

Monday Evening, July 17, 1922.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 26 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:

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| Balance on hand last report | \$ 4508.97 | Garbage Collections | \$ 45.00 |
| Receipts: | | Rubbish Collections | 212.00 |
| From gas permits | \$ 18.00 | Miscellaneous | 98.50 |
| building permits | 32.00 | Salaries: clerk and treasurer | \$ 75.00 |
| building deposits | 20.00 | Supt. of public work | 150.00 225.00 |
| | 70.00 | Expenses, health officer | 9.00 2766.62 |
| | 4578.97 | Balance on hand | 1812.35 |
| Disbursements: | | Special Improvement Fund: | |
| Street work: labor | \$ 1286.60 | Balance on hand last report | \$ 16762.76 |
| material | 522.99 1809.59 | Receipts for month | 322.03 |
| Street lighting | 251.07 | | 17084.79 |
| Tools and tractor supplies | 31.88 | Disbursements during month | 133.50 |
| General expenses: telephones | 9.00 | Balance on hand | \$ 16951.29 |
| printing | 43.00 | | |
| postage | 32.58 84.58 | | |

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

The annual report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

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| Balance on hand July 1, 1921 | \$ 9554.03 | Disbursements: | |
| Receipts: | | Street work: labor on general work | 3176.35 |
| From general taxes | \$ 8314.64 | grading of Philadelphia Ave. | 1304.01 |
| building permits | 334.00 | repairs to cuts in concrete streets | 928.50 |
| gas permits | 183.00 | cement culverts, grading, etc. by contract | 1754.00 |
| road tax refund, Montgomery Co. | 2054.04 | cleaning snow from walks and streets | 287.90 7450.76 |
| road tax refund, Prince Georges Co. | 251.88 | Street work: material. Cinders | 1206.41 |
| interest on deposits in bank | 1166.96 | cement, stone, sand and gravel | 594.81 |
| street repairs, W.S.S. Commission | 182.00 | terra cotta pipe | 156.86 |
| " " Wash. Gaslight Co. | 181.50 | tarvia | 516.19 |
| miscellaneous sources | 132.30 | material for Philadelphia Ave. Extd. | 375.12 |
| tax sale redemptions | 9.00 | surveying and engineering | 140.00 |
| builders' deposits | 120.00 12929.32 | blacksmithing | 8.85 |
| | 22483.35 | miscellaneous | 105.00 |
| | | tractor upKeep and repairs, and tools | 264.39 3367.63 |
| | | Bridges: foot walk, repairs, etc. Sliqo bridge | 1678.59 |
| | | Street lighting | 2396.20 |

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| Fire apparatus, repairs, upkeep, etc. | \$ | \$ 494.10 | Salaries: clerk and treasurer | \$ 900.00 | |
| General expenses: telephone service | 108.15 | | supt. of public work | 1800.00 | 2700.00 |
| printing | 154.47 | | Refund of building deposits | 50.00 | |
| postage | 65.68 | | plumbers deposits | 28.50 | 78.50 |
| rentals, for meetings | 32.00 | 360.30 | Balance on hand | | \$ 1812.35 |
| Garbage collections | | 337.50 | <u>Special Improvement Fund:</u> | | |
| Rubbish collections and disposal | | 418.56 | Balance on hand July 1, 1921 | \$ 23149.97 | |
| Parks | | 121.51 | Receipts during fiscal year | 10222.15 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses: legal | 843.45 | | | 33372.12 | |
| compensation, registration and election of freers, assessors, etc. | 132.00 | | Disbursements during fiscal year | 16420.83 | |
| compensation, health officer | 106.40 | 1258.35 | Balance on hand | 16951.29 | |
| Property redeemed from tax sales | | 9.00 | | | |

Mr. Taff moved that the report be received and filed and that it be printed for distribution among the taxpayers. The motion was carried.

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public notice by advertisement as required by law, the Council would proceed to the opening of proposals for the construction of concrete streets and curbs and the laying of cement sidewalks. Thereupon the Clerk presented to the Council two sealed proposals which upon being opened were found to be submitted by the G.B. Mullin Co., Inc., and W. F. Cush, contracting firms of Washington, D.C. The proposals submitted were read by items by the Clerk and the proposals thereupon referred to the Street Committee for examination with report and recommendation, at the earliest practicable date.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Mr. Guy Clinton submitting a sketch plan for a proposed combined business block and apartment house to be located on Carroll Avenue near the intersection of Laurel Avenue and requested that he be granted a building permit upon submission of the detailed plans. Mr. Clinton was requested to file with his application, if obtainable, the consent of residents of the vicinity of the site of the proposed building, upon receipt of which his application will be given prompt consideration.

