

Monday Evening, March 20, 1922

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

The Council was called to order by the Clerk who presented a letter from the Mayor stating that he was required to be absent from the city on official government business and would be unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Taff be elected Mayor pro tem and the motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Taff thereupon assumed the duties of Mayor pro tem.

The regular monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows and was referred to the Finance Committee for audit:

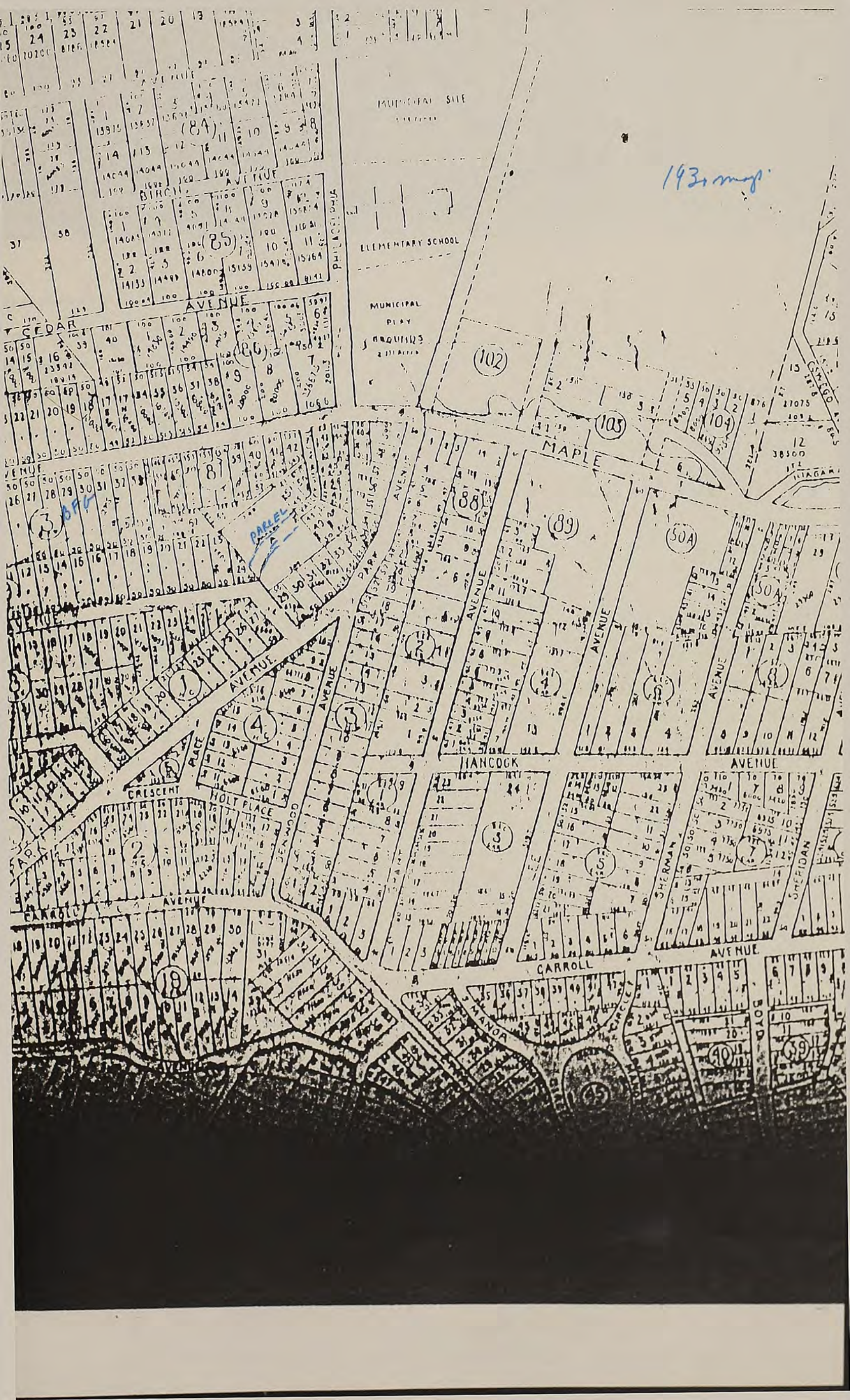
Balance on hand last report	\$ 10897.36	General expenses: telephones	\$ 9.10
RECEIPTS:		printing	6.75
From general taxes	\$ 290.68	postage	21.72
builders' deposits	20.00	miscellaneous	6.00 43.57
gas permits	1.00	Street lighting	189.15
building permits	28.00 339.68	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00
	11237.04	Supt. of public work	150.00 225.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		Health officers' services	11.00 2605.18
Street work: labor	\$ 419.90	Balance on hand	8631.86
material	165.46	Special Improvement Fund:	
tractor expenses	10.32 595.68	Balance on hand last report	10624.96
Walk on Sliqo bridge	1537.78	Receipts during February	667.20
Fire apparatus	3.00	Balance on hand	11292.16

The following petitions, communications, etc, were laid before the Council by the Clerk.

From Mr. R. D. Lillie, tendering his resignation as Justice of the Peace for the Town of Takoma Park. On motion of Mr. Rogers the Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Lillie, inasmuch as he was appointed by the Governor of the State that his resignation should be tendered to that official. On motion of Mr. Adams the matter of a recommendation for Mr. Lillie's successor was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

From Mr. Morris Bien, addressed to the Mayor, calling the latter's attention to a report by Mr. C. V. Johnson on general street conditions in Takoma Park, Maryland and to a suggestion that this report be submitted to a committee of citizens to consider and report thereon in conjunction with the street committee. Referred to the Street Committee.

From Mrs. Lilla V. H. Bien relative to the enforcement of Ordinances against nuisances with respect to chickens, pigeons and dogs running at large on the property of Mr. Ward Burdine. Referred to the Judiciary Committee to inform writer of the Ordinance requirements in enforcement of the regulations referred to.



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PARCEL

MUNICIPAL SITE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MUNICIPAL PLAY AREA

MAPLE AVENUE

HANCOCK AVENUE

CARROLL AVENUE

CRESCENT AVENUE

HOLT PLACE

JEKWOOD AVENUE

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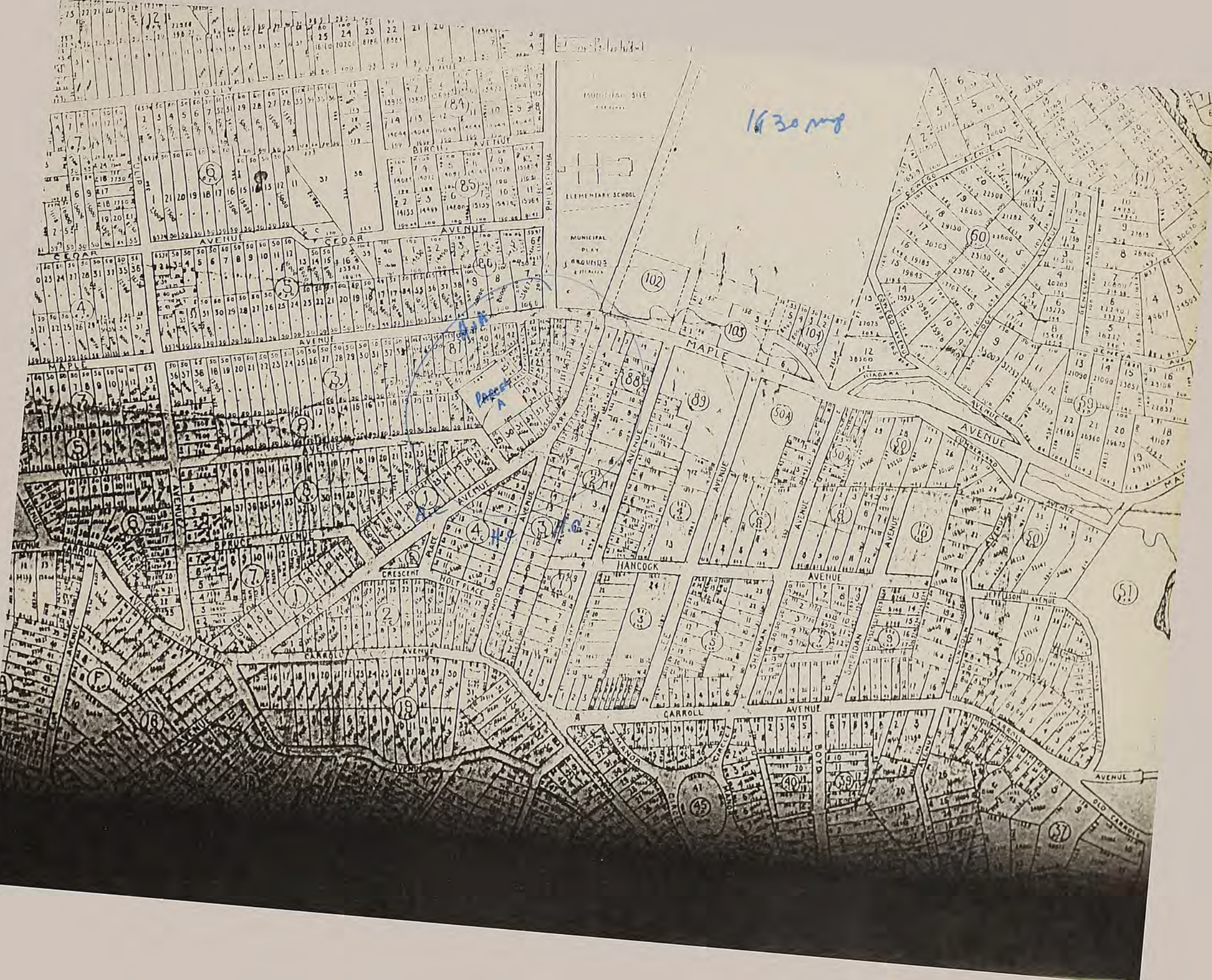
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A numerously signed petition relative to alleged revocation of the Town sharing one-third of the cost of special improvement of streets and requesting reestablishment of that principle; referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. Walter Irey, Secretary, Takoma Park Citizens' Association, transmitting a Resolution of the Association in which it is recommended that three experienced highway engineers, names not stated, who have offered their services, free of charge, in working for the betterment of the streets of Takoma Park be utilized in connection with the Street Committee of the Council. Referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Dr. C. C. Galloway recommending that the Council take immediate steps to have the Charter amended so that aid may lawfully be given by the Council through incurring indebtedness, for purchase of grounds as site for a public school and in otherwise aiding and assisting in betterment of school conditions. To special committee on Schools.

