

property for concrete streets. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Clinton that the matter had been given further consideration in compliance with his request but that the Council saw no reason to change or modify its previous decision.

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

Approved:

James L. Wilmoth Mayor.

Bruce Davis,

Clerk.

Munday Evening, October 17, 1921

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Councilmen Adams, Bliss, Shadle and Taff.

The Clerk presented a letter from the Mayor announcing that he was required to be out of the city and was therefore unable to be present at the regular October meeting. On motion of Mr. Bliss, Mr. Taff was elected Mayor pro tem to serve in the temporary absence of the Mayor.

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

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

Balance on hand last report	\$ 13568.86	Fire apparatus	\$ 8.20
RECEIPTS:		Street lighting	181.25
From general taxes	\$ 705.08	Telephone service	9.00
gas permits	31.00	Garbage collections	112.50
building permits	30.00	Miscellaneous expenses	26.15
building deposits	10.00	Health Officer	12.00
miscellaneous	20.00	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	\$ 75.00
	796.08	Supt. of Public Work	150.00 225.00
	14364.94	Builders' deposits returned	10.00 1088.26
DISBURSEMENTS:		Balance on hand	13276.68
Street work: labor	\$ 300.25	Special Improvement Fund:	
material	201.61	Balance on hand last report	\$ 23275.21
tractar expenses	2.30 504.16	Receipts during September	1415.78
			24690.99
		Disbursements during September	1115.15
		Balance on hand	23575.84

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

The Mayor pro tem announced that in accordance with notice lawfully given this night had been set apart for a public hearing in reference to

contemplated public work as set forth in Ordinance No. 364 and thereupon invited remarks from any citizen interested in the proposed work.

Mr. W. R. Smith, H. E. Saunders and Mrs. James spoke in favor of the proposed improvements and opposition was voiced by Messrs. Ruby, Ogden, Stephenson and Lawry. Upon conclusion of the hearing action was deferred. and a petition containing 15 names.

The Mayor pro tem announced that bids were to be opened for construction of cement roadways and curbing, as per advertisement therefor. The Clerk thereupon presented four bids which were duly opened, read and referred to the Street Committee for tabulation, consideration and report.

The following communications were presented by the Clerk.

From Mr. H. L. Thornton requesting additional street lights in front of the stores and garage on Laurel and Carroll Avenues, which would make this new business center more attractive. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

From Mr. Charles B. Munck, 7 Westmoreland Avenue, complaining of neighborhood nuisance in his vicinity caused by dogs and pigeons on the premises of Mr. Ward Burdine, 19 Ash Avenue. Referred to the Health Committee for investigation and report.

A petition from Professor Louis D. Bliss and fourteen other residents of North Takoma protesting against the rumored erection of a store in that neighborhood. Referred to the Town Clerk with instructions to issue no building permit until directed by the Council after a hearing.

From Mr. Walter P. Plumley requesting permission to stretch a banner across Carroll Avenue near the Hendrick garage to announce a political meeting. Permission granted on motion of Mr. Bliss.

From Mr. Ellsworth Light, 626 Carroll Avenue, requesting permission to construct cement waiting benches at the termini of the Carroll Avenue street car line, the same to be used for advertising purposes. Referred, on motion of Mr. Bliss, to the Street Committee with authority to take such action as their judgment warrants after proper inquiry and investigation.

From Mr. Walter G. Irey, Secretary Takoma Park Citizens' Association, requesting cooperation of the Mayor and Council in the request of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for a general clean-up campaign incident to the forthcoming Conference on Limitation of Armament. On motion of Mr. Bliss the Clerk was directed to advise Mr. Irey of the intention of the Mayor and Council to cooperate as fully as possible.

From Mr. H. L. Thornton, Chairman Committee on Streets and Lights of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association relative to conditions at the intersection of Park and Spruce Avenues with Crescent Place. Referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

From Mr. Morris Bien urging that the lines of contemplated street extensions be established through the Hodges and Petty Tracts in order that new subdivisions will necessarily conform thereto. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration.

Mr. Guy Seaman addressed the Council relative to the grade established for Chestnut Ave. extended which seriously affected his property.

Mr. Cap Finn addressed the Council concerning certain needed repairs on Baltimore Avenue. Both matters referred to the Street Committee.

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

Geoffry Williams, M.D. Services health officer	\$ 8.00	The Barrett Co. Tarvia	110.09	E.M. Jackson, Surveying	346.00
Taylor and Balderson, cinders	72.80	Thos. Somerville Co. Terra cotta pipe	33.26	The Barrett Co. Tarvia	323.90
Hendrick Motor Co. Gas for tractor	3.30	L.E. Smoot, Sand and gravel	123.61	J.R. Hardesty, bridge plans	25.00
" " Maintenance fire engine	12.75	E. J. Brown, Signs	5.00		1063.71

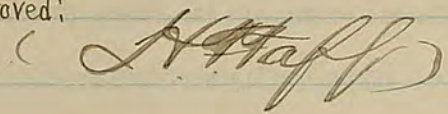
On motion of Mr. Bliss the bills were approved and payment directed.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, submitted plans of J.R. Hardesty, Engineer, for the addition of a 4-foot foot-walk on the Slipe bridge, which, in Mr. Hardesty's judgment, would not superimpose undue weight on the bridge and the cost of which would be within \$2000.00

Mr. Shadle returned to the Council the communications of John G. Dorney, Jr., and William C. Bryant concerning drainage streams through their properties, the former on Montgomery and Hickory Avenues and the latter on Willow Avenue (No. 242) with recommendation that the gentlemen be informed of the inability of the Town to take care of drainage water on private property, which recommendation was approved.

Because of the unavoidable absence of the Mayor and two members of the Council, Mr. Shadle, for the Street Committee, suggested that action on the proposed concrete roadway on Park and Denwood Avenues and the award of contract for concrete road work be deferred, to be considered at a meeting later in the week upon call of the Mayor, after his return to the city. With this understanding the matters referred to were postponed for later action.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 o'clock, p.m., adjourned to meet upon call of the Mayor.

Approved: 

Mayor Pro Tem



Clerk

Wednesday Evening, October 26, 1921

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering special reports of the Street Committee and such other business that may be presented. Those present were the Mayor and Councilmen Bliss, Miller, Shadle, [and Taff.

Mr. G. P. Mangan, Sales Manager of the Potomac Electric Power Co., was present at the meeting and informed the Council that his Company would be unable to continue the street lighting contract at the present rate of \$15.00 per light per year, but that the Company would be pleased to enter into a new contract for this service at the rate of \$20.00 per light per year. Mr. Mangan explained to the Council that the Town's present rates were less than the cost of the current to the Company and that the Company could not continue the service at a financial loss. He presented to the Council a letter dated October 13 giving official notification of the above increase to be effective January 13, 1922, as provided in the existing contract.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, laid before the Council the following business which was disposed of as indicated.

The communication of Thomas Steward in reply to the Council's communication directing removal of fence from a public street, was referred to the Corporation Counsel for legal consideration and appropriate action.

Recommended, in view of the opposition of a majority of the property owners, as expressed at the public hearing on October 17, that the proposed completion of concrete roadway on Park and Denwood Avenues be indefinitely postponed. Approved on motion of Mr. Miller.

Recommended that contract for concrete roadway and curbing be awarded to the G. B. Mullin Co. as per following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 366.

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

*Sec. 1. That the proposal submitted by the G. B. Mullin Co., Inc., of Washington, D. C., for the construction of concrete roadway and curb, be and the same is hereby accepted at the prices submitted, as follows: 1. Grading and rolling roadway and grading parking space, per cubic yard, excavated, seventy-five cents. 2. Constructing cement curb straight or curved, combined with roadway pavement, including trench excavation and cinder base, per linear foot, seventy cents. 3. Constructing cement roadway, six inches in thickness, width to be estimated to include the width of curbs, per square yard, two dollars and twenty cents.*

*Sec. 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract, on behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., with the said G. B. Mullin Co., Inc., for the contemplated concrete work, at the prices herein specified.*

Mr. Taff 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, Shadle and Taff; voting nay, none.

The Street Committee, by Mr. Shadle, recommended that the Street Committee be authorized to proceed with the construction of a foot way on the Slijo Bridge in accordance with the plans of Mr. J. R. Hardesty and that authority be granted for purchase of the necessary material and

that the work be proceed with without delay. On motion of Mr. Bliss the recommendations were approved, with appropriations of \$125<sup>5</sup> for iron work and \$900 for other material and labor.

On motions of Mr. Bliss appropriations were authorized for purchase of terra cotta pipe (not to exceed \$100) for Chestnut Ave. and for the purchase of certain fire apparatus equipment for the volunteer fire company organized at the Bliss School.

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

Approved:

*James L. Wilmett* Mayor

*Bruce Davis*

Clerk

Monday Evening, November 21, 1921

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of October 26 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	\$ 13276.68	Telephone service	\$ 8.75
Receipts:		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00
From general taxes	\$ 253.27	superintendent of public work	150.00
gas permits	36.00	Deputy health officer	8.00
building permits	20.00	Balance on hand	\$ 1535.21
miscellaneous	6.30		
	315.57		
	13592.25	Special Improvement Fund:	
Disbursements:		Balance on hand last report	\$ 23575.84
Street work: labor	\$ 402.50	Receipts during October	151.73
material	693.66		23727.57
tractor expenses	3.30	Disbursements during October	5372.00
Fire apparatus	12.75	Balance on hand	\$ 18355.57
Street lighting	181.25		

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

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from the Takama Park Chamber of Commerce recommending the adoption by the Town of the sections of the National Electric Code, published by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, referring to rigid and flexible conduit and armoured cable, commonly known as BX, and that no electric wiring be permitted not in accordance therewith. The Mayor stated that he had in

contemplation the appointment at an early date of a special committee, upon which he would probably appoint citizens of the Town in addition to Members of the Council, for the purpose of revising the Building Regulations and that the matter of electric wiring of buildings would be referred to the same Committee whence the Communication of the Chamber of Commerce was thereupon referred.

Mr. Guy Clinton, of Carroll Avenue, addressed the Council relative to his contention that his lot on Carroll Avenue was a corner lot and requested that the refusal of the Council to exempt a portion of his frontage from street paving taxes, be reconsidered. On motion of Mr. Bliss the matter was again referred to the Street Committee for further consideration and report.

Mr. Walter R. Smith addressed the Council relative to failure to carry the improvement of Willow Avenue concrete roadway up to his property as he was given to understand would be done. Mr. Shadk explained that this was done on the suggestion and advice of the town engineer and the superintendent of public work for obvious reasons and that it was intended to grade and cinder up to Mr. Smith's property.

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

Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Cement - - \$ 27.00	Hunter Bros., Shilson wrench, etc. - - \$ 6.00	Hendrick Motor Co. Tractor supplies - - \$ 10.30
Geoffrey Williams, M.D. Services Health Officer - 6.00	L.E. Smoot, Sand and gravel - - - 47.20	Evening Star. Advertising - - - - 3.60
Washington Rubber Co. Fire Co. Supplies - - - 4.00	Hendrick Motor Co. Storage fire engine, 10.00	E.E. Blodgett, Tractor repairs - - - - 45.56
		159.66

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

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee recommended the appointment of a Board of Assessors, to consist of Messrs. J.H. Van Houten, John D. Miller and E. Norman Jackson, the Mayor being authorized to fill any vacancy therein, with instructions to prepare a new assessment of real property within the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, for the purposes of municipal taxation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922; and that in the preparation of said assessment the Board shall assess all land at a fair conservative value thereof and shall assess all improvements at two-thirds a fair conservative value thereof; and that the Board be requested to submit such assessment at the earliest possible date and not later than March 15, 1922. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation was ap-  
[proved.]

The Mayor informed the Council relative to court action in a suit pending against the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for damages incurred in the streets of Takoma Park and in which the Town was co-defendant. A demurer by the Sanitary Commission was sustained by the Court but overruled on the part of the Town thus leaving to the Town the responsibility of defending

a suit and being liable for damages for which the Sanitary Commission is wholly responsible. The Mayor stated that the legal phases of the matter are in the hands of the Corporation Counsel for appropriate action.

On motion of Mr. Shadle an appropriation of \$100 was authorized for the improvement of Willow Avenue, such improvement to include scraping and rounding up and cindering.

The Council discussed certain minor repairs required on Baltimore, Takoma and Cleveland Avenues and directed that these be attended to in connection with general street work.

Mr. Giffman inquired of the Council as to progress, if any, toward the construction of a Town Hall and was informed by the Mayor that the special committee in charge of the matter has sketch plans in hand and were making progress toward a definite and detailed working plan upon which bids could be based.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, submitted a plat of street extensions through the Hodges, Petty and Barclay Tracts. (including Chestnut, Holly, Birch, Dogwood, Oak, Maple, Park, Grant, Lee and Philadelphia Avenues) together with dedications thereof on the part of the owners, and an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that said dedications were valid. The Committee thereupon recommended approval of the plat by Ordinance as follows:

*Ordinance No. 367*

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

*That in accordance with the authority conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 9, 1920, being Section 2 of Chapter 692 of the Laws of Maryland of 1920, the Mayor and Council hereby approve the attached plat showing proposed Avenues - Philadelphia, Chestnut, Holly, Birch, Dogwood, Oak, Maple, Park, Grant and Lee - which said plat has hitherto been filed with the Town Clerk, as provided by law, and which plat by this reference is hereby made a part of this Ordinance.*

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

On motion of Mr. Rogers an appropriation of \$125.00 was authorized to cover the expenses of a "clean-up week" during December.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:55 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

*James L. Wilmoth*

Mayor.