Mr. J. W. Hite addressed the Council, calling attention to the pollution of the stream of water draining through North Takoma and caused by the emptying therein of sewerage from two houses in the county located just beyond the B. and O. right of way. Mr. Hite stated that he is just now convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever of uncertain origin and that the facts submitted were discovered in connection with his investigations. On motion of Mr. Taff the Health Committee was directed to have the matter thoroughly investigated and to consult with the Suburban Sanitary Commission and the County Health Officer in order to have the public menace thus created immediately abated and corrected.

A communication from Mr. Morris Bien urging that the matter of systematic improvement of dirt streets throughout the Town be taken up

by the Council in connection with its plans for 1923-4, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mrs. Bessie M. Beaman, of 206 Hancock Ave., presented a petition to the Council numerously signed by colored residents of the Town and vicinity urging improved school facilities for the colored children in the southern part of Montgomery County.

On motion of Mr. Taff the petition was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement with the Councils hearty sympathy of the needs expressed therein and with instructions to bring the matter appropriately to the attention of the proper county authorities.

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

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| E.D. Jones, blacksmithing | \$ 1.40 | Geoffry Williams, Services H.O. | \$ 12.00 | Hunter Bros, plow parts | \$ 8.15 |
| Columbia B. and C. Co., lumber | 80.51 | Taylor + Balderson, Cinders | 16.80 | Evening Star, Advertising | 21.93 |
| Takama Park Church, rentals | 70.50 | Southern Bldg. Supply Co. Cement | 268.80 | J.W. Shadle, laying pipe | 250.00 |
| Hendrick Motor Co. Gas and repairs | 17.60 | " " " Sundries | 64.71 | King Bros, Laws of Md. | 5.10 |

On motion of Mr. Taff the bills were ordered paid when checked and approved by the proper purchasing officers.

Mr. Adams called attention to the cementing of a drain pipe in the rear of 225 Willow Avenue. The ^{W+S} Street Committee was instructed to investigate the matter and ascertain if possible the persons responsible therefor with appropriate recommendations.

On motion of Mr. Taff the Street Committee was authorized to secure informal bids for the grading of Park Avenue, extended and to award a contract in accordance therewith if the lowest responsible bid does not exceed \$1000; and if no bid is received less than \$1000 then the committee is authorized to advertise for proposals in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the Street Committee was authorized, at an additional expense not to exceed \$100, to enlarge the capacity of the cement conduit carrying the roadway of Philadelphia Avenue over the stream near the foot of Maple Avenue.

Mr. J. Wilson Dodd, residing at 222 Spruce Avenue addressed the Council relative to the damage done the property occupied by him at the address stated during the recent heavy rains. Mr. Dodd stated that the material damage done him was considerable amounting to several hundreds of dollars, and stated his intention of filing a claim against the Town for such damages.

The Council considered at some length the drainage problems throughout the Town particularly that one centering about Spruce, Willow and Tulip Avenues. Finally, on motion of Mr. Kroll, authority was granted to secure the services of a competent drainage engineer to make a study of the problems referred to with recommendations as to their solution, an appropriation of not exceeding \$200 ^[therefor] to be available

Major Fischer, from the Street Committee, submitted a partial report of the Committee engaged in formulating a set of building regulations with the hope that a full and complete report would be ready by the next regular meeting.