Mr. H. B. Hendrick addressed the Council on the subject of "clean-up" week with the suggestion that the Town cooperate with the District of Columbia authorities and set apart the same week that the District has designated for this purpose.

Mr. Adams, for the Special Committee on Schools, submitted a report relative to existing conditions at the School, in which attention was called to the dangerous electric wire installation, to the dual heating system and to condition of the basement floor. Because of the probability of a new school building by next fall the Committee was of the opinion that the electric wiring was the only matter pressing for immediate correction. Mr. Adams therefore moved that authority be granted to rewire the public school building according to the National Underwriters' specifications and that not to exceed \$150 be appropriated for the purpose. The motion was carried.

The Special Committee on Schools also recommended amending the Charter to permit town aid to the public schools and on motion of Dr. Miller the Corporation Counsel was requested to draft and present for legislative action the necessary Charter amendments.

The following bills, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, were approved and payment directed:

Washington Sanitarium, Fat on fire hose	\$ 2.87	Hendrick Motor Co. Tractor supplies	\$ 9.84	L. E. Smoot, 6 1/2 tons gravel	\$ 15.60
Potomac Rubber Co. 3 gal fire extinguisher	12.00	Taylor and Balderson, Cinders	207.20	Cleveland Tractor Co. Repairs	3.55
Geoffrey Williams, M. D. Health officer	14.00	E. D. Jones, Blacksmithing	1.00	E. E. Blodgett, lumber	1.84
Harry Stevens, profile Sherman Ave	25.00	So. Bldg, Supply Co. Mdse	29.01	W. A. Pierce & Co. "	20.47
					342.38

Mr. Shadle, from the Street Committee, moved that the Committee be authorized to receive informal bids for the grading of Maple Ave, extended, from the end of the present concrete, to Philadelphia Avenue, and in case any bids being received within the amount of \$1000 that

the Mayor be authorized, upon recommendation of the Street Committee, to enter into a contract for the work. The motion was carried.

