

Monday Evening, July 14, 1919.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Lewton, Lillie, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of May 24 and June 2, were read by the Clerk 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	\$ 5074.06	assistance to engineer	\$ 84.50	507.13
Receipts:		Water System: miscellaneous		82.92
From special taxes	\$ 38.99	Sewer " "		10.10
" water rents	11.88	Street Work: labor	183.35	
" water and sewer permits	14.00	material	82.36	265.71
" gas permits	2.00	Collection of rubbish		13.40
" meter advances	23.00	" " garbage		67.20
" builders' deposits	10.00	General expenses; printing	5.00	
" plumbers' deposits	10.00	telephones	11.15	
" building permits	14.00	postage	21.42	57.57
" miscellaneous	116.45	Street lighting		162.50
	240.32	Miscellaneous		15.00
	5314.38	Salaries; clerk and treasurer	50.00	
Disbursements:		Supt. of public work	125.00	175.00
Pumping and Filter Plant; miscd	\$ 273.63	Balance on hand		3977.85
fuel oil	39.00			
salary of engineer	110.00			

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 333 and 334 this evening had been designated to hear from citizens interested in the construction of the cement sidewalks therein designated, and called upon those present for an expression of views thereon. No one appearing the Mayor declared the hearing closed with record of no objections to the proposed work.

A communication was presented from Dr. Llewellyn N. Johnson, 100 Baltimore Avenue, requesting that permission be granted him to remove from the parking adjoining his residence a twisted, unsightly and dangerous tree and that he be granted permission to plant in the street parking adjacent to his property, under such restrictions as the Council may deem necessary, shade trees during the coming fall. On motion of Mr. Lewton the desired permission was granted under general supervision of the Street Committee.

Mrs. Morris Bien and Mrs. Jean Dawson Hodge addressed the Council relative to the desire of the citizens to improve Spring Park and the Park reservation in North Takama. Mrs. Bien stated that she had received subscriptions of \$78 from in-

interested citizens toward a fund to improve Spring Park, which amount she expected to increase to \$100 and suggested that the Council duplicate such subscriptions as may be made by the citizens for this laudable purpose

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

Lamb Seal and Stencil Co. Stencils -- \$	5.00	Standard Oil Co. lubricating oil ---	68.95	Hunter Bros. Friction clutch pulley - \$	17.74
A. W. Skinner, printing -----	13.50	Dist. Mch. Works, repairing engine ---	245.45	Thomson Meter Co. Repairs -----	48.00
Standard Oil Co. fuel oil -----	43.40	Wallace and Tjernan Co. Repairs ---	25.00		467.04

On motion of Mr. Taff payment of the bills was directed.

Mr. Rogers, from the Street Committee submitted the following recommendations which were approved by the Council; 1. An appropriation of \$100 for the improvement of Carroll Avenue east of Garland Ave. 2. An appropriation of \$100 for the improvement of Cedar Avenue. 3. An appropriation of \$125 for placing cinders on New York Ave. between Buffalo and Baltimore Aves. 4. Acceptance of deed from West Penn Land Co. to a 40-ft strip connecting Elm and Allegheny Aves., and an appropriation of \$50 for improvement thereof and of a portion of Allegheny Avenue.

Mr. Rogers stated that he had received a bid from the Brenizer Company of 75¢ per cubic yard for grading of Boyd Ave. and hauling of dirt to lower Carroll Ave, and moved that it be accepted. Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Morris Bien addressed the Council relative to the faulty system in getting public work done and suggested that the matter receive the Council's earnest consideration with a view to such changes as may result to the public interests.

A communication from Mr. Richard Irwin requesting two street lights on Allegheny Street was referred to the Street Committee.

Upon his written request permission was granted Mr. E. C. Wood to construct, at his own expense and under the supervision of the Town, a 4-foot cement sidewalk fronting lot 23, block 1, Hill Crest.

Mr. V. T. H. Bien was granted permission to lay 8 feet of 12-inch terra-cotta pipe in front of his premises, 46 Elm Avenue, for a foot path from the street, the work to be done as approved by the Street Committee.

Dr. Miller, from the Water and Sewer Committee, recommended that permission be granted to connect the Lowen house on Holly Ave with the Town water main under the rules governing use of water by property outside the Town. Recommendation approved.

The Water and Sewer Committee submitted a letter from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan requesting that service sewage pipes from house

owned by Mr. S. W. Flagg, of West Falls Church, Va, which pass through land recently purchased by Dr. Jordan from Mr. Flagg, be removed and otherwise connected with the public sewer. On motion of Dr. Miller permission was granted Mr. Flagg to make the desired change, provided it be without expense to the Town and that the necessary rights of way be obtain from the property owners affected.

With respect to improvement of the public parks, Mr. Lewton, from the Committee on Civic Improvement, moved that the Town accept the proposition made by Mrs. Bien and Mrs. Dodge and appropriate an amount equal to that raised by subscription for the beautifying and improving of Spring Park and the North Takoma Park, and that said amount be expended under the direction of the Committee on Civic Improvement. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Lewton, from the Committee on Civic Improvement recommended and moved that, under direction of the Mayor and Council, a series of monthly town meetings be instituted, to be held on the first Monday evening of the month, for the purpose of public discussion of questions affecting the public welfare, such meetings to be inaugurated when it is deemed proper to lay before the citizens the matter of transferring the water and sewer system to the Suburban Sanitary Commission. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers, from the Street Committee, presented the following Ordinance with recommendation for its adoption.

Ordinance No. 335.

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 directed in furtherance with the public health and convenience that cement sidewalks be constructed as provided in Ordinances Nos. 333 and 334, passed and approved June 9, 1919, and June 16, 1919, respectively.

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

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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 Lewton, Lillie, Miller, Rogers and Taff. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Lillie moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for Proposals for constructing about 3200 linear feet of 4 foot cement sidewalks, the bids therefor to be opened at the Clerk's office, Monday evening, July 28th at 8 o'clock. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Potomac Electric Power Co. was requested to change location of street light corner of Carroll and Tulip Aves.

There being no further business the Council at 10:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. E. Blair

Mayor

Paul Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, July 28, 1919.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the Clerk's office, this date, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving and opening bids for construction of cement walks, as advertised, and for consideration of such business as may be presented.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Lewton, Lillie, Miller and Rogers.

The Clerk stated that only one proposal had been received, which, upon being opened, was that of Costigan & Maloney, of Washington, D.C., as follows: 1. Grading, in excess of 1 foot, \$2.00 per cubic yard. 2. Constructing and laying cement walks, \$2.97 per square yard. The proposal was referred to the Street Committee and reported back with verbal recommendation that in view of the excessive figures submitted the proposal be rejected and the certified check returned. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Rogers, for the Street Committee, submitted the following report which was approved and adopted.

July 21, 1919. - Your Committee on Streets have carefully examined the watershed concerning which complaint has been made by Mr. Wm. C. Allard, of Poplar Avenue, as to the discharge of water onto his premises, and would respectfully report that we do not find that the Town is responsible for diverting water in this vicinity from its natural flow. We are therefore of the opinion that the Town is unable to abate the nuisance of which complaint has been made.

The Council discussed at some length the advisability of the use of cinders in street improvement, during which discussion, on motion of Mr. Lillie an additional appropriation of \$600 was authorized for purchase and spreading of cinders and the work incident thereto, including Takoma, Baltimore and Tulip Avenues.

The Mayor informed the Council that he understood there was some possibility of obtaining, at a reasonable price, a tractor from several about to be disposed of by the Housing Corporation, and that, in view of the difficulty of obtaining teams, such a purchase might be of considerable advantage to the Town. Mr. Lewton thereupon moved that the Mayor be authorized to expend not to exceed \$300 in the purchase of a tractor should investigation convince him such purchase would be advisable. The motion was carried.

Mr. Lewton brought before the Council the matter of purchasing for the benefit of the community food supplies from the army surplus stock and after explaining the requirements moved that the Council authorize the purchase of such surplus army food supplies as may be obtainable within the limits of the distribution being made by the War Department from its accumulated stores and that the food thus obtained be sold to those citizens desiring to purchase it at the actual cost thereof to the Town, and

that the necessary appropriation be authorized or the financial responsibility assumed by the Council for any advance payment that may be required. The motion was unanimously carried and the Mayor designated Councilman Lewton and Messrs. C. H. Normandie and Guy Clinton to represent the Town authorities in the business transactions required in obtaining and delivering the supplies.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. J. Platt Mayor

Ben D. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, August 11, 1919.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Lillie, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of July 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	\$ 3977.85	assistance to engineer	\$ 103.20	370.89
Receipts:		Water system: miscellaneous		48.69
From general taxes	\$ 7646.42	Sewer " "		6.10
" special taxes	753.01	Garbage collections		43.23
" water rents	20.50	Street work: labor		226.03
" water and sewer permits	18.00	Cement walks		35.00
" gas permits	2.00	General expenses: printing	13.50	
" meter advances	23.00	telephones	11.65	
" builders' deposits		postage	10.72	35.87
" plumbers "	10.00	Street lighting		162.83
" building permits	16.00	Interest on general improvement bonds		138.75
	8488.93	Miscellaneous		10.00
	12466.78	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
Disbursements:		superintendent of public work	125.00	175.00
Pumping and filter plant: misc	\$ 114.29	General improvement bonds paid	2500.00	3752.69
fuel oil	43.40	Balance on hand		\$ 8714.09
salary of engineer	110.00			

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

The annual report of the Treasurer, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was also submitted as follows;

Balance on hand July 1, 1918		2024.16	<u>Street work: labor</u>	1648.45	
<u>Receipts:</u>			Material	698.92	
From general taxes	11369.41		Concrete Streets	4194.44	
special taxes	14023.12		Cement walks and crossings	124.75	6666.56
water rents	7920.11		<u>General expenses: printing</u>	70.85	
water meter advances	314.00		Telephone rentals and messages	114.70	
water and sewer permits	96.00		postage	61.02	246.57
building permits	64.00		<u>Miscellaneous: Collecting rubbish</u>	177.45	
gas permits	22.00		Collecting garbage	175.60	
proceeds of state bonds for road construction	7425.74		Rentals	32.00	
road tax refund, Prince Georges County	156.39		Compensation of Assessors	15.00	
" " " Montgomery County	1515.76		Compensation, election officers	16.00	
interest on deposits in bank	81.52		Unclassified	276.32	692.37
miscellaneous sources	135.13		<u>Interest: water and sewer bonds</u>	1920.00	
building deposits	60.00		General improvement bonds	1844.67	3764.67
plumbing deposits	35.00	43218.18	<u>Street lighting</u>		1960.91
		45242.34	<u>Salaries: clerk and treasurer</u>	600.00	
<u>Disbursements:</u>			Superintendent of Public Work	1495.71	2095.71
Pumping plant; repairs to machinery	1014.90		Builders' deposits refunded		60.00
Lubricating oil	359.06		General improvement bonds paid		17500.00
waste	55.20		Deposit to credit of sinking fund		1000.00
Chemicals	85.22		Balance on hand		\$ 3977.85
Coal	27.20				
Repairs to chlorine apparatus	58.85		<u>BONDED INDEBTEDNESS:</u>		
Purchase of small engine	225.03		Water and Sewer 4% 30-year bonds	\$ 48 000.00	
Miscellaneous	44.31		Special improvement 5% 5-year bonds	17500.00	
Fuel oil	1569.74		Special improvement 6% 5-year bonds	4000.00	
Salary of engineer	1320.00		Total	\$ 69500.00	
Assistance to engineer	924.72	5684.23			
<u>Water System; lowering mains</u>	187.32		<u>SINKING FUND</u>		
Water meters, purchase and repairs	390.62		Balance on hand July 1, 1918	\$ 198.33	
Storage house, pumping station	208.06		Additions during year	1000.00	
Miscellaneous	183.79		Total	\$ 1198.33	
Pipe line extensions	436.40	1406.19			
<u>Sewer System: miscellaneous</u>		187.28			

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved and authority granted for printing and distribution thereof.

A communication from Mr. W. F. Buckingham for sewer extension and cutting of curbing for driveway was referred to the water and sewer committee for report ~~to~~ to sewer and permission granted to cut curbing under direction of the Supt. of Public Work. The water and sewer committee was authorized to arrange for sewer in most feasible way.

A petition of protest against erection of a private garage on Columbia Ave, was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Taff, ^{Rogers}

A communication was read by the Clerk, from the Washin gton Loan and Trust Company stating that in accordance with the request of the Mayor and Council, steps would be taken for removal of the abandoned power station at corner of Laurel and Eastern, ^{Aves.}

Mr. John Findlay personally petitioned the Council to grade and spread cinders on Allegheny Avenue.

Upon written request therefor, permission was granted to Mr. C. W. Stilson to lay a service water pipe from the terminus of the water main on Carroll Avenue to a new residence he is building upon condition that he pay all expenses in connection therewith and that the service be abandoned and connection made with the water main whenever extended, and the property bear any required assessment of the cost of extending the main whenever such extension is made.

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

E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co. 6 bbls. filter alum	\$ 45.00	Standard Oil Company, Aladdin oil	\$ 31.50
Evening Star Newspaper Co. Advertising	3.40	National Electrical Supply Co. Columbia dry cells	4.50
		Total	84.40

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Street Committee, reported satisfactory progress in the spreading of cinders on various streets throughout the Town. Upon his recommendation and on motion of Mr. Taff, an additional appropriation of \$150 was authorized to complete repairs to Montgomery Avenue and on Ethan Allen and Columbia Avenues.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Mayor and Treasurer were authorized, in their discretion, to issue certificates of indebtedness not to exceed \$3000 to cover the cost of cement sidewalks now under construction.

Mr. Lilly moved to take from the table the protest against construction of a private garage on Columbia Avenue, which motion was carried. After brief discussion and on motion of Mr. Rogers the petition was ordered filed without action.

A proposal from Mr. V. T. H. Bien for construction of concrete roadways was referred to the Street Committee.

On motion of Mr. Taff, Mr. L. A. Cutshaw was appointed a deputy bailiff. The Mayor announced the addition of Mr. Hendrick to the Committee on Civic Improvement. The Council thereupon, at 9:45 o'clock adjourned.

Approved: *W. L. Platt*

Mayor

Bruce Davis
Clerk

Monday Evening, September 8, 1919.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Councilmen Lewton, Lillie, Rogers and Taff.

Mayor pro tem.

In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor the Council was called to order by the Clerk. On motion of Mr. Lewton Mr. Taff was chosen

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

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 8714.09	fuel oil	\$ 31.50	
Receipts:		salary of engineer	110.00	
From general taxes	\$ 1134.49	assistance to engineer	76.40	518.88
special taxes	702.04	Water System: miscellaneous		9.00
water rents	23.00	Sewer System: "		9.60
water and sewer permits	20.00	Collection of garbage		52.00
gas permits	1.00	Street work: labor		394.80
water meter advances	23.00	Cement walks		3.40
plumbers' deposits	10.00	General expenses: telephones		11.20
builders' deposits	10.00	Street lighting		172.50
road tax refund, Prince Georges Co.	165.95	Interest on improvement bonds		250.00
builders' permits	20.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
	2109.48	supt. of Public Work	125.00	175.00
	10823.57	Builders' deposits refunded		10.00 1606.38
Disbursements:		Balance on hand		\$ 9217.19
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	300.98			

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee for proper audit.

A communication from Mr. George Laurence relative to water and sewer facilities for lots recently purchased by him in the Fletcher Subdivision was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. H. P. Ware, of 107 Elm Avenue, in person, called the Council's attention to an outhouse recently constructed upon a lot opposite his residence, on Elm Avenue, and suggested, in view of the proximity of a public sewer that connection therewith be required. The matter was referred to the Health Committee for investigation and action.

Mr. Morris Bien reported that the sum of \$86.00 had been collected by Mrs. Bien in connection with the improvement of Spring Park and that actual work was awaiting detailed suggestions and plans for the contemplated improvements.

Mr. Bien also reiterated his former protests to the Council over the methods employed in the public work of the Town which in his judgment, lacked proper technical supervision, carefulness, efficiency, economy or promptness and urged the

Council that this very important matter be given early and careful consideration in order that such methods be discontinued.

A communication from Mr. Frank H. Grimes relative to the grade of cement sidewalk on Carroll Avenue was referred to the Street Committee.

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

Standard Oil Co. 159 gals. Aladdin oil @ 15¢	----- \$ 18.00	Mattingly Bros. 12 O.K. Disinfectors	----- \$ 3.78
" " " 101 " Lubricating oil @ 70¢	----- 70.70	J. B. Simpson, Sundries	----- 18.60

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

Mr. Rogers, from the Street Committee reported relative to the progress of grading work on Park and Boyd Avenues and to the laying of cement sidewalks on various streets.

Mr. Lewton, from the Committee on Civic Improvement informed the Council of the work accomplished through the Buying Committee, in connection with the purchase and distribution of surplus army food and commended the interest taken by the people of the Town and the general results achieved.

A petition for construction of cement sidewalks on Flower Avenue, in the Fletcher Subdivision was referred to the Street Committee for report with suggestion that waivers be obtained from the petitioners as to advertising and other legal requirements, if decided to undertake the work at this season.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:35 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor pro tem.

Bruce Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, Sept. 22. 1919

A special meeting of the Council was held at the residence of the Clerk this date for the purpose of informal conference with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding the contemplated use of the Town's water and sewer system.

There were present Mayor Platt, Councilmen Lewton, Lillie, Miller, Rogers and Taff, Mr. Morris Bien, of the Council's consulting Committee, and Messrs. Curtis, Duckett and Bogley of the Sanitary Commission with Mr. Robert B. Morse, their Chief Engineer.

The meeting was devoted almost entirely to discussion and comparison of the different valuations arrived at respectively by the Town and by the Commission with an interchange of views as to the merits of the methods adopted in each case, and an apparent desire to meet on common ground.

It was decided that Messrs Rogers and Davis, on the part of the Town and two of the Commission's employees, on the part of the Commission, should meet at an early date to check up the actual physical properties, from the data used by each and to report as early as practicable.

At the conclusion of the conference the Council, at 10:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

W. I. Platt

Mayor

Paul G. Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, October 6. 1919.

A special meeting of the Council was held at the office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering further the proposition to be submitted to the Suburban Sanitary Commission in relation to their taking over the water and sewer system. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Lewton, Miller and Lilly and Mr. Crabill of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Davis, Town Clerk, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Rogers, reported that, in compliance with the instructions of the Council he and Mr. Rogers had met with two representatives of the Suburban Sanitary Commission and that a careful checking up of the physical properties of the Town's water and sewer system had resulted in so small a differ-