Mr. Taff, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following proposed Budget, as prepared by the Treasurer, and designed to cover proposed expenditures of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922, with an estimate of the Town's revenues for the same period:

| ESTIMATED INCOME. | | | |
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| From general taxes | \$ 20,000.00 | Legal expenses | \$ 500.00 |
| road tax refunds | 2,100.00 | Miscellaneous expenses, including rental of church for council meetings, telephones, printing, etc. | 500.00 |
| interest on deposits in bank | 300.00 | Allowance, clerk and treasurer, for necessary clerical assistance during rush periods of year, payable as required | 100.00 |
| miscellaneous, permits, etc. | 100.00 | | |
| | 22,500.00 | Purchase of ground for school, playgrounds and municipal purposes | 3,000.00 |
| PROPOSED EXPENDITURES: | | General street work, including labor, material, tools, etc., not more than \$ 3000 of which shall be expended during the first six months of the fiscal year | 5,000.00 |
| For street lighting, payable monthly | \$ 3,600.00 | Town's share of special street work, including cement walks, concrete streets, grading of new streets, etc. | 5,000.00 |
| garbage and rubbish collection service | 1,800.00 | Total | 22,500.00 |
| salary, Superintendent of Public Work, payable monthly | 1,500.00 | | |
| allowance, Supt. of Public Work, for upkeep of horse, payable monthly | 300.00 | | |
| salary, clerk and treasurer, payable monthly | 900.00 | | |
| allowance, clerk and treasurer, for rent, heat and light of office, office supplies, etc., payable monthly | 300.00 | | |

Mr. Taff moved, after consideration at some length, that the Budget as above presented by the Treasurer, be adopted as the basis of Town expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922; and that the several committees and officers charged with the expenditure of town funds acquaint themselves thoroughly with the amount of money available under the Budget for the various purposes therein enumerated and are instructed not to exceed said sums except by express authority of the Council. The motion was carried.

Several citizens present called the Council's attention to specific instances of dangerous washouts in various streets due to the recent series of heavy rains. These instances were noted by the street committee and early action and repairs indicated.

The following Ordinance was presented with the recommendation and approval of the Street Committee:

Ordinance No. 377

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:
 That the following proposed subdivision of land within the limits of Takoma Park, Maryland, be and the same is hereby approved:
 Subdivision of the unsplit blocks numbered 52 and 53 of Gilberts subdivision of Takoma Park, Md., said subdivision being designated on the plat thereof as "Flower Avenue Park."

Mr. Fischer 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 Adams, Kroll, Miller, Fischer, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee recommended and moved that Mr. E.E. Blodgett, be reelected Superintendent of Public Work. There were no other nominations presented and Mr. Blodgett was thereupon re-elected.

On motion of Mr. Kroll, Messrs Earl Burdine and Reuben Day, police officials for Montgomery county, were appointed deputy town bailiffs. On motion of Mr. Miller, Messrs E.E. Blodgett and L.A. Cotshaw were reelected as deputy bailiffs.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:45 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Tuesday evening July 25, 1922

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk for the purpose of acting upon the bids for concrete streets and cement sidewalks. There were present Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

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

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported that a careful examination of the two proposals submitted for streets and walks showed the G. B. Mullin Co. to be the lowest bidders on the known quantities of concrete street work and the Wm. F. Cosh Co. the lowest bidders on known quantities of cement sidewalks. On excavation the quantities of which were estimated, the G. B. Mullin Co. was the lower bidder and the aggregate of the two bids would depend upon the amount of the excavation and grading. Mr. Fischer stated that the two bidders had evidently submitted their proposals as one job and before making a recommendation the Committee desired the sense of the Council on this point.

Mr. Kroll moved, after the Council had considered the question, that the proposals submitted for construction of concrete streets and cement sidewalks be considered as one job and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder on the combined work. The motion was carried.

The Street Committee thereupon recommended that the proposal of the G.B. Mullin Co. for construction of concrete streets and cement sidewalks be accepted and the contract awarded as per the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 378.

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

Sec. 1. That the proposal of the G. B. Mullin Company, of Washington, D. C., for the construction of concrete roadways and cement sidewalks, under date of July 17, be and the same is hereby accepted at the prices set forth in said proposal, viz: CONCRETE ROADWAYS: 1. Grading and rolling roadway and grading parking space, per cubic yard, excavated, Seventy-three cents. 2. Constructing cement curb combined with roadway pavement, including trench excavation and cinder base, per linear foot, Sixty-five cents. 3. Constructing cement roadway, 7 inches in thickness, width to be estimated to include the width of curbs, per square yard, Two dollars and forty-six cents. 4. Extra work, not included in above, when ordered in writing, at actual cost of labor and material furnished, plus 15 per cent. CEMENT WALKS: 1. For grading, as specified, in excess of 1 foot in depth, per cubic yard, Eighty-two cents; 2. For constructing and laying cement walks, per square yard, Two dollars and thirty-four cents. 3. Extra work, not included above, when ordered in writing, at actual cost of labor and material furnished, plus 15 per cent.

Sec. 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract, for and in behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., with the said G. B. Mullin Company for the work herein specified at the prices stated.

Mr. Fischer 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, Fischer, Miller, Kroll and Rogers; voting nay, none.

Mr. Fischer stated that he was in receipt of a proposal from Mr. Ashton Cobourne to grade Park Avenue extended in accordance with the established grade for the lump sum of \$950.00. Mr. Fischer stated that Mr. Cobourne was a reputable contractor who has done considerable work of this nature for the county authorities and moved that his proposal be accepted. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Kroll the Street Committee was authorized and directed to establish the grade of Boston Avenue between Chicago and Philadelphia Avenues, the matter being urgent because of water and sewer operations by the Suburban Sanitary Commission.

On motion of Mr. Miller the Clerk was authorized to grant a building permit to Mr. Guy Clinton for a combined store and apartment building on Canal Avenue near Laurel Avenue upon application therefor accompanied by completed plans and specifications.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor pro tem.

Clerk

Tuesday Evening, August 15, 1922.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date for the purpose of considering the surface drainage situation in connection with the concreting of Spruce Avenue now in progress and such other urgent business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Miller, Rogers and Taff.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, explained to the Council the plan which the Committee had agreed to follow after an extended conference with Mr. Johnson, Engineer, who had gone into the subject very thoroughly and submitted an exhaustive report thereon. The action of the Committee was approved. The Council considered at length proposed plans involving drainage along the lines of the extensions of Park, Maple and Philadelphia Avenues but reached no definite conclusions thereon.

Dr. Miller laid before the Council agreements from all property owners on Flower Avenue from Hudson Avenue to Canoll Avenue, to dedicate a five-foot strip of land from their respective properties for the construction of a cement sidewalk, and in view of a petition and waiver already presented, expressed the hope that the sidewalk might be laid under the existing contract. It being uncertain that funds are available for work in excess of that already authorized definite action upon Dr. Miller's request was deferred.

Mr. Fischer informed the Council of general street conditions throughout the Town gathered from a recent survey made by himself and other members of the Street Committee.

Communications from Mrs. Virginia L. Lake, 125 Buffalo Avenue and Mr. Charles M. Overacker, 29 Sycamore Avenue, requesting reimbursement for damages to their properties resulting from the recent heavy rains were laid before the Council for such future consideration as occasion may require.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Basil Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, August 21, 1922

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of July 25 and August 15 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:

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| Balance on hand July 1, 1922 | | \$ 1812.35 | Miscellaneous | 5.10 | |
| Receipts | | | Purchase of land for school and town purposes | 7770.00 | |
| From general taxes | \$ 11180.73 | | Garbage collections | 112.50 | |
| interest on deposits in bank | 369.68 | | Salaries: clerk and treasurer | 75.00 | |
| gas permits | 15.00 | | superintendent of public work | 150.00 | 225.00 |
| building permits | 52.00 | | Services of health officer | 12.00 | 9654.14 |
| building deposits | 120.00 | 11737.41 | Balance on hand | | 3895.62 |
| | | 13549.76 | Special deposits | | 530.00 |
| Disbursements: | | | Available balance | | \$ 3365.62 |
| Street work: labor | \$ 494.25 | | Special Improvement Fund: | | |
| material | 432.22 | | Balance on hand last report | \$ 16951.29 | |
| contract work | 250.00 | | Receipts for July | 345.30 | |
| machinery upkeep and tools | 15.06 | 1191.53 | | 17296.59 | |
| Street lighting | | 253.33 | Disbursements for July | 21.93 | |
| General expenses: telephones | 8.75 | | Balance on hand | | 17274.66 |
| postage | 5.43 | 14.18 | | | |
| Rentals for Council meetings, etc. | | 70.50 | | | |

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications as follows: A petition from property owners on Baltimore Avenue between New York and Albany Avenues requesting the laying of a cement sidewalk abutting lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in block 75, T.P.L. and T. Co. Subdivision, involving about 400 feet of walk, and agreeing to the waiver of all legal requirements with respect to advertisement and hearing. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from certain residents on Elm Ave. between Ash and Pine Avenues calling attention to the lack of necessity for a cement walk abutting their properties as recently ordered by the Council and requesting that such order be rescinded if their contention be found correct upon investigation of the circumstances recited in the petition. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from certain residents and property owners on Sherman, Hancock and Sheridan Avenues relative to the condition of those streets and requesting investigation and repairs thereof. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A communication from Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge, 254 Maple Ave., and William J. Maddox, 249 Maple Ave., requesting an electric light on P.E.P.Co. pole No. 7927 on Maple Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from F.M. Robinson, and others requesting the opening of a street from Park Ave. to Flower Avenue along the proposed extension of Maple Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from George W. Davis and others requesting at least four electric lights on Davis Avenue from Flower Avenue to Garland Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from George W. Davis and others requesting that Davis Avenue be graded and cindered from Flower Avenue to Garland Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A communication from Mr. J.J. Gruenbaum, 219 Chestnut Avenue calling attention to the gaps of unconstructed cement sidewalks on Chestnut Avenue extended and requesting that these gaps be filled; and inviting attention to the dangerous condition of the street which requires immediate attention. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Snowden Ashford addressed the Council calling attention to existing conditions on Sherman Ave. where he has constructed six houses and where repairs and grading are urgently needed. Mr. Ashford expressed his willingness to pay half the cost of the required grading. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. W. J. Stone addressed the Council urging that Sycamore Avenue be concreted during the present season. Mr. Stone was informed by the Mayor that Spruce Avenue was the only street included in the concreting program for this season but that it was likely that Sycamore Avenue would be given first attention in the program for next year.

A delegation of gentlemen from the Pine Crest Subdivision presented to the Council a verbal statement as to general deplorable street conditions in that portion of the Town. The situation was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report as to what could be done to improve the situation complained of.

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

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| The Pioneer Press, Printing | \$ 13.00 | J.W. Shadle, Constructing cement culvert | \$1000.00 | The Barrett Co. 10 bbls. tarvia | \$ 76.50 |
| Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Lumber | .64 | Evening Star, Advertising | 5.20 | Hendrick Motor Co. Repairs fire engine | 14.24 |
| Southern Bldg. Supply Co. Nails | 1.35 | Hunter Bros. Tools | 10.25 | " " " Gasoline | 7.00 |
| Geoffrey Williams, M.D. Services | 8.00 | Md. Real Estate Title Co. Cert. of title | 52.00 | | 1188.18 |

On motion of Mr. Taff the bills approved were ordered to be paid when checked and O.K'd by the appropriate officers.

Mr. Rogers, from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following proposed Ordinance favorably recommended by the Committee:

Ordinance No. 379

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

Section 1. Parking of vehicles within the corporate limits, and within the territory hereinafter described, is hereby declared a nuisance and is prohibited under the fines and penalties hereinafter imposed:

A. - On the east side of Carroll Avenue northward from the fireplug at the intersection of Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue, to the telegraph pole at the entrance to the garage of the Hendrick Motor Company.

B. - On the west side of Laurel Avenue from its intersection with Carroll Avenue, southward to Pole No. 7254 of the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Section 2. - Parking of vehicles for a period of more than thirty (30) minutes within the corporate limits of the Town on the west side of Carroll Avenue, from its intersection with Laurel Avenue to a point opposite Elm Avenue, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited under the fines and penalties hereinafter imposed.

Section 3. - Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, and in default of the payment of any fine imposed hereunder, the offender shall be imprisoned in the municipal jail or the County jail at Rockville, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until such fine is paid.

Section 4. - Prosecutions for violations of this Ordinance shall be before the Mayor, or the Justice of the Peace for the Town, appointed under the provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, or before the Police Justice at Rockville at the option of the arresting officer.

Section 5. - Notice of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be given by the immediate posting of appropriate signs within the territory embraced in this Ordinance.

Section 6. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Mr. Rogers 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 Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Miller, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

The following proposed Ordinance was laid before the Council for its consideration and action:

Ordinance No. 380.

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

Section 1. - That, in order to avoid existing confusion incident to dissimilar names of the same street lines in the District of Columbia and in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and to rectify dissimilar names of coinciding streets within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and to avoid duplicate names of separate and distinct streets in the two jurisdictions above noted, the following changes of street nomenclature within the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, be and the same are hereby authorized and directed:

1. The street extending from Eastern Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue, now known as Oak Avenue, and any future authorized extension thereof, shall be known and designated as Cedar Avenue to agree with that portion of said street within the District of Columbia now known as Cedar Street.

2. The street extending from Ethan Allen Avenue to Elm Avenue, now known as Cedar Avenue, and any future authorized extension thereof, shall be known and designated as Hazel Avenue.

3. The street extending from Elm Avenue to Circle Avenue, lying mostly within the Gibbs and Kasack subdivision, and now designated as Park Avenue, shall be known and designated as Poplar Avenue of which it is a direct and logical extension.

4. The streets extending from the end of Maple Avenue, extended, with which the latter coincides, and designated in their courses as Mag-

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ara and Albermarle Avenues shall be known and designated as Maple Avenue.

Section 2.- This Ordinance shall be effective from the date of its passage.

Mr. Rogers 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 Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Miller, Rogers and Taff; voting nay, none.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee returned the petition of residents in blocks 54 and 55 with the recommendation that their request for a cement sidewalk on Flower Avenue, from Hudson Avenue to Carroll Avenue, be granted and that the walk be laid under the pending contract of G. B. Mullin Co., provided that a continuous 5-foot right of way be dedicated by all property owners affected on the west side of Flower Avenue, On motion of Mr. Fischer the recommendation was approved.

The Street Committee, through its chairman, Mr. Fischer, recommended that the petition of Messrs. Bryant, Biddle, Kimble, Lilly and Finn for a cement sidewalk abutting their properties on Baltimore Avenue, be granted and constructed under the pending contract with the G. B. Mullin Company, the petitioners having waived all legal requirements. Approved on motion of Mr. Miller.

With reference to the petition of residents on Elm Avenue, between Ash and Pine, requesting elimination of proposed sidewalks fronting their property as being unnecessary, on motion of Mr. Kroll the request was granted and the walks eliminated.

The Street Committee, through Mr. Fischer, advised those petitioners interested in the construction of portions of walks that were not constructed last year because of necessary fills, that all such gaps would be taken care of in the contract now being fulfilled,

Mr. Fischer reported that the condition of Elm Avenue in the vicinity of Mr. Schenk's house was deplorable and that a prerequisite to any improvement would be a terra cotta drain across the street at a cost of about \$200. During discussion of the matter it developed that this portion of the street was used but little and that any improvement was not urgent and could be deferred. The matter was passed over.

Mr. Fischer reported that the contractor was making good progress on preparations and preliminary grading for concreting Spruce Avenue. In this connection he called attention to several suggestions from adjacent property owners that the concreting should be carried on across Park Avenue where it intersects with Spruce thereby avoiding danger of undermining the new concrete roadway by the flow of water from Park Ave. Mr. Fischer expressed his approval of this action if the additional expense could be incurred. After discussion of the matter and on motion of Mr. Kroll the concrete roadway was ordered to be extended across Park Avenue.

The Clerk laid before the Council a proposed subdivision lying within the Beale land abutting Ethan Allen Ave, which was submitted for the Councils approval, calling attention to certain defects therein which should be supplied, namely - numbering of the blocks, a rearrangement of lot numbers, absence of lot dimensions in a number of cases, and surveyors certificate. The Clerk was directed to return the plat for the desired corrections.

The Clerk submitted to the Council an offer for a 30-day option on the Oak Avenue lots owned by the Town at a cash price of \$3800. On motion of Mr. Taff the offer was declined and a price of \$4000 cash fixed as the minimum offer which would be considered for the property.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:40 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, September 4, 1922

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council convened this date at the office of the Clerk. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Kroll, Fischer and Rogers.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for an informal discussion of serious street conditions in various sections of the Town with particular reference to damages on Maple and Park Avenues, extended, as a result of recent rains, and to ascertain the views of the individual members as to action that should be taken, if any, toward such permanent street improvement as will prevent destruction of streets by every heavy rain. The Mayor called attention to the many complaints submitted to the Council, both verbally and by letter as to street conditions, many of which were justified, and to the financial inability of the Council to embark upon an expensive or exhoragant street improvement program, except through a heavy bond issue. This, the Mayor explained, involved the inauguration of a new policy from that now followed and involved the creation of a considerable indebtedness and an increase in the general tax rate. The problem is such as to require the Councils most serious thought and consideration.