The Street Committee laid before the Council, with recommendation for approval the following proposed subdivisions: (a) Resubdivision of lot 16, block 16, Gilbert's subdivision, into lots 82, 83 and 84, block 16. (b) Resubdivision of lots 5, 6 and 7, block 20, Gilbert's subdivision, into lots 38, 39, 40 and 41, block 20. The following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 369

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

Sec. 1. That the following proposed subdivisions or resubdivisions of land within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., be, and the same are hereby approved:

(a) Resubdivision of lot 16, block 16, Gilbert's Subdivision, to be designated as lots 82, 83 and 84, block 16.

(b) Resubdivision of lots 5, 6 and 7, block 20, Gilbert's Subdivision, into lots 38, 39, 40 and 41, block 20.

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 pro tem, and Councilmen Adams, Bliss, Miller, Rogers and Shadle. Voting nay, none.

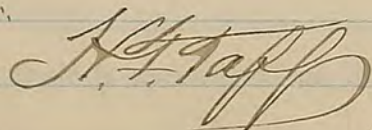
With respect to the communication of Mr. Morris Bien and the report of Mr. C.V. Johnson concerning conditions of the Town streets, Mr. Shadle moved that the suggestion of Mr. Bien for a joint consideration of the matter between the Street Committee and a Committee of street experts be adopted and that Messrs. L.R. Grabill, C.V. Johnson and W.F. Fischer be asked to serve on such Committee and that in case of a declination by any of them that the Mayor be authorized to appoint to the vacancy. The motion was carried and the Committee authorized to expend \$50

Professor M. Whitney submitted to the Council a chart setting forth comparative construction costs of various types of roadways and in a brief address explained the figures in more detail.

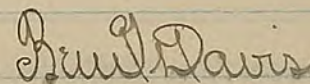
Mr. Rogers called the Council's attention to a pending bill in the legislature conferring on the Suburban Sanitary Commission jurisdiction over street grades, street extensions etc., and on motion of Dr. Miller the matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel with the request that he endeavor to secure such amendments to the bill as will protect the Town's rights to absolute control of its streets.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor pro tem



Clerk

Monday Evening, April 17, 1922

The Council met at 8 p.m. There were present Councilmen Adams, Bliss, Miller, Rogers, Shadle and Taff.

In the absence of the Mayor the Council was called to order by the Clerk and on motion of Mr. Rogers Mr. Taff was elected Mayor pro tem.

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

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 8,631.86	Fire apparatus		\$ 387.00
Receipts:			Street lighting		183.75
From general taxes	\$ 817.34		General expenses: telephones		8.95
gas permits	16.00		Miscellaneous expenses		5.00
building permits	52.00		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	\$ 75.00	
street repairs, Sur. San. Commission	182.00		Supt. of Public Work	150.00	225.00
building deposits	30.00	1,097.34	Health officer expenses		14.00
		9,729.20	Balance on hand		1,681.00
Disbursements:					8,048.20
Street work: labor	\$ 572.80		Special Improvement Fund:		
material	248.80		Balance on hand last report	\$ 11,292.16	
tractor expenses	13.39	834.99	Receipts during month	4,455.50	
Walk on Sligo bridge	22.31		Balance on hand	15,747.66	

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications in writing as follows:

A numerously signed petition calling attention to conditions existing in the rear of the stores on Laurel Avenue due to the dumping of waste paper and all manner of trash from the stores and the scattering thereof all over the adjacent neighborhood. Referred to the Health Committee for appropriate action.

From Mr. E.W. Bond notifying the Council of an advance in the rental prices of the church basement to \$2.00 for the use of the small room and \$5.00 for the use of the large room. Referred to the Finance Committee for report and recommendation.

From Mr. C.C. Waters requesting, for the Conference on Playgrounds, permission to hold a field day on Tulip Avenue, between Maple and Willow Avenues, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 20, 1922. On motion of Mr. Bliss the desired permission was granted.

Mr. James Lord, residing on Tulip Avenue addressed the Council with reference to the necessity of Regulations establishing a uniform building line. Mr. Lord recounted his experiences in endeavoring to have a new house next to his residence conform to the frontage of the other houses on the street but without success. The matter was referred to the special committee revising the Building Regulations.

Mr. H. L. Thornton and Mr. W. G. Platt requested the Council to reconsider its action permitting the establishment of a base-ball ground on the Park in North Takoma. It was asserted that there was insufficient available ground for a base ball diamond; that a number of large trees would have to be removed, an unsightly backstop erected, and that the noise incident to the excitement of the games would be detrimental to the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. A number of citizens present expressed themselves pro and con. The request was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement.

