

Monday Evening, August 9, 1920

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

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

The annual report of the Treasurer, examined, verified and approved by the finance committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand July 1, 1919		\$ 3977.85		Street Work: labor		3204.08	
<i>RECEIPTS:</i>				material: cinders	3343.95		
From general taxes	\$ 13569.35			miscellaneous	210.38	3554.33	
special taxes	11335.93			machinery: tractor	1435.00		
water rents	3358.96			scraper and drag	356.08		
meter advances	260.50			roller	516.64		
water and sewer permits	175.00			snow plows	84.00	2391.72	
building permits	174.00			grading Boyd Avenue	738.75	9888.88	
gas permits	75.00			Street lighting		2065.33	
road tax refund, Prince Georges Co	165.95			Postage		48.24	
road tax refund, Montgomery Co	1967.77			Telephone service		116.20	
interest on deposits in bank	65.40			Printing		77.30	
orders for army food supplies	3335.63			Interest on bonds		2171.91	
contributions, etc, for park improvements	318.40			Purchase of army food		3335.63	
miscellaneous sources	9.80			Miscellaneous: collection of rubbish	204.04		
builders' deposits	95.00			premium on treasurers bond	10.00		
plumbers' deposits	80.00			services of health officer	22.69		
sale of water and sewer systems	\$ 125000.00	159986.69		judges and clerk of election	20.00		
		\$ 163964.54		miscellaneous	288.39	545.12	
<i>DISBURSEMENTS:</i>				Salaries: clerk and treasurer	625.00		
Pumping plant: miscellaneous	\$ 703.97			superintendent of public work	1500.00	2125.00	
fuel oil	569.16			Deposits returned: builders'	85.00		
salary of engineer	770.00			plumbers'	20.00	105.00	
assistance to engineer	411.64	2454.77		Water and sewer bonds retired	48000.00		
Water System: miscellaneous		207.89		Special improvement bonds retired	21500.00	69500.00	97908.33
Sewer System: miscellaneous		63.60		Balance on hand			66056.21
Park improvements		217.72					
Collection of garbage		195.73					
Cement walks		4790.01					

NOTE: The Town is entirely free from bonded indebtedness of any nature and all bills are paid to date.

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was approved and ordered to be printed and distributed to the taxpayers.

The Mayor stated that in accordance with notice legally given this night had been designated for a public hearing on the proposed grading of Flower Avenue from Davis Avenue to Glenn Avenue, in the Fletcher subdivision, and called for remarks from any person or persons present and interested in the matter.

Mr. R. B. Harvey addressed the Council in favor of the proposed work. No other persons desired to be heard and no protests or objections were presented.

The Mayor thereupon declared the hearing at an end.

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 660.56.21	Street lighting	\$ 183.38
Receipts:		General expenses; printing	\$ 15.60
From general taxes	\$ 4218.66	Telephones	10.05
special	288.17	postage	33.00
water rents	5.40	Miscellaneous expenses	67.00
building permits	2.90	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00
gas permits	3.00	Superintendent of public work	125.00
interest on deposits in bank	657.17	Refund of builders' deposits	10.00
miscellaneous	20.20	" " plumbers "	10.00
redemption from tax sales	10.30	Garbage collection service	107.00
	5204.90	Park improvements	37.50
	71261.11	Rentals	45.00
Disbursements:		Balance on hand	\$ 67912.15
Street work: labor	\$ 1446.60		
material	1183.83		
	2630.43		

A petition from certain residents of Willow Avenue requesting that a street light be placed on that street about opposite No. 235 was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

A communication from Mr. Morris Bien calling attention to the bad condition at the intersection of Elm and Ash Avenues and suggesting the method of improvement thereof, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. J. Findley, residing on Allegheny Avenue, addressed the Council relative to the proposed removal of the lights from that portion of Allegheny Street recently taken out of the Town limits. Mr. Findley expressed the hope that the lights might be continued by the Town by some arrangement with the property owners to pay for them. Mr. Findley was informed by the Mayor that the Town was void of authority to continue lights outside of its limits and suggested that he and interested property owners consult with the Potomac Electric Power Co. as to what could be done.

Mrs. Harlan personally appeared before the Council relative to securing water facilities for upper Allegheny Street and was directed to take up the matter with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Mr. Shadle, from the Special Committee to select a site for a town warehouse reported that no definite decision had yet been reached; that the suggestion had been made that the site be selected with the ultimate purpose of its use for a Town Hall as well as a warehouse; that the Committee was considering this phase of the proposition and hoped to report on both propositions at an early date.

Mr. Morris' Bien suggested that in consideration of the selection of a possible site for a proposed Town Hall, the Council should not lose sight of the recent agitation respecting a Community House and a Community Center and that these matters should proceed together.

Mr. Hendrick moved that the Special Committee be instructed to investigate and report on two separate propositions, first, a site and building for warehouse purposes only and second, a site thoroughly suitable for Town Hall purposes and upon the rear of which necessary storage and warehouse facilities could be provided. The motion was carried.

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

J. B. Simpson, Sundries	\$ 5.20	Harry Moreland, hauling 9 bbls. Tarvia	\$ 6.00
The Barrett Co., 469 gals. Tarvia "A" @ 18½¢	86.77	Washn. Sand and Gravel Co., 5.35 tons sand blast	17.12
Joe Huston, 1 Acme dump wagon	80.00	Bigelow and Murphy, 1 sheet galvanized iron	3.40
Rudolph and West Co., 1 gross screws	1.60	E. N. Jackson, Surveying	18.00
Thos. Somerville Co. Terra cotta pipe	16.80	Hunter Bros. Concrete mixer, 628 ⁰⁰ ; tank 50 ⁰⁰	678.00 \$ 912.89.

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

Mr. Bliss, from the Health Committee, reported that it had been found unfeasible to make two garbage collections per week and that the Committee had modified its contract with the garbage collector to provide for one complete and thorough collection per week at a cost of \$25.00.

With reference to the existing nuisance at the property of W. J. Adams on Carroll Avenue, due to the lack of sewer connections, Mr. Bliss, from the Health Committee, recommended and moved that Mr. Adams be directed to abate the nuisance by connecting his property with the public sewer within 30 days and that in case of failure to do so he be proceeded against in accordance with law. The motion was carried.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee recommended that the concrete surface of Carroll Avenue be treated with a coating of tarvia and sand blast or granite chips. Mr. Bliss moved that the recommendation be approved and the work done without delay. Mr. Hendrick moved to amend by including only that portion of Carroll Avenue where the space between car tracks is concreted. The amendment failed for want of a second and the original motion as presented by Mr. Bliss was carried.

The petition of residents in block 74 for improvement of alley in said block was returned by the Street Committee without recommendation, the Committee having been unable to find record of any public alleys in the block. The action of the Committee was approved.

The petition of certain residents on Boyd Avenue for the concreting thereof was returned by the Street Committee disapproved at this time because of the scarcity and high price of cement, which action was approved by the Council.

With respect to the communication of W.A. Mellen requesting improvement of Sligo Mill Road the Street Committee recommended that the Street be improved and on motion of Mr. Bliss the recommendation was approved.

In reference to the petition of certain citizens for a street light on Sheridan Avenue the Street Committee, through Mr. Shadle, recommended compliance with the request and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

Mr. Shadle, reporting jointly for the Street and Lights and Water and Sewer Committees with reference to the flowing of surface water over private property, disavowed the general responsibility thereof by the Town and recommended no action in such cases unless the Town's responsibility be shown beyond doubt. In the case of this kind on lower Willow Ave. the Committees recommended that a catch basin be constructed at the expense of the Town provided the owner of the lot upon which it would be located, consented thereto.

On motion of Mr. Bliss the joint recommendations of the two committees were approved.

Mr. Shadle called attention to the continued difficulty of obtaining cement and in order to prevent deterioration of that on hand recommended that the Brenizer Company be directed to proceed with such sidewalk construction as the Street Committee may direct. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Hendrick.

Concerning the grading of Flower Avenue between Davis Ave and Glenn Ave. the following Ordinance was presented for consideration:

Ordinance No. 348.

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 deem it necessary that Flower Avenue be established and graded from Jackson Avenue to Glen Avenue adjacent to and abutting the property described in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 348, passed and approved July 12, 1920 which property will be assessed for two-thirds of the cost of the work herein directed.

Sec. 2. Any special assessment levied for the work herein provided shall be due and payable thirty days from the date of approval of said assessment, provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five annual installments, the first due and payable within 30 days from date of approval of said assessment and the remaining payments annually thereafter, all deferred payments to bear interest at 6 per cent per annum.

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, Rogers, Shadle and Taff. Voting nay, none.

(Mr. Hendrick from the Committee on Civic Improvement reported as to work done at the North Takoma Park, during the month.) Nothing has been done at Spring Park within the period mentioned. Complaint having been made as to conditions at Spring Park due to lack of proper lighting thereof Mr. Taff moved that an electric street light be installed at Spring Park to the best advantage and that electric lights be

placed in the building on the Park reservation used as a Town lockup. The motion was carried.

[lockup,]

On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Superintendent of Public Work was authorized to purchase sufficient canvass to repair the cots used in the Town

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

Approved:

James L. Wilmett Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, September 20, 1920.

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

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	\$ 67,912.15	material	\$ 233.44	561.95
RECEIPTS:		General Expenses: telephones	9.95	
From general taxes	\$ 596.06	miscellaneous	26.62	36.57
special taxes	16.65	Street lighting		183.75
water rents	10.00	Salaries: clerk and Treasurer	75.00	
gas permits	2.00	superintendent of public work	125.00	200.00
building permits	12.00	Garbage collections		100.00
	636.71	Redemption from tax sales	10.30	1092.57
	68,548.86	Balance on hand		\$ 67,456.29
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Street work: labor	\$ 328.51			

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from the Director of the Census advising that the population of the incorporated Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as shown by the Fourteenth Census, to be 3168; that the population in 1910 was 1242 and in 1900, 756.

These official figures show an increase of 155% in the Town's population during the past ten years.

A petition from G.E. Smith, and others, with reference to the assessment by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for water and sewer mains and the reimbursement of assessments already paid therefor; a communication from the Washington Suburban

Sanitary Commission and a letter from former Mayor W.G. Platt on the same general subject, were read by the Clerk and on motion of Mr. Bliss were all referred to the Corporation Council for consideration in connection with the authority of the Council to make refund or other disposition of the money received in sale of the water and sewer system.

Mr. A. Van Reuth and others, residents of that section recently added to the Corporation of Takoma Park, addressed the Council relative to improvement of Baltimore Avenue and other streets contiguous to and extending into the newly annexed territory.

Mr. Robert Coughlin invited the Council attention to the need of improved lighting facilities at Carroll and Tulip Avenues.

The necessity of improving Elm Avenue from Carroll Ave. to Ash Ave. was brought to the Council's attention by Mr. Morris Bien.

Mr. Shadle, from the special committee appointed to consider the selection of possible sites for a Town Warehouse and a Town Hall reported progress with the hope of submitting a definite report with recommendations at the next meeting of the Council.

A petition signed by John L. McKenney and others asking for the improvement and widening of Elm Avenue from Carroll Ave. to Ash Avenue was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

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

Columbia Brick and Coal Co. 14' oak plank	\$.70	Mattingly Bros. 1 doz disinfectors	\$ 4.20	Hunter Bros. Tools	\$ 72.85
R.L. Waters, Repairs to tractor	51.40	Gallagher and Huguley, lumber	14.40	Barrett Co. 1000 gal. tarvia	180.00
J.H. Cissell, 100 bbl. cement	334.00	Wash. Sand and Gravel Co.	268.80	Total	926.35

On motion of Mr. Taff payment of the bills was directed, that of the Barrett Co. to be deferred until O.K'd by the Chairman of the Street Committee.

The Clerk submitted to the Council a communication from the Corporation Counsel setting forth the legal action in the injunction proceedings of the case of Stewart vs. Town of Takoma Park in which the injunction was set aside and all the contentions of the Town sustained. The bills of the Corporation Counsel and Associate Counsel for \$250 each were approved and ordered paid.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Chairman of the Health Committee was authorized to arrange for a general collection of tin cans and like rubbish throughout the Town to take place during the last week in September.

Mr. Shadle from the Street Committee, submitted the following resume of Street work during the past month; Takoma Ave. between Chestnut and Buffalo Aves, treated with 2 coats of Tarvia B and 1 coat of gravel; rubbish dump at end of Park Ave. practically closed; Ethan Allen Ave. rounded and scraped from Cedar Ave, a distance of about 1400 feet; ruts repaired and gutters cleaned in Spruce Avenue;

small bridge constructed across Sliqo Mill Road at old mill; surfacing of Carroll Ave. with Tarvia A and gravel about 50% completed; grading of Flower Ave. about 30% completed; repairs to Sliqo Ave. about 45% completed; material on hand for repairing Tulip Ave. between Oak and Willow Avenues; one man employed cutting weeds along sidewalks.

The Committee recommended the extension of Philadelphia Avenue along the Hodges Farm line to Park Avenue, of a uniform width of 50 ft most of the property owners having already consented to dedication of the necessary land therefor. This proposed street is designed to provide a direct connection from North Takoma.

The Committee submitted a proposed subdivision of the Petty Tract by Mr. Dodge with recommendation for its approval with the following suggested changes: elimination of Dogwood Ave.; dedication of a 25-foot strip along the northwest line for the extension of Philadelphia Ave; the widening of Birch Avenue to 50 feet and the blocks to be renumbered to avoid duplicate block numbers. The recommendation of the Committee was approved on motion of Mr. Shadle.

Relative to the Committee's recommendation for extension of Philadelphia Ave, Mr. Bliss moved that the Committee be authorized to have necessary surveys made, including the possible utilization of Baltimore Ave., with estimates of cost in both cases and to submit the same to the Council for consideration and action. Carried and so ordered.

The Committee recommended that gutters be plowed, roadways scraped and rounded and cinders used in soft places only on the following streets: Takoma Ave., from Philadelphia Ave. to the corporation line; all of Spruce Avenue; Maple Avenue extended for 300 feet; Davis Avenue from Flower Avenue to end and all of Holt Place. Recommendation approved and adopted on motion of Mr. Hendrick.

The Committee recommended further that two catch basins be constructed in the parking on New York Avenue, that about 30 feet of 15 inch terra cotta pipe be laid and that broken concrete block or stone be used in eliminating present dangerous conditions on New York Ave. all at an approximate cost of \$100. Approved and ordered on motion of Mr. Rogers.

The Street Committee recommended that 4 electric street lights be installed on Chestnut Ave. extended and an additional light installed on Willow Ave. Mr. Hendrick moved that the recommendation be approved and to include an additional light at Carroll and Tulip Avenues. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Committee recommended repair and widening of the log bridge on Chestnut Ave. extended at an estimated expense of \$100. and the recommendation was approved.

On recommendation of the Street Committee the salary of the Superintendent of Public Work was fixed at \$1500 per annum, effective from September 1 and an allowance of \$300 per annum in addition thereto for upkeep of horse; and 15 days absence with pay granted within the calendar year.

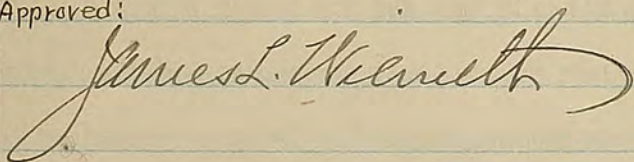
Upon request of the Bliss Electrical School and on recommendation of the Street Committee permission was granted the Bliss School to construct a cinder walk across the parking from the North Takoma B. and O. Station to Takoma Avenue, the Town agreeing to furnish the cinders and the Bliss School agreeing to construct the walk.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Street Committee was directed to proceed with the concreting of Carroll Avenue from Laurel Ave. to the District Line provided the price of required cement does not exceed \$5.00 per barrell, it being understood, in case the estimated cost of the work is exceeded owing to the increased price of cement, that such additional cost will be borne by the Town.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick an appropriation of \$10 was authorized to assist Mr. R. Y. Ferner of the Citizens' Committee on Town Plan and Map to purchase necessary material in preparing an up-to-date map of the Town.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:25 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

 Mayor.



clerk.

Monday evening, October 18, 1920

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following members present: Councilmen Bliss, Hendrick, Miller, Shadle and Taff.

The Council was called to order by the Clerk who presented a letter from the Mayor announcing his unavoidable absence from the city and requesting that a Mayor pro tem be selected in the usual manner.

Mr. Miller moved that Mr. Taff be elected Mayor pro tem to serve in the absence of the Mayor. Carried and so ordered.

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

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