

4 to 9 inclusive, block 4, and lots 9 to 17, inclusive, block 3, Hill Crest Subdivision, and agreeing to a waiver of all legal requirements and assessments to be fully and legally bound for the special assessments thereon. Mr. Rogers moved that the petition be granted in accordance with the terms stated therein and the work ordered in conjunction with similar work now pending. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Rogers a cement walk was ordered abutting the property of Mr. W. B. Walters on \_\_\_\_\_ Avenue, Mr. Walters having petitioned therefor and submitted a written waiver of all legal requirements.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned:

Approved:

*W. G. Platt*

Mayor.

*Bruce Davis*

Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 7, 1920

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following present: Mayor Platt and Councilmen Hendrick, Lewton, Lilly, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

The Mayor informed the Council that they had been called together for the purpose of closing the business of the present Council and turning the municipal affairs over to the newly elected Mayor and the new Council. The Mayor briefly reviewed the progress of the Town during the past few years and thanked the Members of the Council for the hearty cooperation they had constantly given him in administering the Town Affairs. He heartily commended the Mayor elect and predicted for him a successful administration. There being no further business for consideration and as the Mayor was about to adjourn the Council without date, former Mayor John B. Kinnear requested permission to submit some brief reminiscent remarks.

Mr. Kinnear called attention to the fact that he and Mayor Platt were among the first residents of Takoma Park and that they had witnessed the growth of the Town from a mere hamlet in the woods to its present position of the leading and largest suburb of the National Capital. He called special attention to the many years of civic duty performed by Mayor Platt as Member of the Council and as Mayor of the Town, to all of which service he had given freely of his time, his money and his ability. Concluding his address Mr. Kinnear stated that he had



been delegated by a number of Mayor Platt's friends to express their appreciation of his effort and interest in behalf of the Town and the community and that such expression should be in the form of a gold watch and chain which he thereupon presented with the best wishes and sincerest regards of the donors.

Taken entirely by surprise the Mayor for some moments was unable to give expression to his feelings but finally did so, thanking the citizens for the manifestation of their good will and confidence and reiterating his sincere appreciation of their great kindness and of the form of its expression.

The Mayor thereupon presented his successor, Mayor-elect James L. Wilmeth and declared the Council adjourned sine die.

The new Council was called to order by Mayor Wilmeth and upon call of the roll the following members responded to their names: Councilmen Bliss, Hendricks, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff. The Mayor announced that in accordance with the certificate of election issued him by the Judges of Election he had taken the prescribed oath of office and assumed the duties of Mayor. He thereupon administered the oath of office to Councilmen elect Bliss, Shadle and Taff, the organization of the Council being thus completed.

The Mayor announced that the Council would now proceed to the election of the following officers for a term of one year: Clerk and Treasurer, Corporation Counsel, Superintendent of Public Work, Chief Bailiff and the requisite number of deputy bailiffs.

Mr. Taff moved that Mr. Ben G. Davis be reelected as Clerk and Treasurer. There were no other nominations and Mr. Davis was unanimously reelected.

Mr. Miller moved that Mr. J. Bond Smith be reelected as Corporation Counsel. There being no further nominations the election of Mr. Smith was unanimously confirmed.

Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. E. E. Blodgett be reappointed as Superintendent of Public Work. No other nominations being presented Mr. Blodgett was unanimously reelected.

Mr. Taff moved that Mr. C. W. Ferrar be appointed Bailiff which motion was unanimously carried. The following deputy bailiffs were nominated and the nominations unanimously confirmed by the Council: George N. Day, E. E. Blodgett, L. A. Cutshaw, J. H.

On motion of Mr. Taff the duties and powers of deputy bailiffs were conferred upon the members of the Council and the Clerk and Treasurer of the Town

The Mayor administered the required oath of office to Messrs. Davis, Smith and Cutshaw.



The clerk presented a communication from the corporation counsel stating that the Town authorities had been served with a writ of injunction restraining them from proceeding with construction of sidewalks as recently ordered and reciting the procedure being taken in connection therewith. He stated therein that Mr. George Lamar had been retained as Associate Counsel and requested approval thereof.

On motion of Mr. Taff the action taken by the Corporation Counsel in the legal proceedings noted, including the retention of Mr. Lamar as Associate Counsel, were approved.

Mr. Hendrick informed the Council as to efforts being made to inaugurate a garbage collection service and was requested by the Mayor to submit a definite proposition and recommendations thereon at the next meeting of the Council.

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

Approved: *James L. Wilmett*  
Mayor.

*Basil Davis*

clerk.

Monday Evening, June 14, 1920

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 7 were read and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 69,377.71	Street work: material	\$ 286.33	628.83
Receipts:		Cement walks		620.31
From special taxes	\$ 220.28	General expenses: printing	13.00	
water rents	16.05	telephones	7.80	20.80
gas permits	6.00	Street lighting		172.50
building permits	18.00	Miscellaneous		259.54
	260.33	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	50.00	
	69,638.04	superintendent of public work	125.00	175.00
Disbursements:		Builders' deposits returned		20.00
Park improvements	\$ 120.07	Balance on hand		2017.05
Street work: labor	342.50			\$ 67,620.99

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



The Mayor announced that the Council would now proceed, as per public advertisement, to receive and open bids for the construction of concrete roadways and cement sidewalks. Bids were presented by the W. F. Brezner Co., R. E. Boizeau and Edward Coshigan.

Before the bids were opened Mr. Shadle moved that the bidders be requested to take back their proposals and to submit them anew upon the basis of 6 1/2 inches of concrete for the streets with an alternate bid covering 8 inches of concrete on the Carroll Ave. work between Laurel Ave. and the District Line, said bids to be opened at the Clerk's Office Thursday evening, June 17 at 8 o'clock. The motion was carried.

Mr. Morris Bien addressed the Council urging that in addition to a Superintendent of Public Work a general supervising engineer with a technical knowledge of general engineering be appointed to have charge of all public work. Mr. Bien called attention to the rapid growth of the Town and to the necessity of bringing technical engineering ability to assist in proper solution of many problems requiring such knowledge.

Mr. Haas, residing on Montgomery Avenue complained to the Council that he had been subjected to abuse by the Superintendent of Public Work for failure to remove a cement step on the sidewalk and stated that removal of the step had not been accomplished because the work incident thereto would be disturbing to his mother who was in precarious health. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mrs. J. Owen Dorsey, 115 Chestnut Ave. relative to closing of a street drain from the down spouts of her residence, which she requested be reopened, was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

A communication from Mr. R. Y. Ferner requesting, on behalf of the Committee on Town Plan and Maps, an allotment of \$10.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for purchase of materials to make up a Town map, was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement for report and recommendation.

A communication from Mr. George C. Stewart requesting withdrawal of his name from a petition for the paving of Flower Ave. from Davis Ave. to the end of Flower Ave, running north, was ordered referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. Morris Bien suggesting that representations be made to the Suburban Sanitary Commission that preference for water and sewer extensions should be given to areas within the Town limits rather than to those outside was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for their consideration and such action as the Committee may deem appropriate.

A numerously signed petition from residents on Flower Avenue in the Fletcher Subdivision requesting relief from <sup>bad</sup> sanitary conditions in that neighborhood and for establishment of grade and grading of Flower Avenue from Carroll Ave. south to Sliquo Creek was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.



A petition from residents on Sherman, Hancock and Sheridan Avenues, requesting improvement of those streets, was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

A petition from property owners on Denwood Avenue requesting that the street be paved with concrete under the usual assessment plan was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition signed by Messrs. Howard Greer, W.G. Slappey and Geo. E. Gude requesting that the parking space on Boyd Ave. be reduced from 8 feet in width to 4 or 5 feet was referred to the Street committee for consideration and report.

Mr. F. L. Lewton, retiring Chairman of the Committee on Civic Improvement, submitted a report showing receipts and disbursements of funds for park improvements as follows: Spring Park, - Receipts, \$200.00; disbursements \$20.79; balance \$179.21. North Takoma Park: Receipts, \$409.80; disbursements, \$196.87. Balance on hand, \$212.93. The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition for electric street light on Sheridan Ave. was referred to the Street Committee for report.

Messrs. Curtis and Duckett, of the Suburban Sanitary Commission, with their chief engineer, Mr. Morse, were present at the Council meeting and stated they had come by invitation and were ready to answer any questions which might be propounded. During the informal discussion which followed these particular facts were verified: that all responsibility for damages from unprotected pavement cuts were upon the Commission; that after July 1 the Commission would assume and conduct plumbing inspections; that meters would be read and bills presented semi-annually, and that the front foot assessments would be determined by the classification of the affected property applied to the provisions of the Act creating the Suburban Sanitary Commission. Upon conclusion of the Conference Mr Curtis, on behalf of the Commission, urged hearty cooperation on the part of the Town with the Commission and was assured by the Mayor that this would be given.

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

Takoma Auto Supply Co. Gasoline	\$ 37.60	Mattingly Bros. Disinfectors	\$ 8.40	Evq. Star. Advertising proposals	\$ 6.40
Taylor and Balderson, Cinders	387.10	John G. Hodges, Tax book	26.50	Montgomery Press " Order Misi	30.00
					496.00

On motion of Mr. Hendrick the bills were ordered paid.

Mr. Hendrick, from the Health Committee, reported that the garbage collection service was being delayed for lack of a suitable collection wagon. After brief discussion Mr. Taff moved that the Health Committee be authorized to purchase a suitable number, not to exceed 8, of galvanized iron garbage receptacles for collection of garbage. The motion was carried.



Mr. Shadle, for the Street Committee, reported that he had made a thorough inspection of the Town streets and had found most of them in a very good condition. The concrete streets needed some attention, especially Carroll Avenue, where a number of holes in the street are in urgent need of repair. In view of the fact that the Superintendent of Public Work will be busily employed for some time on general streetwork Mr. Shadle moved that the W.F. Brenizer Company be employed to repair the concrete streets and walks at a basis of cost plus 15%. The motion was carried. Mr. Shadle spoke also of the advisability of covering the concrete streets with a layer of tarvia. In this connection a representative of the Barrett Company, who was present, advised the Council as to the benefits and cost of a tarvia dressing with stone chips.

Mr. Shadle called the Council's attention to the need of a concrete mixer and quoted prices thereon.

Mr. Hendrick moved that the Street Committee submit at the next meeting of the Council definite propositions and prices of several makes of concrete mixers and that the Public Roads Division of the Department of Agriculture be consulted for general information concerning concrete mixers. The motion was carried. The Mayor suggested, in view of the action just taken to have all present repairs required made by the Brenizer Company, the question of purchasing a mixer is not so urgent and the Committee could consider it quite thoroughly.

Mr. Grabill, of New York Ave., invited the Council's attention to the need of fire protection and spoke of effective motor fire-fighting apparatus now obtainable at moderate cost. The Mayor stated that this matter is now under consideration by the Council.

The condition of Takoma Avenue, from Chestnut to Buffalo was again brought to the Council's attention by residents of that thoroughfare and methods of affording them relief were considered by the Council with advice from Mr. Grabill and Mr. Burley the latter representing the Barrett Company.

Mr. Hendrick moved that the Street Committee be authorized to treat the cindered roadway of Takoma Avenue between Chestnut and Buffalo Avenues with Tarvia B in the manner advised by Mr. Burley, of the Barrett Company, as a road experiment. Mr. Bliss moved to amend by including Takoma Avenue from Buffalo Avenue to Albany Avenue. The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

Mr. Lewton briefly addressed the Council relative to the work done on Spring Park and the public park in North Takoma under his general supervision as Chairman of the Committee on Civic Improvement.

Mr. Trogner, of Cedar Avenue addressed the Council in advocacy of the proposition advanced by Mr. Morris Bien for appointment of an engineer to be given general supervision of the work of the Town. Mr. Trogner stated that the Washington Branch of the Society of Engineers will be glad to cooperate with the Council in securing a competent man for the position in case the position is created.



On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Clerk was authorized to make payment in full for the 4 1/2 ton roller purchased of the Good Roads Machinery Co.

The Mayor announced the membership of the Standing Committees for the ensuing year as follows:

FINANCE: Messrs. Taff, Rogers and Shadle. STREETS AND LIGHTS: Messrs. Shadle, Rogers and Bliss. WATER AND SEWERS: Messrs. Miller, Taff and Bliss.

HEALTH: Messrs. Bliss, Hendrick and Miller. ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY: Messrs. Rogers, Miller and Hendrick.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Messrs. Hendrick, Taff and Bliss.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

James L. Winneeth Mayor.

Paul Davis

clerk.

Thursday Evening, June 17, 1920

The Council met in special session at the Clerk's office, convening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of concrete streets and cement sidewalks and for transaction of such other business as may be presented.

The Clerk laid before the Council bids received from the Warren F. Brenizer Co., R. E. Boiseau and Edward Coshigan, General Contractors, all of Washington, D.C., which bids, upon being opened, were as follows:

ITEMS:	Edward Coshigan.	R. E. Boiseau.	W. F. Brenizer Co.
<b>CEMENT ROADWAYS:</b>			
1. Grading and rolling roadway and grading parking space -----	\$ 2.25 per cu. yd.	\$ 2.50 per cu. yd.	\$ 1.50 per cu. yd.
2. Constructing straight cement curb combined with pavement -----	.65 " lin. foot	1.00 per lin. ft.	1.00 " lin. ft.
3. Constructing circular cement curb combined with pavement -----	1.25 " " "	1.25 per lin. ft.	1.00 " " "
4. Constructing cement roadway 6" in thickness -----	3.24 " sq. yd.	3.20 per sq. yd.	2.89 " sq. yd.
5. (Alternate) Constructing cement roadway 8" in thickness -----	3.87 " " "	3.95 " " "	
6. Constructing catch basins and covers -----	30.00 each	65.00 each	Cost plus 15%
7. Extra work not included above when ordered in writing -----	Cost plus 15%	Cost plus 15%	Cost plus 15%
<b>CEMENT WALKS:</b>			
1. For grading, as specified in excess of 1 foot in depth -----	\$ 2.25 per cu. yd.		\$ 1.50 per cu. yd.
2. Constructing and laying cement walks -----	3.34 " sq. "		3.05 " sq. "
3. Extra work, not included above, when ordered in writing -----	Cost plus 15%		Cost plus 15%



Having taken the bids under consideration the Street Committee reported that the Warren F. Brenizer Company appeared to be the lowest bidder and recommended acceptance of his proposal for cement streets by Ordinance as follows:

**Ordinance No. 344**

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

Section 1. That the proposal of the Warren F. Brenizer Company, of Washington, D.C., for the construction of cement roadways and curbing, be and the same is hereby accepted at the following named prices: 1. Grading and rolling roadway and grading parking space, \$1.50 per cubic yard. 2. Constructing straight cement curb combined with pavement, \$1.00 per linear foot. 3. Constructing circular cement curb combined with pavement, \$1.00 per linear foot. 4. Constructing cement roadway 6 inches in thickness, \$2.89 per square yard. 5. Constructing catch basins and covers, cost plus 15 per cent. 6. Extra work, not included above, when ordered in writing, cost plus 15 per cent.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Warren F. Brenizer Company, for and on behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, for the work herein designated at the stipulated prices.

Mr. Shadle 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 Bliss, Hendrick, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Hendrick reported verbally relative to the difficulty in getting the garbage collection service started and submitted prices from the Shulebaker Company for a garbage dump wagon. Mr. Taff called attention to the action taken at the last meeting of the Council directing the purchase of the necessary number of garbage receptacles in order to permit collecting of garbage by ordinary wagon. After discussion the entire matter of garbage collection was referred to Mr. Bliss, Chairman of the Health Committee.

Mr. Shadle from the Street Committee, returning the petition of residents and property owners on Denwood Ave, for concreting of roadway, stated that the proposed work, 850 feet in length, 1700 feet of curbing, would cost approximately \$7500 which would entail an assessment of \$3.00 per linear foot to abutting property and recommended that the following Ordinance be adopted:

**Ordinance No. 345**

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 (Chapter 22, 1904, the Mayor and Council, in furtherance of the public safety, convenience and comfort, have in contemplation the following proposed public work: Construction of concrete roadway on Denwood Avenue, abutting lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, block 3, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 4, and lots 15, 16 and 17, block 2, all in the Hill Crest Subdivision, at an estimated total cost of \$7500 or \$9.00 per linear foot, one-third of such estimated cost to be assessed against the property above enumerated.

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Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting, Monday evening July 12, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the basement of the Presbyterian church, will hear all parties interested in the proposed work.

Mr. Shadle 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 Bliss Hendrick, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff; voting nay, none.



Mr. Bliss called attention to the rapid and increasing growth of the Town which was constantly adding to the duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk and Treasurer and moved in consideration thereof that the salary of this official be increased to \$75.00 per month, effective from June 1, and that in times when the work of the Clerk and Treasurer is particularly stressful that he be authorized to procure such clerical assistance as may be necessary for prompt and efficient discharge of his duties. The motion was unanimously carried.

At this point the Mayor administered the prescribed oath of office to Superintendent of Public Work Blodgett and to Chief Bailiff Charles W. Ferrar.

Dr. Miller, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that after careful consideration of the matter of securing adequate fire protection for the Town the Committee was prepared to recommend the purchase of a type 6 Ajax Combination Ford Chassis Chemical Engine complete for the price of \$1800 net.

On motion of Dr. Miller the recommendation of the Committee was approved and purchase of the apparatus directed.

Dr. Miller stated that the Committee had it in mind to station the fire apparatus at the Review and Herald Office, a most central point, and to organize among the Review and Herald employees a volunteer fire company which would be capable and constantly ready to render efficient aid in case of necessity, and that he felt confident this could be arranged.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, called the Council's attention to the difficult situation of the cement market and the impossibility of procuring cement at any certain price or subject to any certain delivery. He stated the urgent need of the Town for cement to repair streets and walks without delay, and that, in spite of the fact that the market price of cement is \$5.00 per barrel, that he was in a position to procure 100 barrels for immediate delivery at \$3.90 per barrel. He therefore moved that authority be granted to the street committee to purchase for immediate delivery 100 barrels of cement at \$3.90 per barrel. The motion was carried.

Mr. Shadle stated further, that in the judgment of the Street Committee it would facilitate the construction of concrete streets and cement walks now contemplated if the Council would authorize the Street Committee to place orders for 3200 barrels of cement to be delivered as needed, at \$3.90 per barrel or at such increase thereof as may be due to increase in cost or freight rates, the Committee to be authorized to cancel the orders in accordance with their judgment.

On motion of Mr. Shadle the Committee was authorized to act in accordance with the above recommendation of the Committee.



On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Street Committee was authorized to have the paving of Carroll Avenue between the railway tracks completed and to give this work priority, and that adequate notice be given the railway company to level the grades of their tracks so as not to delay or interfere with such paving. The motion was carried.

With reference to the complaint of residents of Flower Avenue against the dumping of cans and rubbish in a ravine in their vicinity and the proffer of their assistance in obviating the conditions, by contributing of their labor, Mr. Hendrick moved that the Street Committee be authorized to cover the cans under the conditions and terms noted.

The Street Committee returned the petition of residents on Flower Avenue in the Fletcher Subdivision for grading of that thoroughfare and after discussion thereof, on motion of Mr. Hendricks, it was directed that the petition<sup>er</sup>s be informed that the requested grading would be undertaken provided the property owners contribute their pro rata share of the cost in accordance with the regulations applicable to grading of streets.

On the request of Mrs. and Mrs. Dodge for grading and extension of Maple Ave. through the Petty Tract, the Street Committee reported that until the property was properly platted and the streets dedicated to the Town and the plat duly approved by the Council, it was not deemed expedient to undertake any work of the nature requested. The report was approved on motion of Mr. Hendricks.

Mr. Shadle stated that the Street Committee had investigated the complaint of Mr. Haas with respect to the cement step on the walk in front of his property and recommended that he be informed that the step is considered a menace to the public safety and that it should be removed within a week; that it may be retained until his mother's health is improved provided he is willing to submit a bond for \$5000 to indemnify the Town in case of any personal injury resulting; that if he is unwilling to do this and does not remove the obstruction within a week it will be removed by the Town.

On motion of Mr. Shadle the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

The request of residents on Boyd Avenue for narrowing the parking on that street was denied upon recommendation of the Street Committee and upon motion of Mr. Shadle.

On motion of Mr. Shadle Mr. Weiss, of 9 Denwood Avenue was to be notified to remove a tree stump from the sidewalk within one week or to be subject to arrest for blockading the public walks.



The Mayor, in a brief and informal talk to the Council and the Town officials expressed himself as desirous of giving to the Town an efficient and business administration. To this end he invoked the aid and personal assistance of each Councilman and official. He urged that the several committees of the Council give thorough and intelligent consideration to the matters referred to them so that when presented to the Council they could be promptly disposed of in accordance with the best interest of the community. The officials were informed of the expectation of prompt and cheerful compliance with their duties and of courteous treatment in all matters of official business.

The Mayor informed the Council that it would not be convenient for him to attend every meeting of the Council if the meetings were continued on the second Monday evening of each month. After informal consideration it was ascertained that the third Monday in each month would be acceptable to all members and such evening was tentatively decided upon effective in September.

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

Approved:

*James L. Hulme* Mayor.

*Brud Davis*

Clerk

Monday Evening, July 12, 1920

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 17 were read by the Clerk and with minor corrections, were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 67,620.99	material	909.70	1229.51
Receipts:		Cement walks		6.40
From general taxes	\$ 80.93	General expenses: printing	26.50	
" water rents	2.55	telephones	8.85	35.35
" gas permits	7.00	Street lighting		172.50
" sale of wood, cleaning up parks	23.40	Miscellaneous		38.40
" building permits	16.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00	
	129.88	Supt. of Public Work	125.00	200.00
	67750.87	Builders' deposits returned		10.00
Disbursements:		Balance on hand		\$ 66056.21
Garbage collections	2.50			
Street work: labor	319.81			



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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public notice, legally given, this night had been designated for a hearing to all parties interested in the proposed construction of a concrete roadway on Denwood Ave., as proposed in Ordinance No. 345, passed and approved June 17, 1920, and called for remarks from any parties interested and present,

Messrs. Wyatt, Scott and Spencer spoke in favor of the proposed work. Questions propounded by Messrs. Ruby and Ferrar were answered to their satisfaction and they offered no objections. No other parties desiring to be heard the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

The following Ordinance was thereupon submitted:

### Ordinance No. 346

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

*Sec. 1. That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved March 3, 1904 (Chapter 22, 1904) the Mayor and Council, after full and complete hearing, as provided by law, are of the opinion that the public safety and convenience require the construct of the cement concrete curbing and roadway on Denwood Avenue abutting on and contiguous to the property designated in Ordinance No. 345, passed and approved June 17, 1919.*

*Sec. 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein provided for shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of law against the property designated in said Ordinance No. 345, or so much thereof as the Mayor and Council shall deem specially benefited by said work*

Mr. Shadle moved that the Ordinance be approved and the Ordinance was approved upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Bliss, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Walter Pack in person invited the attention of the Mayor and Council to the serious conditions on Spruce and Willow Avenues from the surface water running down those streets in times of heavy rains. Mr. Pack presented a number of photographs explanatory of the conditions complained of. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following communications which were acted upon as indicated.

From Mr. Howard Greer and Mr. George E. Gude requesting that Boyd Ave. be concreted; referred to the Street Committee.

From C. M. Jenkins, 10 Montgomery Ave., relative to unnecessary noises of barking dogs and crowing chickens; referred to the Health Committee.

From Wm. A. Mellen, requesting improvement of Sliquo Avenue; to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from certain residents in Block 74, North Takoma, requesting improvement of the alley in said block; to the Street Committee.

From the Corporation Counsel, suggesting that no immediate action be taken upon the request of the Potomac Electric Power Company,



for a renewal of the street lighting contract, inasmuch as the present contract continues in force until either party gives three months notice in writing, and a new contract would doubtless be less favorable to the Town than the existing one. Approved on motion of Mr. Taff.

The Clerk presented a letter from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission requesting a check from the Town for one-half of the assessment, levied for sewer and water purposes, under the agreement with the Town of December 31, 1919. On motion of Mr. Taff the Clerk was instructed to advise the Commission that the Mayor and Council were unaware of any agreement as set forth in the Commission's letter and were therefore unable to approve any payment of the nature indicated.

A petition from Messrs. F. D. B. Avshin and Clarence D. Blachly requesting construction of cement sidewalk in front of their properties, Nos 239 and 241 Willow Avenue, under the usual conditions was approved, on motion of Mr. Shadle, provided the petitioners file with the Town Clerk a written waiver of all advertisement and legal requirements relative thereto.

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

L. E. Smoot, Sand and Gravel	\$ 254.60	M. Virginia Darby, copying transfers	\$ 20.00	Hunter Bros. Grindstone, etc.	\$ 20.20
J. H. Cissel, Cement	792.55	Good Roads Mfg. Co. Scrapper edge	9.50	W. F. Brenizer, Street repairs	915.10
Lamond Bros. Terra cotta pipe	15.00	A. W. Skinner, Printing	15.60	T. P. Realty Co. Rental store house	45.00
Taylor and Balderson, Cinders	73.50	Barber and Ross, garbage cans	30.00		

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

A bill from Rambo Bros. for groceries amounting to \$45.55, furnished to the Logan family during their quarantine with contagious disease, was presented to the Council and after brief discussion, payment thereof was denied, on motion of Mr. Taff.

Mr. Bliss, from the Health Committee reported relative to the difficulty the Committee had experienced in providing for a garbage collection service. He stated that an agreement had now been made with a man to furnish a 2-horse wagon and 2 men and to make disposition of the garbage, at \$15.00 per day, collections to cover two days per week.

Mr. Shadle from the Street Committee reported completion of repairs to concrete streets throughout the Town.

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The Committee recommended denial of the request of George Cursen and others for a street light on Sheridan Ave., and recommendation was ap-

On motion of Mr. Shadle permission was granted Mrs. J. Owen Dorsey, to have the street curbing on Chestnut Ave. in front of her residence cut sufficiently to permit drainage into the street of water from the down spouts of her residence.



With reference to the grading of Flower Avenue from Jackson Ave. to Glen Ave. the Street Committee submitted the following Ordinance:

**Ordinance No. 347.**

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 public safety, convenience and comfort, the Mayor and Council have in contemplation the grading of Flower Avenue, from Jackson Avenue to Glen Avenue, abutting the following described property: lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Block 46; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block 47, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, in Block 48, all in the subdivision known as Fletcher's Addition to Takoma Park.

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Sec. 2. The estimated cost of the proposed work is \$1000 and two-thirds of the cost thereof will be assessed, in accordance with law, against such of the property enumerated in Section 1 herewith as the Mayor and Council, in their judgment, shall deem specially benefited thereby.

Sec. 3. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on Monday evening, August 9, 1920, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, will hear all parties interested in the proposed work.

Mr. Shadle 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 Bliss, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff; voting nay, none.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Shadle the electric street lights recently installed on Eastern and Westmoreland Avenues were directed to be removed from that portion of said streets no longer within the corporation boundaries.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, recommended the appointment of a special committee to investigate and report to the Council concerning the feasibility of purchasing a lot and the erection thereon of a suitable warehouse for town property and machinery. On motion of Mr. Shadle the recommendation was approved and the Mayor appointed as such committee, Messrs. Shadle, Taff, <sup>and Rogers.</sup>

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Shadle the purchase of a Jaeger Concrete Mixer, was authorized at a cost of \$ 675 delivered in Takoma Park, and that it be the policy of the Town not to loan or permit the use of said mixer on other than work of the Town.

The Street Committee called attention to the bad state of the stretch of macadam roadway on Tulip Ave. between Willow and Oak Avenues and on motion of Mr. Shadle repairs thereof were authorized.

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

Approved:  
*James L. Wilmoth*

Mayor

*Ben J. Davis*

Clerk