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Mr. Adams, from the Special Committee, appointed for the purpose of considering the selection of a site for a new public school, submitted the following

The Mayor and Council,
Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Takoma Park, Md., April 15, 1922.

Gentlemen: Your special committee, appointed for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon an appropriate site for a new public school building and playgrounds, after careful examination and deliberation, beg leave to submit the following report:

Owing to the rapid development of the Town during the past few years which has carried with it considerable advance in land values, and which, coupled with the additional fact of few unimproved areas containing the requisite amount of land suitable for a school building with contiguous or adjacent land sufficient for playground purposes, the Committee found at the outset that its choice of site was practically limited to the land embraced in the tract known as the Hodges Farm. This property was taken into the corporation limits only four years ago and, fortunately, contains sufficient unimproved land, lying close to the present center of the Town's population, to meet present and future school needs.

By reference to the map of street extensions through the Hodges Farm, already approved by the Council, it will be noted that a projection of the lines of Holly, Birch and Oak Avenues beyond their intersection with Philadelphia Avenue, to their intersection with Park Avenue extended, provides three squares, bounded on all sides by public streets, containing in the aggregate eight acres of land, all desirably situated and sufficient, not only for the present but for future public school needs, for ample playgrounds and for municipal purposes as well — in fact, for a community center, sufficient in size and susceptible of all necessary beautification to meet the requirements of many years of future municipal development.

The eight acres of land embraced within the area noted can be purchased for \$7500, the price of five acres, the owners having expressed a willingness to donate three acres as their contribution to the enterprise. It is the thought of your Committee that the square bounded by Philadelphia, Holly, Birch and Park Avenues, containing about 3.31 acres should be utilized for municipal purposes, that bounded by Birch, Philadelphia, Oak and Park Avenues, containing 2.7 acres, for school buildings and that bounded by Oak, Philadelphia, Maple and Park Avenues, containing 2.9 acres, for playgrounds. Of the \$7500 required for the purchase of the property the Committee is of the opinion that a contribution by the Town of \$4500 and by the County of \$3000 would be an equitable division and would so recommend.

A rapid future development of Takoma Park, in the opinion of your Committee, will be along the streets extending into the Hodges Farm. The site referred to is already accessible from every part of the Town and from Silver Spring as well which will be a strong argument in the selection of Takoma Park for a high school building for this section of the County and which this site will amply accommodate.

The Committee believes that in the recommendations herewith submitted one of the most difficult of our community and municipal problems will find solution.

Very respectfully,

JOHN R. ADAMS R. Y. FERNER

H. F. TAFF BEN C. DAVIS.

C. C. GALLOWAY Committee.

The Mayor invited the comments of citizens present on the report of the Special Committee and many expressed their pleasure and satisfaction at the nature of the report and urged its adoption. No opposition whatever was expressed or implied. Dr. Miller moved that the report and its recommendations be adopted and the Committee authorized to take the required action to conclude negotiations with the school authorities and with the owners of the property.

Mr. Bliss moved that the sale be authorized of the two lots on Oak Avenue purchased as a Town Hall site at a price not less than its cost to the Town and that an appropriation of \$4500 be made as the Town's share of the purchase price of the property set forth in the report of the Special Committee just adopted. The motion was carried.

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

Geoffry Williams, Services Health Officer	\$ 8.00	B. Bruce Lamand, terra cotta pipe	\$ 25.92	Barber and Ross, bridge material	\$ 56.50
Hendrick Motor Co. Tractor supplies	10.80	Alfred A. Ray, blue prints	2.10	J. Bond Smith, expenses	96.53
Taylor and Balderson, Cinders	151.20	Hunter Ponds. 3 scoops	34.50		385.55

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

Dr. Miller, from the Health Committee, recommended that the week beginning May 1st be set aside as "Clean-up Week" under direction and supervision of the Health Committee and that an appropriation of \$150 be authorized to meet the expenses incident thereto. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Bliss.

Dr. Miller, from the Health Committee recommended further and moved that a collection garbage service be established covering the months of June, July, August and September at a cost of not to exceed \$125⁰⁰ per month. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Bliss permission was granted for the use of Tulip Avenue, between Maple and Willow Avenues, on the afternoon of for field day exercises and authority granted for closing the street during the period of the exercises.

Mr. Shadle, from the Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the general conditions of Streets throughout the Town, submitted a somewhat voluminous report which, upon motion of Mr. Miller, was received. The report was considered at length by the Council, the discussion being participated in by numerous citizens present.

The following Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 370

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the requirements of Section 4 of the amended charter a General Registration of all voters qualified to vote in the municipal elections is hereby directed. Said registration will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24, 25 and 26, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m., and 7 o'clock p.m.

Sec. 2. Officers of Registration, two in number, shall be appointed to perform the duties thereof as set forth in said Section 4 of the amended charter and shall be paid such compensation as the Mayor and Council may direct.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an eye and nay vote as follows: Vohng aye, the Mayor

pro tem and Councilmen Adams, Bliss, Miller, Rogers and Shadle. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Adams, Mr. Earl Burdine and Mrs. Madge C. Nelson were appointed Officers of Registration and the Mayor authorized to fill any vacancy due to inability of either or both of them to serve.

The following Ordinance was presented for the consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 371

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

Sec. 1. That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the amended charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 1, 1922, to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Maple Avenue, at which time and place the qualified voters of said Town shall cast their votes for a Mayor and three members of the Town Council to serve for a term of two years from the first Monday in June next.

Sec. 2. The polls for said election shall open at 6 o'clock a.m., and shall close at 7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Bliss moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor pro tem and Councilmen Bliss, Adams, Miller, Rogers and Shadle. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Adams, Messrs. E.N. Jackson, L.M. Mooers and S.R. Kyle were appointed Judges of Election and the Mayor authorized to fill any vacancies due to inability of any of the gentlemen designated to serve.

A proposed resubdivision of land was presented by Mr. H.L. Thornton and after due consideration was approved by the Council by Ordinance as follows and by aye and nay vote resulting: voting aye, the Mayor pro tem and Councilmen Adams, Bliss, Miller, Rogers and Shadle; voting nay, none.

Ordinance No. 372

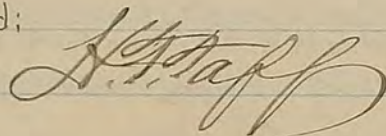
Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

That the resubdivision of lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block A, Fifield Tract, into lots 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block A, Fifield Tract, be, and the same is hereby approved.

Dr. C.C. Galloway submitted a request from the Community League that Mr. H.B. Hendrick receive the indorsement of the Council for appointment as member of the County Board of Education. On motion of Mr. Bliss the request was approved.

There being no further business, the Council, at 12:02 o'clock a.m., adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor pro tem.



Clerk

Thursday Evening, April 27, 1922.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Amended Charter of the Town the Council met in special session for the purpose of hearing and determining any appeals or complaints with respect to the Registration of voters qualified to vote in the municipal election. The Council convened at 8 o'clock and remained in session until 10:00 o'clock within which period no complaints or appeals were presented. In the absence of the Mayor, Mr. Taff presided as Mayor pro tem. The Councilmen present were Messrs. Adams, Miller, Rogers and Shadle.

Mr. S. R. Kyle, for the Registration Officers turned over all registration records to the custody of the Clerk. The Mayor pro tem explained the purposes of the meeting. During the period of the meeting general business was transacted by unanimous consent, as follows:

On motion of Mr. Rogers a bid of the State Printer to furnish 500 copies of the newly enacted Town Charter for \$50.00 was accepted.

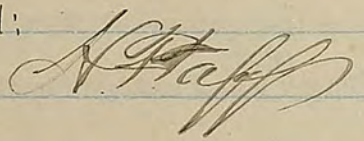
On motion of Mr. Rogers the Council unanimously indorsed the reappointment of Mr. R. D. Lillie as Justice of the Peace for the Town of Takama Park, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the Governor to that effect.

Mr. Morris Paen addressed the Council on the subject of general street improvement.

On motion of Mr. Adams an appropriation of \$32.00 was authorized for compensating the officers of Registration.

The Council, at 10:05 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor Pro Tem.

Benn Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 1, 1922

The Council met in special session at 9:25 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election for the regular annual Town Election held this date. There were present Councilmen Adams, Miller, Rogers, Shadle, and Taff.

In the absence of the Mayor Mr. Taff was chosen as Mayor pro tem.

Mr. E. N. Jackson, Chairman of the Judges of Election, submitted to the Council all the Records in connection with the Election, together with the following report: