

Monday Evening, September 10, 1917.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of August 28th 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	\$ 6003.71	assistance to engineer	\$ 64.50	\$ 225.30
Receipts:		Water System; miscellaneous		55.56
From general taxes	\$ 988.57	Sewer System	42.75	
" special "	438.06	pipe line extensions	33.50	76.25
" water rents	36.00	Street work; labor	131.28	
" water meter advances	30.00	concrete streets	6124.07	
" sewer permits	1.00	Cement walks	400.00	6655.35
" gas permits	2.00	General expenses; printing	14.31	
" plumbers deposits	20.00	telephones	9.00	23.31
" deposit, W. and M. Ry. Co.	7500.00	Miscellaneous expenses		70.50
	9015.63	Street lighting		158.75
	15019.34	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	50.00	
Disbursements:		superintendent of public work	105.00	155.00
Pumping and filter plant; miscd	\$ 39.60	Balance on hand		7420.02
fuel oil	31.20			\$ 7599.32
salary of engineer	90.00			

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

Mr. W. M. Terrell, of Washington, D. C., appeared before the Council with reference to the railway extension on Carroll Avenue and the concreting of the Street. Mr. Terrell stated that he was employing a man of long railway experience to supervise the laying of the railway tracks; that this man was of the firm conviction that the tracks would surely settle after cars began running and that such settling process would doubtless crack and destroy the concrete roadway if it was carried over the tracks at this time. Mr. Terrell therefore urged in view of the expense of the work and the possibility of irretrievable damage to the street that some means be devised to defer concreting of the street in the track spaces until the tracks should have had opportunity to settle.

The Council considered the matter at length and as the chairman of the Street Committee, Mr. Grabill, and the Superintendent of the work, Mr. Shadle, agreed with the possibilities of the damage happening, Mr. Grabill moved that the superintendent of the work, Mr. Shadle, be instructed to concrete the two sides of Carroll Avenue to within one foot of the car track rails and to fill the intervening space with cinders, from Tulip Avenue eastward and that when the tracks have had time to fully settled that the



cinders be removed and the concreting completed in accordance with the original plans. Mr. Hendrick moved to amend by adding, that the cost of the additional work and material be carefully kept for consideration in assessing the final cost of the work complete. The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended, was adopted.

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

C. and P. Telephone Co.-----\$	8.95	Standard Oil Co. Fuel oil-----\$	26.40	Washington Star, Advertising---	\$ 8.60
Columbia Brick & Coal Co. Cement---	2.50	" " " Demurrage-----	5.00	Rudolph and West. Waste-----	29.00
National Pub. Co. Certificates-----	12.75	R.C. Miller, Plumbing-----	9.27	Wash. Rubber Co. Packing-----	1.50
Mattingly Bros. Disinfectants---	2.70	Hunter Bros. Fence posts, etc---	75.07		181.74

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

At this point Mayor-elect Platt requesting permission to briefly interrupt the proceedings of the Council addressed himself to Mr. Williams, the retiring Mayor, stating that on behalf of the Council he had been requested to say a word in regard to the severing of his official relations and his departure from home and friends in Takoma Park. Mr. Platt called attention to the long and efficient services Mr. Williams had rendered the Town both as Councilman and Mayor and to the important public improvements which had been inaugurated and accomplished during his regime. He expressed the sincere regrets felt by the Mayor's personal and official friends at his departure and at the same time their hearty congratulations in the knowledge of his assumption of enlarged and most important duties in the service of the Government. As an added expression of the deep and sincere regard of the members of the Council and of personal friends, Mr. Platt, in their behalf, presented to Mayor Williams a watch fob and gold pendant, the latter engraved with the seal of the Town and an appropriate inscription.

Mayor Williams responded briefly and feelingly, expressing his inability to adequately state his appreciation of the kind and generous words spoken by Mr. Platt on behalf of the members of the Council and other friends. He would remember always the strong personal ties formed in Takoma Park and his one regret was his inability to give at all times that complete service to the public welfare which was his desire in respect to the official duties with which the people of the Town had charged him. In conclusion he wished every good thing to the Town and to the Council and to the incoming Mayor.

Mr. Grabill, from the special committee for the purpose, stated that this would seem an appropriate moment to sub-



mit the report of the special committee which recommended the adoption of the following Resolutions:

*WHEREAS: Mr. S.W. Williams has presented to this Council his resignation of the office of Mayor on account of transferring his residence to another state, and*  
*WHEREAS: Mr. Williams has served the Town faithfully and effectively in that office for a period of over five years past and has directed many public improvements, greatly to the benefit of the Town, among which are the laying of the first concrete roadway pavements, extensive waterworks repairs, extension of the lighting system, the construction of an electric railroad line on Carroll Avenue, and the inauguration of the paving of that thoroughfare,*  
*WHEREAS: his legal knowledge and conscientious judgment have been always at the service of the Town, his unfailing patience as well as his fund of humor have endeared him to those who have been associated with him in his tasks; Therefore, be it*  
*RESOLVED by this Council that it deeply regrets the loss of Mr. Williams as an officer of the Town, as a citizen and an associate; and that it tenders to him and his family its joint wishes for a successful career and a happy sojourn in their new place of residence;*  
*RESOLVED: That a copy of these Resolutions shall be furnished Mr. Williams and that they shall be spread on the minutes of the Council.*

On motion of Mr. Grabill, who submitted the question to the Council, the Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

A communication from Mr. W.B. Walters relative to the construction of a cement sidewalk along the frontage of his property, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from certain residents on Denwood Avenue requesting installation of a second electric street light on Denwood Avenue was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

The Street Committee returned to the Council the communication which had been referred to it of Mr. H.E. Hetherington, of Willow Ave, relative to the flooding of his cellar with report to the following effect: that the terra cotta drains through this section had been laid by the owners of the property over which it led; that an examination showed the large pipes to have been stopped up by stumps and sand lodged within them; that these obstructions had now been removed and the pipe cleaned; a catch-basin for sand has been ordered for construction; that the pipes had been laid by the original owners of the property, who with the present owners, must share any responsibility for its failure. With regard to carrying the more rapid discharge of water due to improvement of Park Ave, the committee recommends the construction of an 18" pipe line over private property and across Willow Avenue to intercept and carry to the drain below Willow Avenue all surface water from Park Ave.; the cost of such work is estimated at \$423.75. The situation of Mr. Hetherington's lot at a low point in the topography invite a repetition of flooding in times of heavy rains when the pipes may become again obstructed; for this unfortunate location of his property the Town is in no wise responsible.



Mr. Grabill moved that the report of the Committee be adopted but that the construction of the proposed drain be deferred until the Finance Committee reports funds available therefor. The motion was carried.

The Street Committee, through Mr. Grabill, returned also the communication of Mr. J.W. Barclay relative to the blocking of Chestnut Avenue and the turning of water thereon with report that an examination fails to substantiate Mr. Barclay's allegations except as to washouts on the sides of Chestnut Avenue beyond the town line; that the gravel road is in good condition, the bridge not washed away and no additional water deflected in this direction by the paving of Chestnut Avenue; the Committee recommends that the washed gutters be filled with brush and rock; that Mr. Barclay be so informed and advised however that the Council does not intend to assume any responsibility for the condition of the road outside the limits of the Town. The report and recommendations were approved.

Mr. LaFetra, from the <sup>Henricks</sup> Judiciary Committee, returned to the Council the communication of Mr. James Mooney who had complained of depreciation in the value of lots owned by him in Block 44 because of proximity to the sewer fields with report to effect that such depreciation was not due to the causes stated and that the Council was powerless to offer any redress. The report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Superintendent of Public Work was authorized to expend not to exceed \$30 for rubber boots and a pruning <sup>(hook)</sup>

Mr. Grabill also moved that the Mayor be authorized to employ an engineer in connection with the cement sidewalk construction authorized on Chicago, New York, Ethan Allen and Cedar Avenues.

The Mayor stated that this evening had been designated for the opening of bids for cement sidewalks and submitted the bid of Mr. Harry H. Spencer, the only one received, and which stated prices as follows: cement walk, \$1.90 per square yard; cutting and filling over 12" 60 cents per cubic yard. Mr. Grabill called attention to the bid not being in accordance with the town specifications and that it could not therefore be accepted, and moved that Mr. Spencer be informed that if he will enter into a contract, which the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into on behalf of the Town, to do the proposed work under the Town's specifications and at the prices stated by him in his bid that he is authorized to proceed with the work upon signing of such contract by himself and the Mayor. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:15 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:  
*W.G. Plant*

Mayor.

*Bruce Davis*

Clerk.



Monday Evening, October 8, 1917

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra, Miller, Rogers and Taff. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and, with slight corrections, were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 7599.32	assistance to engineer	\$ 69.50	212.40
Receipts:		Water System; miscellaneous		1.29
From general taxes	\$ 166.73	Street Work: labor	286.74	
" special taxes	71.31	material	2.50	289.24
" water rents	6.75	Concrete Streets		4329.08
" water meter advances	20.00	Cement walks		1224.90
" water and sewer permits	4.00	General expenses: printing	12.75	
" gas permits	12.00	telephones	8.95	
" building permits	2.00	miscellaneous	53.70	75.40
	282.79	Street lighting		158.75
	7882.11	Salaries; Supt. of Public Work	105.50	
Disbursements:	\$	Clerk and Treasurer	50.00	155.00
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 21.50	Semi-annual interest on improvement bonds	200.00	6646.06
fuel oil	31.40	Balance on hand		\$ 1236.05
salary of engineer	90.00			

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

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

Vacuum Oil Co. lubricating oil	\$ 28.71	Standard Oil Co. Ker. and gasoline	\$ 34.80	John B. Espy lubricating oil	\$ 4.00
Wash. Rubber Co. 5 prs. hip boots	24.00	Col. Brick and Coal Co. Cement	2.50	Rudolph and West Co. oil	.85
Standard Oil Co. 250 gals. Alad. oil	22.50	C. and P. Telephone Co. Rentals	9.05	Lamond Bros. 80' 8" pipe	12.00
Hamisons, Inc. 6 bbls alum	61.88	Mattingley Bros. Disinfectants	2.03	Standard Oil Co. lubr. oil	6.30

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee reported that several cases of scarlet fever had developed during the month originating from the District of Columbia school; that the cases so far were mild and that all precautions were being taken.

Mr. Rogers called attention again to the excavation on Crescent Place which had been allowed to exist for several years and suggested that either the owner be required to fill it or to drain it or that the Town do so, the Health Committee considering its continuance a menace to the health of the community. On motion of Mr. Grabill the Health Officer was authorized to take the



necessary action to have the excavation filled or drained as his judgment may determine.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, reported that fair progress was being made on the concreting of Carroll Avenue; that the cement walk authorized for Ethan Allen and Cedar Avenues was completed on the frontage of the former street and would probably be completed on the latter within the next two weeks.

Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of Public Work, submitted an oral report on progress being made on grading and rounding up of the dirt streets throughout the Town; this work was found to be much more expensive than heretofore and would require probably an additional appropriation of \$100 for completion. On motion of Mr. Rogers \$100 additional was appropriated for the work noted.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Street Committee was authorized to expend \$500 for cinders to be used in repairing Albany Avenue between Takoma and Buffalo Avenues; Buffalo Avenue between Takoma and Albany Avenues and New York Avenue between Chicago and Takoma Avenues.

Mr. E. N. Jackson, surveyor, laid before the Council plans for the eastern terminus of the extension of the street car line on Carroll Avenue and after brief consideration of the matter, and on motion of Mr. Grabill, the plans were approved.

The Treasurer laid before the Council the following communication:

*The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:*

*Takoma Park, Md., October 1, 1917*

*Gentlemen:- The following is a report of the cost of the cement sidewalk recently completed on Spruce, Park and Sycamore Avenues and Crescent Place: Contractor, \$1586.45; advertising, \$8.00; Surveying, \$10.00; Miscellaneous, \$18.43. Total cost, \$1622.88.*

*The total length of walk constructed was 1764 linear feet or a per foot cost of 92 cents. Of the said 1764 linear feet 1539 feet are assessable against abutting property and 225 linear feet subject to exemption and payable by the Town. The following assessment is submitted;*

Subdiv.	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Front Ft	Side Ft	Am't due	Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Front Ft	Side Ft	Am't due
Hill Crest	1	16	Joseph W. Shadle, Inc.		80	\$ 73.60	Land E.	8	27	Benjamin C. Stine	17		\$15.64
		17	" " "	50		46.00			28	Frank A. and Naomi C. Porterfield	50		46.00
		18	" " "	50		46.00			29	William M. Terrell	50		46.00
		19	" " "	50		46.00			30	Charles E. Wre, Inc.	50		46.00
		20	" " "	50		46.00			31	William M. Terrell	50		46.00
		21	George T. Smallwood	50		46.00	Gilberts	19	38	George N. Beale Estate		40	36.80
		22	Elihu C. and Pearl H. Wood	50		46.00		21	4	H. B. and Georgia T. Hendrick	50		46.00
	4	11	Joseph W. Shadle, Inc.	50		46.00			5	Annie M. Eaton	50		46.00
		12	John W. Hirlinger	50		46.00			6	Louis J. and Jesse F. Sanders	50		46.00
		13	William J. Vickery	50		46.00			7	Marhn L. Harper	50		46.00
		14	Charles A. Mann	48		44.16			8	Francis R. Lamb	50		46.00



Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Front ft	Side ft	Amt due	Subdiv	Blk	Lot	Assessed to	Front ft	Side ft	Amt due
Gilberts	21	9	James R. S. Dickens	50		\$ 46.00	Gilberts	21	14	Charles M. and Daisy D. Overacker	50		\$ 46.00
		10	" " "	50		46.00			15	Albert and Annie H. Burdette	50		46.00
		11	Mary A. Cady Lee	50		46.00			16	Newman C. Van Horn	50		46.00
		12	David and Viola Weldon	50		46.00			17	C. L. Ashley	50		46.00
		13	Annie E. Brensinger	50		46.00				Total	1419	120	1415.88

The following Ordinance is submitted for your consideration:

### Ordinance No. 319.

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

Sec. 1. That the special assessment submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of October 1, 1917, for the construction of cement sidewalks abutting the property therein designated, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted and the said property is hereby declared to ~~be~~ specially benefitted by the said work.

Sec. 2. The special assessments hereby 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 annual installments the first due within 30 days from the date of approval hereof and the remaining installments due in equal annual payments thereafter until paid; provided further, that payment 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 6% per annum.

Very Respectfully,  
BEN G. DAVIS, Treasurer.

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.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*W. G. Platt* Mayor.

*B. G. Davis*, Clerk.



Monday Evening, November 12, 1917

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Platt and Councilmen Grabill, Hendrick, LaFetra, Miller 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	\$ 1236.05	Pumping plant; miscellaneous	\$ 106.80
Receipts:		fuel oil	80.80
From water and sewer permits	\$ 5.00	salary of engineer	90.00
" general taxes	598.34	assistance to engineer	58.75 336.35
" special "	528.65	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00
" water rents	791.63	supt. of public work	105.00 155.00
" water meter advances	20.00	Concrete streets	8203.47
" gas permits, \$ 2.00; bldg permits \$ 4.00	6.00	Cement walks	600.00
" miscellaneous sources	6.75	General expenses: telephones	9.05
" proceeds of bond issue	10000.00	postage	12.25
" accrued interest on bonds	41.67	miscellaneous	6.57 27.87
	11998.04	Semi-annual interest on bonds (wts)	980.00
	13234.09	" " " impvt. "	150.00 1130.00
Disbursements:		Plumbers' deposits returned	10.00 10736.78
Street work: labor	\$ 206.14	Balance on hand	\$ 2497.31
material	67.95 274.09		

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

A communication from Mr. M. E. Olsen requesting elimination of the assessment for water main against the Park Avenue frontage of lots 1 and 2, block 5, Hill Crest, for the reason that said lots were not benefited thereby, already having watermain adjacent to them, was ordered referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration and report.

The Clerk presented a letter of request from Mr. I. A. Hewitt for permission to lay a water service pipe from the nearest point in the Flower Avenue watermain to lot 1, block 48, Fletcher's subdivision, where he expects to erect a residence. On motion of Dr. Miller the desired permission was granted, upon the distinct understanding and agreement that should the watermain be extended to Mr. Hewitt's premises he will disconnect the pipe line hereby approved and connect anew with the extended watermain and agrees to pay any assessment that may be made for such extension against his property.

A communication from Mr. George W. Collison, 17 Eastern Avenue for two electric lights on Eastern Ave between Ash Avenue and First Street, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.



A delegation of citizens residing on Baltimore Avenue appeared before the Council urging that immediate attention be given Baltimore Avenue which was in very bad condition. Messrs. Biddle, Wallace and McKenzie addressed the Council:

Mr. Grabill, of the Street Committee, stated his personal knowledge of the conditions complained of and moved that the sum of \$200, if available, be appropriated for repairing Baltimore Avenue. The motion was carried.

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

Barber and Ross, Kansas Printer_ _ \$ 4.50	Dr. A. B. Little, medical services_ _ \$ 2.00	C and P. Tel. Co. Rentals_ _ _ _ _ \$ 8.95
Standard Oil Co. fuel oil_ _ _ _ _ 103.90	Mattingly Bros., Disinfectors_ _ _ 5.40	A. Mietz Corp. Engine parts_ _ _ _ 13.41

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

Mr. Rogers moved that payment be authorized of a bill of \$91.15 submitted by Terrell and Little for additional grading incident to change of the tracks of the Washington and Maryland Railway, ordered by the Street Committee, less any credits that may be due the Town for work performed in the interest of the railroad. The motion was carried.

The Mayor informed the Council that upon representations made to him as to the irresponsibility and indigence of Mrs Emma Brown, he had taken the matter up with the property authorities and had arranged for her care in a county institution.

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported satisfactory general health conditions, one new case of scarlet fever occurring within the past two weeks.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, reported completion of the cement sidewalk on Ethan Allen and Cedar Avenues, and that the ends of walks in connection with concreting of Carroll Avenue had been finished. He reported further that excellent progress had been made during the last two weeks on the Carroll Avenue roadway and that it now looked as though the street would be completed within the next month with any kind of propitious weather.

Mr. La Fetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that the chlorine plant for treatment of the water had been installed at the pumping plant and was now being used with satisfactory results.

On motion of Mr. La Fetra authority was granted for the installation of an additional telephone gong at the pumping station.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Plumbing Inspector was directed to inspect the plumbing in the old "Holt house" and to re-



quire the correction of any unsanitary defects found therein, permission being granted to repair the existing stack, and a report to be made at the next regular meeting of the Council.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:25 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

*W. G. Platt* Mayor

*Bill Davis*

Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 10, 1917.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting 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		\$ 2497.31	Sewer System: pipe line extensions	\$ 654.94	
RECEIPTS:			Street Work: labor	190.07	
From general taxes	\$ 391.72		Concrete streets	7658.20	
special taxes	447.01		Cement walks	524.56	
water rents	12.23		General expenses: printing	\$ 4.65	
water meter advances	10.00		telephones	8.95	
gas permits	1.00		miscellaneous	77.40	91.00
proceeds of bond issue	10000.00		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
accrued interest on bonds	83.34	10945.30	Superintendent of public work	105.00	155.00
		13442.61	Street lighting		317.50
DISBURSEMENTS:			Builders' deposits returned	10.00	9871.89
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 43.72		Balance on hand		\$ 3570.72
fuel oil	103.90				
Salary of engineer	90.00				
assistance to engineer	33.00	270.62			

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

The Treasurer called attention to the necessity of providing additional funds in order to meet heavy expenditures for material used in the concreting of Carroll Avenue and submitted an estimate of \$10,000 as probably necessary to complete the work.



Mr. Taff moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to negotiate for an additional loan of \$10000 to be secured by certificates of indebtedness of the Town, to bear 5% interest and to be redeemable one-fifth annually, for the purpose of completing the concreting of Carroll Avenue and other necessary public improvements in connection therewith. The motion was carried.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Charles Selden, Jr., President of the Washington and Maryland Railway Co., addressed to the Mayor, requesting that he send to the Company a check for \$332.37 as percentage on work done for the Town in moving water main on Carroll Avenue, such work amounting to \$2215.80.

On motion of Mr. Grabill the Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Selden that no other arrangement was entered into in regard to removing the water main on Carroll Avenue than to employ the force of men at the wages paid them; that these pay rolls were regularly made up and promptly paid each week and that the percentage bill submitted cannot be allowed or approved by the Council. The

A communication from the Potomac Electric Power Company was laid before the Council in which attention was invited to the expiration of the contract for street lighting and that under its terms the contract is to continue in force after the expiration of five years until either party gives written notice three months in advance of their desire to terminate the agreement, and asking to be advised whether or not the Town desires a continuance of the contract.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Clerk was directed to acknowledge the communication and to inform the Electric Company that the Town desires continuation of the contract under the same terms and conditions.

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

T. and P. Telephone Co. _____	\$ 8.85	Wash. Sanitarium, Medical services _____	\$ 18.00	Harry Stevens, Engineering service _____	\$ 14.01
Col. Buck and Coal Co. Coal _____	5.81	Vacuum Oil Co. Lubricating oil _____	29.29	Wash. Miss. College, Street Work _____	44.75
E. N. Jackson, Surveying _____	21.00	Thos. Somerville, Grease _____	.90	Taylor and Balderson, Hauling _____	149.25

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Health Committee, reported two additional cases of scarlet fever, of light form.

With reference to cases of contagion Mr. Rogers called the Council's attention to the difficulty of getting prompt action in cases of lifting of quarantine, especially as applied to return of children to school, causing no small amount of hardship to parties concerned. Mr. Rogers stated that his certificates, as Health Officer, were not accepted and read a letter from the State Board of



Health to the effect that certificates should be given by the County Health Officer. This official, Mr. Rogers stated, lived on a rural delivery route and was difficult to communicate with any promptness.

After discussion Mr. Taff moved that the State Board of Health be requested to appoint Dr. H.H. Miller as a resident Deputy-Health Officer with authority to certify in convalescent cases of contagious diseases. The motion was carried.

Mr. Grabill, from the Street Committee, returned the petition of C.M. Bennett and others for an additional street light on Denwood Ave, and a letter from George W. Collison for two street lights on Eastern Avenue, with recommendation that the former request be approved and that one light be installed on Eastern Avenue between end of sidewalk and Ash Avenue, be granted in response to the latter request, which recommendations, on motion of Mr. Grabill, were approved.

In this connection the Mayor suggested the need of a street light on Baltimore Avenue at New York Avenue and after consideration installation of a light at this location was approved, on motion of Mr. Grabill.

The Street Committee, by Mr. Grabill, returned the communication of Mr. Walters relative to failure to construct a cement sidewalk in front of his lot with recommendation that Mr. Walters be informed that, inasmuch as his lot was not included in the Ordinance directing the work, nor in the order for the work, the contractor was without authority to construct it. The recommendation, on motion of Mr. Grabill, was approved.

With reference to the concreting of Carroll Avenue Mr. Grabill reported the work as about 85% complete; that about 800 feet of roadway on one side of the car track remained incomplete, and that, due to the winter weather which has prevailed it would probably be well to abandon the work until Spring.

Mr. Taff moved that the Street Committee be authorized, in its judgment, to stop the work on Carroll Avenue during the winter season. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hendrick called attention to the failure to construct cement crossings on Sycamore Ave. at Columbia and Ethan Allen Avenues which he understood to have been ordered in connection with the construction of cement walks on Sycamore, but in the absence of record evidence thereof moved that a cement walk be construct on Sycamore Ave. at Ethan Allen Ave. which motion was adopted. Some question having arisen as to the feasibility of a crossing on this street at Columbia Avenue, Mr. Grabill



moved reference of the matter to the Street Committee for special consideration and report. The motion was carried.

Mr. Burr, of Burr Bros., called the Council's attention to his bill of \$240.00 for hauling cinders which has been unpaid. Mr. Blodgett, Superintendent of Public Work, stated he had approved the number of loads of cinders hauled, but had understood the price was based upon the number of yards hauled, which fell short, and that he had not, therefore, approved the total of the bill. Mr. Burr stated that he had never fixed a price per yard for hauling and that the bill was correct as rendered.

The Mayor stated that in the absence of record evidence of the price basis the bill would be paid as soon as funds were available.

Mr. LaFetra, from the Water and Sewer Committee, returned the communication of Mr. M. E. Olsen for elimination of the water main assessment against the Park Avenue frontage of lots 1 and 2, block 5, Hill Crest subdivision on the ground that an assessment had been paid for the Crescent Place frontage, with recommendation that inasmuch as 200 feet exemption had been given in the Crescent Place assessment, that the Park Avenue assessment should stand as submitted and approved by the Council, which recommendation, on motion of Mr. LaFetra, was approved.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication from the Clerk and Treasurer:

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland,					Takoma Park, Md., December 1, 1917								
Gentlemen: The following is a report of the cost of the cement sidewalk recently completed on Ethan Allen and Cedar Avenues:													
Contractor ----- \$ 1286.93					Inspection ----- \$ 8.00								
Advertising ----- 5.00					Miscellaneous ----- 10.96								
Surveying ----- 15.00					Total ----- \$ 1325.89								
As there were 1506.7 linear feet of walk constructed the per foot cost thereof is 88 cents. An assessment of property benefited at the rate mentioned is herewith submitted for your consideration:													
Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Ft	Side Ft	Total	Am't. Due	Blk	Lot	Assessed Owner	Front Ft	Side Ft	Total	Am't. due
22	1	Heber L. Thornton	100		100	\$ 88.00	22	33	Ralph S. and Cora A. Dennison	50		50	\$ 44.00
	2	" " "	100		100	88.00		34	" " " " "	50		50	44.00
	4	John L. and Anna M. Simpson	112.7	68	180.7	159.02		35	George H. Heald	50		50	44.00
	25	" " " " "	26		26	22.88		36	Harold Fisher	50		50	44.00
	26	Harry A. Stacy	50		50	44.00		37	Lloyd Fisher	50		50	44.00
	27	" " " " "	25		25	22.00		38	J. H. Angerman	50		50	44.00
	27	Grace C. Champe-illingworth	25		25	22.00		39	" " " " "	50		50	44.00
	28	" " " " "	50		50	44.00		40	George M. Blackburn	50		50	44.00
	29	Harry W. Cornell	50		50	44.00		41	R. Henry and Selina Phipps	50		50	44.00
	30	Linda E. Heald	50		50	44.00		42	Laura L. Morrison	50		50	44.00
	31	Georgia N. Prescott	50		50	44.00		43	Sarah W. Wells	50		50	44.00
	32	" " " " "	50		50	44.00			Total	1238.7	68	1306.7	\$1149.90



The following is a report of the cost of the cement walk recently completed on New York and Chicago Avenues;

Contractor	\$ 264.32	Inspection	\$ 4.00
Surveying	6.00	Miscellaneous	4.38
Advertising	3.00	Total	281.70

The total linear feet of walk constructed is 313, a per foot cost of 90 cents. An assessment of property benefited at the rate mentioned is herewith submitted for your consideration:

Block	Lot	Assessed Owner	Total ft	Amt. Due
70	3	Bliss Electrical School	95	\$ 85.50
	14	" " "	117.54	105.79
			Total	\$ 191.29

Very Respectfully,  
BEN G. DAVIS, Clerk and Treasurer.

Mr. Taff moved the adoption of the report and approval of the assessment submitted by Ordinance, as follows:

### Ordinance No. 320

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

Sec. 1. That the special assessments submitted in the report of the Town Clerk and Treasurer under date of December 1, 1917, for the construction of cement sidewalks on portions of Ethan Allen, Cedar, New York and Chicago Avenues, abutting the property therein designated, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted and the said property hereby declared specially benefited by the said walks.

Sec. 2. The special assessments hereby approved and adopted shall be due and payable January 1, 1918; provided, that if so desired, payments may be made in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable in January, 1918, and the remaining installments due in equal annual installments thereafter until paid; provided further, that payment 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 6 per cent per annum.

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

Mr. Hendrick, for the Ordinance Committee, discussed briefly with the Council the advisability of resuming the revision of the Town Ordinances, undertaken some time since, and stated that he would call the Committee together at an early day to consider the matter.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*W. H. Pratt* Mayor.

*Ben G. Davis*

Clerk.