

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.

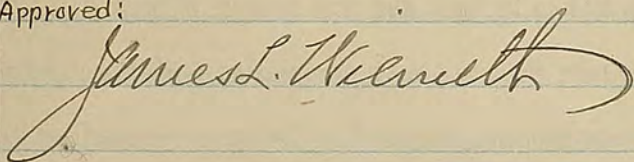
Upon request of the Bliss Electrical School and on recommendation of the Street Committee permission was granted the Bliss School to construct a cinder walk across the parking from the North Takoma B. and O. Station to Takoma Avenue, the Town agreeing to furnish the cinders and the Bliss School agreeing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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 67,456.29	material	\$ 1466.45	2983.64.
Receipts:		General expenses: telephones	10.05	
From general taxes	\$ 585.51	miscellaneous	552.20	562.25
special taxes	27.66	Salaries: Supt. of Public Work	150.00	
gas permits	2.00	clerk and treasurer	75.00	225.00
building permits	4.00	Building deposits returned		10.00
	619.17	Garbage collections		100.00
	68,075.46	Balance on hand		\$ 64694.57
Disbursements:				
Street work: labor	\$ 1017.19			

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

A communication from Mr. George Coursen, jr. relating to repairs to Sherman, Hancock and Sheridan Avenues was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

A joint communication from Messrs. Charles H. Anderson, Louis B. Taylor, George C. Stewart, R. J. Speir and J. E. Cross expressing their desire to dedicate Stewart Avenue to the Town, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Fred C. Ruby of Denwood Avenue, appeared before the Council with reference to the concreting of that street. Mr. Ruby stated that at the public hearing concerning this work he had been assured by the Mayor and Council that the concrete roadbed would be laid only to the northerly line of his improved lot and would not be extended to embrace the unimproved lot beyond also owned by him and that because of such assurance he had interposed no objection to the proposed work. Mr. Ruby stated that in spite of this assurance the work was progressing with the object of carrying it beyond his improved lot and requested that the Mayor and Council, in line with their promise, direct that the concrete roadbed be stopped at the northerly line of his improved. After extended discussion in which Mr. Ruby's contention was found to practically coincide with the understanding of the members of the Council, the Street Committee was directed to have the concrete roadbed of Denwood Avenue stop at the northerly line of Mr. Ruby's improved lot.

Mr. Charles Farrar addressed the Council requesting an 18-foot extension of the cement sidewalk on Denwood Ave., thus bringing the walk adjacent to the frontage of his walk on Denwood Avenue. On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Street Committee was authorized to extend the walk as desired provided Mr. Farrar file a petition therefor with the clerk and agree to a waiver of all legal requirements.

Mr. Farrar further personally petitioned the Council to have the tin cans dumped in front of his lot on Park Ave., covered with dirt and on motion of Mr. Hendrick such action was directed.

Mr. G.L. Scott called the Council's attention to the matter of surface water at the foot of Willow Ave. and the promise of the Mayor and Council to take some relief action relative thereto. Mr. Scott was informed by Mr. Shadle, Chairman of the Street Committee, that the Committee is prepared to proceed with the construction of a catch basin to relieve the situation complained of just as soon as permission is granted by the owner of lot 16, block 8, L and E. subdivision for the Town to construct such basin on the lot named and to maintain it.

Mr. Neal addressed the Council in behalf of the improvement of the streets in the Carroll Subdivision.

Mr. Milton Whitney appeared before the Council in reference to the grade established for the sidewalk and roadbed on Holt Place. Mr. Whitney was of the opinion that the grade as indicated by the sidewalk excavation is excessive and would necessitate relaying of leads and driveways of the property affected. After considerable discussion Dr. Miller moved to refer the entire matter to the Street Committee for consideration with the property owners and with authority to take such action as may be determined upon. The motion was carried.

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

C and P. Tel. Co. Rentals	\$ 9.30	J. H. Cissel, 70 bbl. cement	\$ 369.05	Takoma Park Realty Co. Rental warehouse	\$ 45.00
The Barrett Co. 3039 gals. tarvia @ 18¢	547.02	L. E. Smoot, Gravel	313.76	Takoma Auto Supply Co. Oil and gasoline	34.55
Taylor & Balderson, hauling cinders	9.80	Hunter Bros. Sundries	1.80	Richd. L. Waters, Tractor repairs	4.01
Southern Bldg Supply Co. 75 1/2 bbl. cement	3562.05	Columbia Granite Co. Quartz binder	81.45		4957.79.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick payment of the bills was authorized and directed.

Mr. Bliss, from the Health Committee, reported completion of the rubbish collection authorized at the last meeting; general health conditions throughout the Town were reported excellent; an analysis of the hydrant water showed the town water supply in excellent condition.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee reported that the concrete street work and cement sidewalks under the Brenizer Co. contract is proceeding satisfactorily and is about 50% completed. The following resume of general street work was submitted: Takoma Ave. between Philadelphia Ave. and Corporation line, rounded and scraped; Spruce Ave. graded; Maple Avenue extended, scraped; Flower Ave. graded; Davis Ave. about 30% completed; Holt Place graded for sidewalk; work on New York Ave. at Takoma Ave. completed at cost of \$30 in excess of estimate; On motion of Mr. Hendrick appropriation was authorized to cover deficit noted.

Returning the several petitions for the widening and improving of Elm Avenue between Carroll and Ash Avenues, Mr. Shadle, for the Street Committee recommended and moved that the Superintendent of Public Work submit an estimate of the cost of the desired work for consideration of the Council. Carried and so ordered.

The Street Committee laid before the Council a communication signed by Charles H. Anderson, Louis B. Taylor, George C. Stewart, R. J. Speir and J. E. Cross, expressing their desire to turn over to the Town the road known as Stewart Avenue and owned jointly by the petitioners. Mr. Hendricks moved that the petitioners be informed that to be acceptable as a public street Stewart Avenue should be widened at least ten feet and that a proper deed of dedication from the owners of all the land within the present limits of the road and of the ten additional required feet, should be submitted and that upon receipt thereof the Council will be pleased to give the matter further consideration. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick the Street Committee was authorized to expend not to exceed \$150 monthly on general street repair work.

For the grading, scraping and rounding of Garland Ave. on the westerly side of Carroll Avenue an appropriation of \$150 was authorized.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, called attention to the growing practice of property owners to encroach upon the public sidewalks with cement steps, a practice which is fraught with danger and which might involve the Town in litigation for personal injury. He recommended that the Street Committee be authorized to direct the removal of any such obstructions or to remove them in case the property owner neglects to do so upon notice, which recommendation was approved.

Dr. Miller, from the Water and Sewer Committee, reported that after full consideration of several propositions submitted by manufacturers of fire apparatus the committee was prepared to unanimously recommend, as best suited to the requirements of the Town, acceptance of the proposal of the Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Anderson, Indiana, to furnish one of their latest types Howe Ford Model H.T.S. auto fire engines, built in accordance with specifications submitted, to be delivered in Takoma Park for the sum of \$3450.00 less 5% for cash, and plus \$100 for freight charges if delivered by railway or plus \$50 for gas and oil consumption in case weather permits of overland delivery; delivery to be made within 60 days from date of order and test and acceptance to be had within 20 days of delivery.

Mr. Bliss moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved and the Clerk be authorized to complete the purchase and that bids be invited for the purchase of 600 feet of suitable standard fire hose. The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

James L. Walworth Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, November 15, 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 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	\$ 64694.57	material	\$ 6549.56	
RECEIPTS:		streets and walks	2500.00	11215.38
From general taxes	\$ 315.19	Street lighting		183.75
special "	629.88	Telephones		9.30
gas permits	4.00	Salaries: Supt. of Public Work	150.00	
building permits	14.00	clerk and treasurer	75.00	225.00
redemption from tax sale	11.63	Building deposits returned		10.00
miscellaneous (sale of cedar trees)	16.00	Garbage and rubbish collections		175.30
	990.70	Rental of warehouse, 3 mos		45.00
	65685.27	Redemption from tax sales		11.63
DISBURSEMENTS:		Balance on hand		\$ 53809.91
Street work: labor	\$ 2165.82			

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from _____ submitting a plat of a new subdivision to be known as the Carroll Manor Addition to Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, and requesting the Council's approval thereof. Without objection the matter was referred by the Mayor to the Street Committee for report and recommendation.

The Clerk also submitted a communication from Mr. Adolph von Reuth requesting that he be refunded for medical expenses and loss of time from work to the extent of \$306.00 for ^{alleged} injuries received July 29, September 20 and November 4, 1920, due to the unimproved condition of Baltimore Avenue north of New York Avenue. On motion of Mr. Taff the communication was referred to the Corporation Attorney for investigation and report as to the Town's liability in the matter.

Mr. Shadle, from the Special Committee to procure site for Town purposes reported progress. The Committee is awaiting definite advise as to owner's price on certain centrally located lots which the Committee deems most desirable. Mr. Shadle stated that owner of these lots expects to be in Washington shortly and if an attractive price is submitted the Mayor will be requested to call a special meeting of the Council to consider the matter further.

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

Washington Rubber Co. Reducer	\$ 2.25	Lamb Seal and Stencil Co. 6 bailiff badges	\$ 6.75	I. M. Bigelow, repairing torch	\$ 1.50
The Barrett Co. 746 gals tarvia @ 20 1/2¢	152.93	E. D. Jones, Blacksmithing	34.00	Presbyterian Church, Rentals 1918-19	66.00
Hunter Bros. Miscellaneous	13.95	E. E. Blodgett, 10 [#] spikes	.80	Hendrick Motor Co.	12.00

On motion of Mr. Taff the bills were order paid when properly checked and O.K'd by the responsible officer.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, submitted the following resume of street work for the past month: All street concreting completed except in car tracks between Ethan Allen and Sherman Avenues; all cement sidewalks authorized completed - 4348 1/2 linear feet; street lights installed as follows, 1 on Sheridan Ave, 1 on Carroll Ave. near Tulip Ave, 1 on Willow Ave. and 4 on Chestnut Ave.; Survey of Philadelphia Ave. not yet completed - estimated cost of construction \$ 3000 to \$ 5000; catch basin on property Mr. Scott, Willow Ave, almost completed; grading on Park and Holt Place and work on Denwood Ave. completed; Flower and Davis Aves. graded but not scraped; gutters on Chestnut Ave. completed but bridge not yet repaired; material on hand for repair of Tulip Ave. between Willow and Oak Avenues; Spruce Ave. scraped but not cindered,

The Street Committee recommended that the Superintendent of Public Work be authorized to purchase from wrecking contractor sufficient number of steel I beams at 1¢ per pound to provide for bridges across Sliquo Ave. and Philadelphia Ave. below Maple. Action deferred.

Without objection the Mayor directed that all work with reference to extension of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues be deferred until submission of result of pending surveys and definite action thereon.

With reference to the repair of Tulip Avenue Mr. Taff moved that authority be granted for rental of steam roller owned by Mr. Shadle unless there be some provision of the town charter prohibitive thereof. The motion was carried.

In accordance with the Council's direction the Superintendent of Public Work submitted an estimate of \$500 as the cost of widening Elm Avenue between Carroll and Ash Avenues. In connection therewith Mr. Morris Bien addressed the Council urging that this street be widened and improved at an early day. A motion by Mr. Hendrick to appropriate \$400 for this work was lost for want of a second.

Mr. Shadle moved that \$300 be appropriated for widening and improving Elm Ave. between Carroll and Ash Avenues. Carried and so ordered.

Dr. Miller, from the Water and Sewer Committee, submitted sample of hose with quotation thereon; the Clerk was instructed to obtain additional samples and quotations and submit at next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. A. B. Joseph as a special Bailiff for duty at the Bliss School and on motion of Mr. Taff the action of the Mayor was approved and confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Bliss the Clerk was directed to inform the owner of the property at 107 Oak Ave. that the building thereon now rented by the Town for storage purposes is found to be unsuitable and will be vacated at the end of November.

The business of the Council having been completed the Mayor announced the presence of Mr. Jesse Sutter, President, and Messrs. Irey and Fletcher, of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, and called upon the gentlemen for remarks. Responding graciously the gentlemen felicitated the Mayor and Council upon being residents of a self-governing community and invited their cooperation in bringing about the many desired improvements that would be mutually beneficial to the residents on both sides of the imaginary line separating Maryland from the District of Columbia.

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

Approved:

James L. Wilmett

Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 14, 1920

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 7:30 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen, Bliss, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff.

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the Special Committee appointed to secure a site for town purposes and for the transaction of such other business as the Council may desire.

Mr. Shadle, from the Special Committee above noted reported verbally that the Committee had been negotiating for some time with Mr. Charles J. deV. Keefe, of Bala, Pa., for the purchase of three adjoining lots, Nos. 30, 31 and 32 in block 5, Gilbert's Subdivision, which lots, after full consideration appeared to the Committee to offer the greatest advantages for the purposes desired. The lots noted front 150 feet on Maple Ave., just opposite the Presbyterian Church, and have a depth of 200 feet, thus offering a tract of 30000 square feet, centrally located and level with street grade. Mr. Keefe's price for the lots was \$1500 each. He has finally agreed to take \$4000 cash for the 3 lots. This the Committee considers a very reasonable price and recommends that the lots be purchased and that the Mayor be authorized to take all necessary steps to that end at the earliest date. On motion of Dr. Miller the recommendation of the Committee was unani-

[mously approved.]

Mr. Shadle brought to the attention of the Council the serious condition existing at the end of Willow Ave. and the difficulty of providing a continuation of that street except by the purchase of a lot through block 1, Hill Crest Subdivision, thus permitting the connection of Willow Ave with Park Avenue and providing an outlet for a dead-end street. Mr. Shadle stated that the matter had been taken up with Mrs. Della Smallwood, the owner of lot 28, block 1, Hill Crest, the most available lot for the purpose desired and that Mrs. Smallwood, in view of possible benefit to other property owned by her in the vicinity, was willing to sell lot 28 to the Town of Takoma Park for \$650, \$100 less than the price for which she was offering it. The Street Committee therefore, in view of the necessity above noted and the unusual opportunity to procure the lot at a reasonable price recommended that lot 28, block 1, Hill Crest Subdivision, be purchased for \$650 and that the Mayor be authorized to proceed with the necessary negotiations and that an appropriation for the amount stated be approved; it being understood however that the Town is not committed to the use of the lot as a street extension unless such extension be deemed advisable as a public necessity. On motion of Mr. Shadle the report and recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved.

The Council discussed at some length the proposed extension of Philadelphia Avenue through the Hodges Tract and of the streets of old Takoma to connect therewith; at the conclusion of which Dr. Bliss moved that authorization be granted Councilman Rogers and Surveyor E. N. Jackson to proceed with securing dedication of the necessary rights of way for the street extensions proposed and to report to the Council from time to time as to progress made, and that an expense appropriation not to exceed \$100 in connection with this work be authorized. The motion was unanimously carried.

Upon suggestion of the Mayor, Mr. Shadle, Chairman of the Street Committee, was requested to take up with the Capital Traction Co. the matter of car stops on Carroll and Laurel Avenues and to endeavor to reach such understanding as to obviate the complaints and objections to the existing practices, and to report to the Council the result of his efforts.

The Council discussed also the proposal of the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County to increase its rates for gas consumption and in connection therewith, on motion of Dr. Bliss, adopted the following motion: That the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Counsel, upon its behalf, to enter the most vigorous protest before the Maryland Public Utilities Commission against any proposed increase in the price of gas on the part of the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County and the Mayor and Corporation Counsel are further authorized to appear before said Public Utilities Commission and to take such steps as in their judgment may be deemed proper to represent the interest of the

citizens of Takoma Park and vicinity who are patrons of the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County in any contemplated increase in the price of gas by said Gas Company.

There being no further business the Council, at 8:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

James L. Wilmett Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk

Munday Evening, December 20, 1929

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

In the absence of the Mayor the Council was called to order by the Clerk who called upon the Council to select a Mayor pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, Mr. Taff was unanimously selected to act as Mayor pro tem.

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	\$ 53809.91	Street work: labor	\$ 735.88	
RECEIPTS:		material	16.27	752.15
From general taxes	\$ 141.02	Concrete streets and walks		10000.00
special "	151.47	Telephones		10.15
road tax, Prince Georges County	201.88	Miscellaneous		8.75
gas permits	2.00	Salaries; clerk and treasurer	75.00	
building permits	28.00	superintendent of public work	150.00	225.00
	\$ 54334.28	Postage		22.20
DISBURSEMENTS:		Balance on hand		11018.25
				43316.03

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

The following communications were laid before the Council and action taken as indicated:

From J.R. Hodges with reference to the condition of Takoma Ave. To the Street Committee for investigation and report.

A petition from residents on Spruce Avenue for the concreting of that street; to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

From R.F. Brooks for an electric street light at intersection of Flower and Cherry Avenues; to the Street Committee for recommendation

From Chas. B. Munck, for improvement of Westmoreland Avenue; to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Petition for electric light on Willow Avenue - to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

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

E. D. Jones, Blacksmithing.....	\$ 2.60	Taylor and Balderson, cinders.....	\$ 134.40	Geo. L. Tarbell, hauling.....	\$ 7.50
R. L. Waters, oil and repairs to tractor.....	93.60	M. Taylor, Gasoline.....	37.80		\$ 499.85
Hendrick Motor Co. Gasoline and repairs.....	20.45	J. H. Cissel, Cement.....	194.50		

On motion of Mr. Shadle the bills were approved and ordered paid.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, submitted the following report, recommendations, and resume of work:

Request for approval of Carroll Manor subdivision, recommendation to defer action for one month. Recommendation approved.

Request for street light on Maple Ave.; recommendation to defer action until deed of dedication is submitted for the land necessary to include in street extension. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Bliss.

Request of Mr. MuncK for improvement of Westmoreland Ave.; recommendation that Mr. MuncK be advised to submit his complaint to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, which is responsible for the streets condition. Recommendation approved.

Request for Street light at Flower and Cherry Aves. Recommendation to defer action until next meeting. Approved.

Committee reports Carroll Ave. between Garland and Flower in excellent condition and no cinders required; that water main excavation on Flower Ave. has been filled by the Sanitary Commission and street in good condition. Committee reports completion of repairs to Tulip Avenue.

Messrs. Whitney and Millard of Holt and Crescent Places personally appeared before the Council and entered protest against the unsatisfactory work done on those streets and urged the Council to afford them early relief. After consideration of the matter Mr. Bliss moved that the Street Committee be instructed to give special consideration to the complaints submitted and to do whatever the Committee feels to be within its power to remedy the conditions complained of. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the _____ at 9:15 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

James L. Wilneeth Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk