonds	\$ 49000.00	
Miscellaneous	1.40	Special improvement 5% 5-year bonds	14000.00	
Salary of engineer	1080.00	Total	\$ 63000.00	
Assistance to engineer	406.90	SINKING FUND:		
New engine and installation	4110.90	Balance on hand July 1, 1916	\$ 115.69	
	9366.33	Additions during year	1000.00	
Water System:		Total	\$ 1115.69	
Water meters	504.65			
Water analysis	11.16			
Engineering services	590.00			
Corporation cocks	49.52			

These reports were referred to the Finance Committee for examination and approval.

The Mayor announced that this evening had been designated for the reception of bids for grading and concreting Carroll Avenue and that proper advertisement had been made thereof, but that as no bids had been received, the matter would go over for further consideration.

In connection with the proposed concreting of Carroll Avenue, Mr. Allen, (W.H.H) of the Allen Construction Co., informed the Council that he would consider doing the work on a basis of cost, plus 15%. The matter was considered with Mr. Allen and other representatives of his Company, at some length with the final understanding that a proposition would be submitted in writing.

Mr. Harry A. Stacy, of Cedar Avenue, appeared before the Council to enter complaint in reference to failure of the Town to remove his accumulation of tin cans and trash during clean-up week, and also to invite attention to the dumping of similar trash upon vacant lots in his vicinity by a neighbor, a practice which Mr. Stacy observed should be prohibited and stopped by the Town,

On motion of Mr. Taff an appropriation of \$3.00 was authorized to remove the cans, etc, which caused the complaint, or any other like cases which had been neglected or overlooked.

A communication from Mr. James Mooney complaining of the depreciation of the value of lots owned by him in Block 44 because of the proximity of the Town's sewer fields, was referred to the Judiciary Committee for investigation and report,

A communication from Mr. H.E. Hetherington, 227 Willow Ave., complaining of water flowing from Park and Spruce Avenues and flooding his cellar, was ordered referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

The Mayor reported that he had contracted with Mr. J.W. Shadle for construction of cement walks on Park Ave., Crescent Place and Sycamore Avenue at cost plus 10% and on motion of Mr. Rogers the Mayor's action was approved.

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

District Machine Works, Repairs machinery	\$ 6.65	Cand P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 8.80	A.W. Skinner, Printing	\$ 6.75
Standard Oil Co. Kaffin Oil	35.10	Washington Star, Advertising	5.76	Harry Stevens, Engineering	110.00
Vacuum Oil Co. 1 bbl. engine oil	28.13	Bigelow & Murphy 1 gal oil	1.65	M. McYamara, Work at pump house	33.50
Col. B. and C. Co. 1/2 ton coal	4.20	B. F. Schrider, blacksmithing	3.85		244.39

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

Mr. Miller, from the Street Committee, returned to the Council the application of the Bliss School for cement walks, etc, with recommendation that 200' of cement walk be laid on the west side of New York Ave., abutting lot 14, blk 70, to be assessed against the petitioners upon submission of waiver of advertising and lawful requirements, in writing; that petitioners be granted right to extend existing brick walk on Chicago Ave. across the front of new dining hall, at their own expense and that writer be informed that it is considered inad-

visible to undertake additional street paving at this time. On motion of Mr. Taff the recommendations of the committee were approved with the suggestion that if possible, the estimated cost of the proposed cement walk, be advanced by the petitioner.

The Street Committee, through Mr. Miller, returned the petition of certain residents of Grant Ave., for an additional street light thereon with recommendation that an additional light be provided at a distance of about 300 feet from the present light and on motion of Mr. Taff the recommendation was approved.

The Street Committee, through Mr. Miller, submitted the petition of certain residents on Cedar Ave. for the construction of a 4-foot cement sidewalk on the south side of Ethan Allen Ave, from Sycamore Avenue ^{to Cedar Ave} and along the west side of Cedar Ave, from Ethan Allen Avenue to Beech Avenue, with recommendation that following Ordinance be considered with reference thereto:

Ordinance No. 316

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

Sec. 1. That, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, the following public work is contemplated in the interest of the general safety and convenience, namely: construct a 4-foot cement sidewalk along the south side of Ethan Allen Avenue from Sycamore Avenue to Cedar Avenue and along the west side of Cedar Avenue from Ethan Allen Ave. to Beech Avenue, all abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, in block 22, at an estimated cost of \$1.15 per linear foot, the entire cost thereof to be assessed against the aforesaid lots.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council will meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Monday Evening, August 13, 1917, at 8 o'clock, at which time and place all parties interested will be heard in regard thereto.

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 Hendricks, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.)

In connection with the grading of Boyd Avenue the Street Committee submitted a recommendation that the grading be done in connection with the work on Carroll Avenue and that all material which can be spared be placed in lower Carroll Avenue, which recommendation was approved.

Mr. Miller called attention to the condition of Flower Ave. resulting from the recent excavation for sewer. Mr. Taff moved that an appropriation of \$300 for general street work, scraping, rounding up and grading of all dirt roads, including the portion of Carroll Avenue spoken of by Mr. Miller, be authorized, to be done under supervision of the Supt. of Public Work. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Taff an appropriation of \$15.00 was authorized as compensation of the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Hendrick reported relative to the complaint of Mr. Allard concerning overflow water upon his premises with the recom-

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mendation that the Street Committee, when appointed, call upon and confer with Mr. Allard and consider the possibility of furnishing him with relief, which recommendation was approved.

The Treasurer reported that the total cost of the sewer extension of 412 feet on Elm Avenue, east from Pine Avenue was \$329.60 or 80 cents per linear foot and that the benefitted lots, and proposed assessment are as follows:

Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Feet	Amt. due	Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Feet	Amt. due
Gilberts	16	22	Alphonsa L. Tingley	50	20.00	Gilberts	17	19	James F. Phillips Estate	50	\$ 20.00
		23	Sarah E. Tingley	50	20.00			20	James F. Phillips Estate	50	20.00
		24	John Raines	50	20.00			21	Charles E. Tingley	50	20.00
		25	Jahn Raines	50	20.00			22	Annie T. Seaman	50	20.00

Mr. Taff moved that the assessment as above submitted by the Treasurer be adopted by Ordinance as follows:

Ordinance No. 317

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

Sec. 1. That the above assessment, submitted by the Town Treasurer, covering the proportionate cost of the construction of a sewer in Elm Avenue, abutting the property therein designated, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, said property being hereby declared specially benefitted by said work.

Sec. 2. The special assessments herein approved and adopted shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date of adoption hereof; provided that, if so desired, payments may be made in five equal installments, the first due within thirty days from the date of approval hereof and the remaining installments due in equal annual payments thereafter until paid; provided further, that payments of one-fifth of the total amount due, 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.

The Ordinance was adopted as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Hendrick, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees: Finance: Taff, Rogers, LaFetra and Miller. Health: Rogers, LaFetra, Taff. Water and Sewers: LaFetra, Grabill, Miller and Hendrick. Streets: Grabill, Miller, LaFetra. Ordinance: Hendrick, Taff, Rogers. Judiciary: Miller, Hendrick, Grabill.

There being no further business the Council, at 12:40 o'clock A.M., adjourned.

Approved:

J. Williams

Mayor

Paul Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, July 23, 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 Hendrick, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering the matter of arranging, if possible, for the prosecution of the grading and concreting of Carroll Avenue, and in connection therewith stated that Mr. J.W. Shadle, of Takoma Park, Md, well known to the members of the Council, had stated his willingness to undertake the proposed work, to give it his personal supervision, to furnish all necessary tools including steam roller and mixer, hand shovels, wheelbarrows, etc., the Town to pay the cost of all material and labor plus ten cent - said ten per cent to be the payment for personal supervision of Mr. Shadle and rental of plant, tools, etc. Mr. Shadle was present at the meeting and verbally confirmed the Mayor's statement.

The Council gave the matter thorough discussion at length upon conclusion of which Mr. Miller moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into the necessary contract with Mr. Shadle for the grading of Carroll Avenue and the laying of a concrete roadway and curbing thereon, in accordance with the Town's specifications therefor, and in line with the general terms as discussed with and understood by the Council and Mr. Shadle. The motion was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Mayor was authorized to employ a surveyor in connection with the Carroll Avenue work.

* A request by Mr. Irwin, of Westmoreland Ave, to connect with the town sewer was referred to the water and sewer committee

A request, preferred by Mr. Rogers for permission to the Takoma Bank to connect with water and sewer pipes through private property, was postponed for action pending a more specific and definite application.

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

Approved;

J. Williams Mayor.

Bruce Davis, clerk

* See correction in minutes on next page.

Monday Evening, August 13, 1917

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

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 9, 1917, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The minutes of the special meeting of July 23d were read by the Clerk but a question having arisen as to the correct recording of the action taken on the request of Mr. Irwin for sewer connection with his premises on Westmoreland Avenue, and the recollection of those present being at variance with the Clerk's notes, Mr. Taff moved that the minutes of the meeting of July 9th be corrected to show that the request of Mr. Irwin was granted provided that for the privilege of connecting with the public sewer he agree to a payment equal to 50 cents per front foot of his property (lot) and an annual maintenance fee of 50 cents. The motion was carried.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 753.75	salary of engineer	\$ 90.00	
Receipts:		assistance to engineer	44.00	237.24
From general taxes	\$ 5500.28	Water System: miscellaneous		7.20
" special taxes	773.37	Sewer System: miscellaneous		35.20
" miscellaneous sources	180.11	Street work: labor		94.72
" water rents	4.50	Concrete Streets		119.96
" meter advances	10.00	Cement sidewalks		400.00
" water and sewer permits	7.00	Street lighting		158.75
" building permits	2.00	General expenses; printing	6.75	
" gas permits	1.00	telephones	8.80	
" plumbers' deposits	20.00	miscellaneous	24.68	40.23
	6498.26	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
	7252.01	Superintendent of Public Work	105.00	1248.30
Disbursements:		Balance on hand		6003.71
Pumping plant; miscellaneous	\$ 68.14			
fuel oil	35.10			

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

The Mayor stated that in response to a petition of residents on Cedar Avenue and in accordance with public notice given according to the requirements of law, this night had been designated for a public hearing relative to the proposed construction of a cement sidewalk on Ethan Allen and Cedar Avenues and announced that the Council was now ready to hear any one interested.

The Clerk presented a letter of protest from Mrs. Laura L. Morrison, of 1737 F St, N.W., Washington, owner of lots 42 and 43, block 22, against assessing the total cost of the walks to the property.

No further protests being submitted, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

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

Ordinance No. 318.

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904, it is hereby ordered that cement sidewalks be constructed on Ethan Allen and Cedar Avenues as proposed in Ordinance No. 316, passed and approved July 9, 1917.

Sec. 2. That the total cost of said work shall be assessed against the property benefited thereby, in accordance with law, as may be determined by the Mayor and Council.

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

On motion of Mr. Taff the Clerk was instructed to invite proposals for the construction of the cement sidewalks above authorized, said proposals to be opened at the regular meeting of the Council, Monday evening, September 10, at 8 o'clock.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. H. E. Hetherington of 227 Willow Avenue, complaining of damage done his property during the recent heavy rains, the pipe drains in the street being insufficient to carry off the water with the result that his cellar was flooded. Mr. Hetherington asserted that damage to the extent of \$250 was done his furnace and household goods and requested that a check for that amount be rendered him and steps taken to remedy a possible repetition of the trouble; and that if these requests be not complied with he will proceed to carry the matter to court and secure his just rights.

Without objection the Mayor ordered reference of Mr. Hetherington's letter to the Street Committee for such action or recommendation as they may deem proper toward obviating future like trouble, if possible, and thence to the Judiciary Committee for an expression of opinion as to any liability on the part of the Town for the damage sustained by Mr. Hetherington's property.

A communication was presented from Mr. Hodge, living on Buffalo Avenue, in which attention was called to the broken pipe crossing that street near his residence, resulting in washing-out and damage to street and adjacent property whenever it rained and requesting that the matter be given early attention.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Superintendent of Public Work was directed to repair and clean the conduits referred to in Mr. Hodge's letter, at the earliest possible date.

A communication from Mr. Robert C. Lowen of 5625 Georgia Avenue, requesting that permission be granted him to connect a proposed new residence on Holly Avenue, just outside the town limits with the Town water and sewer system, was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for report and recommendation.

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

Vacuum Oil Co. 1 bbl. lubr. oil	\$ 29.58	E. N. Jackson, Surveying	\$ 6.50	C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	\$ 9.00
Thos. Somerville Co. 5# Albany grease	1.00	Thomson Meter Co. Repairing meters	43.00	Presbyterian Church - Rent	40.50
R. C. Miller, plumbing work	8.00	Standard Oil Co. Fuel oil	31.20	A. W. Skinner, printing	6.00
Wash. Miss. College Press, Printing		Harry Stevens, Engr. services	173.64		

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

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Superintendent of Public Work was directed to make necessary street repairs on New York Avenue at the earliest possible date, and that in order that the Superintendent may secure a larger force of men to do urgent and needed work that he be authorized to pay wages of \$2.25 per day and to pay Henry Fields \$2.50 per day.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, recommended an additional appropriation of \$200 to be available for street work and repair of dirt streets, including Flower Avenue which recommendation, on Mr. Grabill's motion, was approved.

Mr. Miller, to whom the matter of assessments for concrete streets against lots and block, Hill Crest, had been referred upon protest of their owners, reported with recommendation that the assessments stand as previously approved by the Council, which recommendation, on motion of Mr. Taff, was approved.

Mr. La Fetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that, after consultation with officials of the State Board of Health, the Committee was prepared to recommend the installation of the simple hypochloride plant for disinfecting the water supply, in accordance with plans furnished by the State Board of Health, in preference to the more expensive chlorine plant advocated by Mr. Stevens and moved that the Committee be authorized to proceed therewith at a probable cost of \$125.00. The motion was carried.

With reference to the cement sidewalks desired by the Bliss Electrical School on New York and Chicago Avenues, Mr. Grabill moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with the Boyle-Robertson Construction Co. to build such

walks at cost plus 10%, provided the necessary advertising and legal waivers were submitted by the Bliss School authorities. The motion was carried.

The Superintendent of Public Work informed the Council of damage done to the streets throughout the Town by the recent heavy rains and that he was making every possible effort toward repairs with the small force of laborers he was able to get. He invited attention also to efforts he was making to remove a large quantity of fine stone washed into the sewer main on Carroll Avenue through a break into the sewer pipe during recent work on Carroll Avenue.

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

Approved:

J. M. Union

Mayor.

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Tuesday Evening, August 28, 1917.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held at the Office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra and Taff.

Mr. LaFetra, for the Water and Sewer Committee, to whom the matter had been referred, returned the request of Robert C. Lowen for permission to make town water and sewer connections with a residence about to be erected by him, just outside the town limits, on Holly Ave, with recommendation that, in view of a portion of Mr. Lowen's property lying in the Town, the desired permission be granted upon payment of \$50 (the average cost per lot of water main extensions) and an annual sewerage maintenance fee of 50 cents and an annual minimum water tent of \$12.50, with a charge of 25¢ for each 100 cubic feet of excess; a cut-off to be installed within the town limits and access to the meter to be granted whenever required. On motion of Mr. Grabill the recommendation was ap-
(proved)

Mr. LaFetra submitted also the request of Mr. Wm. J. Fay for refund of excessive water bill at the property recently purchased by

him on Sycamore Avenue, which bill was incurred prior to his ownership of the property, with recommendation that the requested refund be not granted. The recommendation, on motion of Mr. LaFetra, was approved.

Mr. Hendrick called the Council's attention to the slow progress made in completing various work, principally that relating to streets, which has been authorized by the Council, and which in his judgment should be prosecuted with greater energy. The Council discussed the matter, informally, at some length. The Superintendent of Public Work explained to the Council the difficulties encountered, the scarcity of teams and of labor and the havoc wrought by the recent heavy storms and stated that he was making every effort to do the work, taking it up in such order as seemed to him most pressing and important.

With regard to the trouble from street drainage on lower Willow and Spruce Aves., Mr. Grabill moved that the Superintendent of Public Work be authorized to construct a manhole and make the necessary pipe line connections in the rear of the property occupied by Mr. Heatherington, providing the necessary permission be obtained from the owners of the land, Messrs. Terrell and Little, and that an appropriation of \$75⁰⁰ or so much thereof as may be found necessary, be authorized for the purpose. The motion was carried.

There being no further general business the Mayor laid before the Council the following communication:

To the Town Council, Takoma Park, Maryland,

Takoma Park, Md., August 28, 1917.

Gentlemen:- Owing to changes which will render it necessary for me to leave Takoma Park in the near future for an indefinite period, I am unable to give the affairs of the Town the time and attention which they deserve and I therefore tender my resignation as Mayor to take effect at your earliest convenience.

In thus severing the relations which I have maintained with the members of the Council and officers of the Town, I desire to express my earnest gratitude for the loyal support and assistance they have uniformly afforded me, without which I could not have possibly performed the duties of my office.

Sincerely regretting the necessity of ending an association that has been so pleasant, and with best wishes for yourselves and the continued prosperity of the Town, I am, Gentlemen,

Faithfully Yours,

STEPHEN W. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

The Mayor having temporarily surrendered the Chair to Mr. Taff, Mr. Grabill moved, in view of the Mayor's early departure from Takoma Park to take up important government duties in the far West, that his resignation be accepted with sincere regret, effective at such date as the Mayor shall himself designate; and that a committee of three members of the Council be appointed to submit appropriate Resolutions relative to the Mayor's retirement. The motion was unani-

mously adopted and the Chair appointed as such Committee, Councilmen Grabill, La Fetra and Rogers.

After informal discussion between the Mayor and Council it was agreed that the Mayor's resignation should be effective on September 10th and that in the meantime he would be relieved as much as possible of detailed work of the Town.

Mr. Grabill moved that the Council proceed to the election of a Mayor to succeed Mayor Williams and said motion was carried. Mr. Grabill nominated Mr. Wilmer G. Platt and referred to Mr. Platt's long and valued citizenship in the Town and his years of faithful public service as Councilman and Mayor.

No other names having been presented Mr. Platt was unanimously elected upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, La Fetra and Taff; voting nay, none. Mr. Grabill announced that he was authorized to state that Councilmen Miller and Rogers, unavoidable absent from the meeting, if they had been present, would have voted for Mr. Platt.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:05 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Ben W. Davis

Clerk.