*Paul Davis*

Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 19, 1921

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

In the unavoidable absence of the Clerk, Mr. Bryan Davis performed the duties of that official.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and in the absence of objection, were approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$ 12057.04	Telephones	\$ 9.90
Receipts:		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	\$ 75.00
From general taxes	\$ 282.72	Superintendent of public work	150.00 225.00
gas permits	21.00	Expenses, health officer	6.00
building permits	20.00	Building deposits returned	20.00 921.39
miscellaneous	2.00 325.72	Balance on hand	11461.37
	12382.76		
Disbursements:		Special Improvement Fund:	
Street work: labor	\$ 304.00	Balance on hand	\$ 18355.57
material	74.20 378.20	Receipts during November	282.55
Fire apparatus	20.00		18638.12
Street lighting	181.25	Disbursements during November	132.10
Tractor maintenance	81.04	Balance on hand	18506.02

On motion of Mr. Taff the report was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and audit.

A petition from certain residents for additional street lights on Ash Avenue was referred to the Committee on Streets for report.

A communication from Mr. W. R. Smith concerning the failure of the Street Committee to complete the concreting of Willow Avenue as contemplated and ordered by the Council was referred to the Street Committee for report.

Messrs. Morris Bien and Milton Whitney addressed the Council relative to the condition of certain streets, Mr. Bien presenting a written request that the Street Committee be instructed to take the necessary steps to prevent the unconcreted streets of the Town from becoming impassable. which communication was referred to the Street Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills approved for payment when properly O.K'ed by the receiving officer:

Hendrick Motor Co. Storage, etc. fire engine	\$ 11.00	Hunter Bros. ladder and rope	\$ 8.50	H. B. Hendrick, distributing circulars	\$ 3.00
" " " gas, etc, tractor	7.90	U.S. Fidelity Co. Premium, treas'rs bond	10.00		40.40

The recommendation of the Committee was approved.



On recommendation of the Judiciary Committee all papers in the case of Thomas Steward involving trespass upon a portion of Lee Avenue were referred to the Corporation Attorney for appropriate action.

The Corporation Attorney reported to the Council that the suit against the Town by Mr. Adolph Van Reuth had been withdrawn by the attorney for the plaintiff who assumed the costs thereof. Also that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had compromised the suit for damages in which it and the Town were codefendants and had assumed all the expenses, including attorney's fee, to which the Town had been put. This cleared the docket of all pending litigation in which the Town was directly concerned.

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, reported that the bad condition of a number of the Town streets was largely due to excavations made therein for water and sewer facilities by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the failure of the Commission to promptly and properly restore the streets to their prior condition as required in their agreement with the Town. Upon suggestion of the Corporation Counsel the Chairman of the Street Committee was directed to confer with the Commission and agree if possible upon the manner of prompt restoration and repair of streets opened by the Commission for water and sewer extensions.

Upon direction of the Council the Mayor appointed the following special committees:

To consider and recommend desirable Town legislation from the forthcoming General Assembly of the Legislature: Messrs. Shadle, Adams and Taff, from the Council and Mr. Morris Bien, for the citizens and the Town Clerk and Corporation Counsel.

To prepare and submit new Building Regulations, together with Regulations for electric wiring: Messrs Shadle and Rogers from the Council, Messrs Bien, Clinton, Fischer and Sherburne, from the citizens and the Town Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Bliss the Street Committee was authorized to purchase a carload of crushed stone for street repair work

The Superintendent of Public Work called attention to the parking danger on Laurel Avenue and the necessity of some regulation thereof. He was authorized to give notice to parties concerned that the matter would be given attention at the next regular meeting of the Council.

The proposed new street lighting contract with the Potomac Electric Power Co. was referred to the Corporation Counsel for examination and report with the understanding that the matter would be taken up for consideration at a special meeting on January 9th.

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

Approved:

Mayor

Bryan Davis  
Acting Clerk