

Monday Evening, November 20, 1922

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

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk who stated that the Mayor had telephoned him that he was unexpectedly called out of the city and would be unable to be present. On motion of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Taff was unanimously chosen as Mayor pro tem.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of October 27 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		\$ 3154.01		<i>Special Improvement fund:</i>			
Receipts:				Bal. on hand last report		\$ 6901.05	
From general taxes	\$ 939.71			Receipts during month		203.56	
gas permits	4.00					7104.61	
building permits	34.00	977.71		Disbursements during month		6488.01	
			4131.72	Balance on hand		616.60	
Disbursements:				<i>Special Deposits:</i>			
Street work: labor	\$ 233.05			Balance on hand last report		\$ 550.00	
material	273.05	506.10		Receipts during month		30.00	
Street lighting		276.67		Balance on hand		580.00	
General expenses: telephones	8.90						
miscellaneous	62.25	71.15					
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00						
supt. of public work	150.00	225.00	1078.92				
Balance on hand			3052.80				

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

The Mayor pro tem announced that in accordance with notice legally given this evening had been designated for a hearing from parties concerned in the proposed public improvements set forth in Ordinance No. 385, passed and approved October 27, 1922, and called for remarks from those interested.

A large number of citizens residing in the Pine Crest subdivision, wherein the proposed improvements were contemplated, were present and addressed the Council, among them Messrs. Snowden, Ware, Finley, Quade, Morgan, Candliss, Bowman, Mitchell, Speare, Bollman, Quarles, Harlan, Ballinger, Blachley, and Mrs. Couch. The consensus of opinion as expressed by those named was favorable to street improvements in the section mentioned, though a majority doubtless opposed any immediate action which would probably place these streets in an impassable condition for the winter, the desire being to defer all grading until Spring. There was also a strong expression of opinion that these streets should be permanently improved either by concrete or macadam roadway or similar substantial construction. At the close of the hearing the Mayor pro tem announced that the matter would be taken under advisement by the Council.

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

Harvey Moreland, hauling tarvia _ _ \$ 6.00	Geoffy Williams, M.D. Services _ _ \$ 13.00	Evening Star, Advertising _ _ _ _ \$ 4.00
Columbia B. and C. Co. Cement, etc. _ 39.24	So. Bldg. Supply Co. Sundries _ _ 4.35	Gl. Granite and Dredging Co _ _ _ 40.88
F. D. Jones, Blacksmithing _ _ _ _ 3.40	Barrett Co. tarvia _ _ _ _ _ 75.45	<u>186.32</u>

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

Mr. Rogers, for the Health Committee stated that many requests had been made by citizens for a clean-up week prior to the coming of winter, and inasmuch as the usual fall collection of rubbish had been overlooked, the Committee felt favorably disposed toward compliance therewith. Mr. Rogers thereupon moved that the Health Committee be authorized to arrange for a clean-up week at an early date, and to proceed therewith and that an appropriation of \$150⁰⁰ be authorized for expenses connected therewith. The motion was carried.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Ostrander, residing on Manor Circle, called attention to the failure of the contractor to construct cement sidewalks on that portion of Manor Circle abutting their property and requested the Council to take appropriate action to provide walks prior to the advent of bad weather.

Mr. Fischer, for the Street Committee, stated that failure to lay this section of walk was due to the inability of the town engineer to provide the contractor with street grade prior to the contractor's departure. Mr. Fischer stated that the street grade was now in hand and moved that the Council authorize construction of the proposed walk on Manor Circle by a local contractor at a figure of \$1.60 per linear foot. The motion was adopted.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Fischer an appropriation of \$200 was authorized for cindering the surface of certain portions of Maple, Davis, Flower and Jackson Avenues.

On motion of Mr. Kroll the Clerk was directed to notify the Capital Traction Company that the Carroll Avenue pavement between and on two feet each side of their car tracks was in urgent need of repair and requesting them to take the necessary action to that end in accordance with the provisions of the franchise permitting the tracks on Carroll Avenue.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Fischer, installation of additional street lights was authorized as follows: 1 on Jefferson Avenue; 1 on Philadelphia and Takoma Aves; one in Carroll Manor at pole 7568; 3 on Elm Ave; 3 on Spring Street on poles 7931-33-35; 1 on Willow Ave. at the bend into Park Ave.; and 1 at Park Avenue and Crescent Place.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Fischer, authority was granted to Messrs. Kyle and Alberhi to construct at their own expense and in accordance with the Town specifications a 4-foot cement sidewalk abutting their premises, lot 12, block 72, No. 304 Takoma Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Kroll the Street Committee was authorized to complete the concrete culvert across Elm Avenue near its intersection with Poplar Avenue, at a cost not to exceed \$300.

Mr. Fischer, for the Street Committee, recommended that the gutters of Tulip Avenue, between Cedar and Holly Avenues, be filled with any substantial waste material that may be available and that in case the street can thus be placed in a safe condition that it be again opened to public travel. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation was approved.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the Street Committee was authorized to have grade sheets prepared of Prince George and Elm Avenues and to obtain other engineering services therefor if the duties of the Town Engineer prevent his early attention thereto.

Mr. Kroll, for the Committee on Civic Improvements, returned to the Council the application of Mr. P. W. Brillt to construct a store building on lot 1, block 1, Carroll Subdivision, Carroll Avenue, with recommendation that a building permit be granted provided that the building be erected in line with existing adjacent improved property; that it be not less than 25 feet from the line of the street; that it approach no nearer than 5 feet either of the side lines of the lot on which located, nor be located no nearer than 10 feet to any other building. On motion of Mr. Kroll the recommendations of the Committee were approved.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Street Committee was authorized to have a white line painted in the center of the roadway at Carroll and Laurel Avenues for the purpose of guiding and directing traffic at the point mentioned.

The following Ordinance providing for a Code of Building Regulations was laid before the Council and after due consideration was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor pro tem and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Ordinance No. 386

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

That the following Code of Building Regulations be and the same is hereby adopted to govern building construction within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland:

SECTION I.- DEFINITIONS:

Alterations. - Any material change, addition or modification in construction.

Addition. - Any change which increases the area covered by the building.

Attic Story. - That portion of the building wholly or partly in the roof.

Apartment House. - One in which the rooms are occupied in suites by three or more families.

[used for habitation]

Basement. - A story partly under ground, the ceiling height of which is one-half or more above the level of the adjoining ground. Such story may be

Building. - A fabric or edifice framed or constructed, designed to stand more or less permanently and covering a space of land.

Building Line. - A line beyond which no building, or any part thereof, may be extended except by special permission and approval of the proper authorities.

Building Owner. - The owner, agent or trustee of the building or premises under consideration.

Builder. - The constructor, responsible to the building owner, for the erection of the building.

Cellar. - The portion of the building below the first story joists, the floor of which is more than one-half the clear ceiling height below the adjacent ground. Such a story shall not be used for habitation.

Dwelling. - A building designed for human habitation and to be used by members of not more than two families. [in succession

First Story. - The story the floor of which is at or first above the level of the sidewalk or adjoining ground; the other stories to be numbered upward,

Foundation Wall. - That portion of an exterior or partition wall below the surface of the adjoining earth, or below the first floor joists.

Partition - An interior wall of any material other than masonry. **Partition Wall.** - An interior wall of masonry.

Private Garage. - A building used for housing steam or motor-driven vehicles, not to exceed three in number, all the property of one individual and all for the use of himself and family. [ness enterprise

Public Garage. - A building used for the storage, equipping, assembling, repairing or hiring of steam or motor driven vehicles and conducted as a business enterprise.

Repairs. - The renewal or replacement of any part of a building not affecting its safety or structural integrity. If so affected the work shall be defined as an alteration.

Shed. - A rough or unfinished structure for storage.

Story of a Building. - A division in a building comprising the space between two successive tiers of joists.

SECTION 2 - RELATES TO DWELLINGS.

These regulations relate primarily to dwellings. Permits for buildings designed for business purposes, apartment houses, hospitals, etc., will be granted only after thorough examination of plans and specifications and approval thereof by the Building Inspector and approval of the location thereof by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 3 - BUILDING PERMITS.

No building shall be erected, altered or repaired, or any addition made thereto, or any work started thereon, or any excavation made in connection therewith, prior to the issue of a building permit by the Town Clerk, except that for minor repairs, alterations or outbuildings, costing not to exceed \$300, no permit shall be required except as hereinafter provided.

An application for a building permit shall be accompanied by two sets of tracings or blue prints of the complete plans and specifications thereof; and of the plumbing and electric wiring plans; and two sketches, drawn to scale, showing the location of the building with respect to the lot lines upon which it is to be located. At least one week should be allowed for examination of plans and specifications by the Inspectors of Building, Plumbing and Electric Wiring, between the application for and the issue of the building permit. Permits shall be valid and in force for a period of six months from date of issue.

SECTION 4 - BUILDING INSPECTOR.

A Building Inspector shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council, to serve at their pleasure, and shall be compensated in such manner as they may direct, whose duty it shall be to examine and approve all plans and specifications for buildings prior to the issue of a building permit; and to inspect all buildings during the course of construction and to enforce these Regulations. He shall report to the Mayor and Council, in writing, all violations of these Regulations and is empowered to stop all building construction until any violations thereof are corrected; but he shall have no discretionary power to modify any of these Regulations. The Building Inspector may be allowed such number of assistants and at such compensation as the Mayor and Council may determine.

SECTION 5 - PERMIT FEES AND DEPOSITS.

The following schedule of permit fees is hereby prescribed. For a private garage of one machine capacity, \$1.00. For a private garage of two or three machine capacity, \$2.00. For alterations and repairs not to exceed \$1000, \$2.00 and 50 cents for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof in excess of \$1000. For buildings not exceeding \$10,000, \$5.00. For buildings exceeding \$10,000, \$5.00 and \$1.00 for each \$1000 or fraction thereof, in addition thereto.

A cash deposit of \$10.00 will be required for each building erected, or in case of alterations or repairs covered by permit, to cover possible damage to streets or walks. Such deposit, or any unexpended balance thereof will be returned upon proper certificate, in writing, of the Building Inspector. Deposits in excess of \$10.00 may be required when, in the judgment of the Building Inspector, the interests of the Town so require. The Building Inspector shall have authority to waive the \$10.00 deposit in construction of garages or small out buildings when in his judgment there is no possibility of damage to streets or walks.

SECTION 6 - BUILDING LINE.

No dwelling nor any part or projection thereof shall be erected or located nearer than 25 feet to the line of the street on which the dwelling will face, nor shall it approach nearer than 5 feet either of the side lines of the lot on which it is located nor be located nearer than 10 feet to any other dwelling.

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The Mayor and Council may, in their discretion, establish a uniform building line upon any street and require that buildings hereafter erected conform thereto.

SECTION 7. - CELLARS.

Every cellar or basement of a dwelling shall have a bed of cement concrete not less than four inches thick or asphaltum concrete not less than two inches thick spread over its entire bottom, or shall be paved with hard brick laid in cement.

SECTION 8. - FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATIONS.

All foundation walls shall rest upon footings of stone, concrete or brick masonry at least 6 inches in depth and in thickness shall extend at least 6 inches outward from each side of the bottom of foundation walls. Where the nature of the ground is not satisfactory the Building Inspector may require that heavier footings be used. The footings of all foundation walls shall be not less than 2 feet 6 inches below the finish grade of the yard when the building is completed.

Foundation walls of frame dwellings must be built of hard brick, concrete, stone or other hard and incombustible material and shall be not less than 8 inches thick. Hollow blocks may be used for foundation walls provided they conform to the above dimensions. If of terra cotta they shall be dense and hard burned or vitreous, laid with cells vertical and the cells filled with concrete to the grade line; if of concrete they shall be of Portland cement and suitable clean aggregate mixed in standard proportions. Foundation walls shall be parged on the outside with at least one inch of cement mortar mixed in standard proportions. Walls of cement block or hollow tile shall be laid in cement mortar consisting of at least one part cement to three parts sand and 10 per cent lime putty.

SECTION 9. - CELLAR AND PORCH PIERS.

All cellar piers shall have a cross section of not less than 9x12 inches and shall rest upon concrete footings not less than 18 inches square and 6 inches in thickness. Where the size of the building requires piers and footings proportionately larger shall be used. Piers shall be constructed of material similar to that allowed for foundation walls; but if of terra cotta block the cells thereof shall be filled with cement concrete.

Piers for the support of porches shall be constructed in the same manner as cellar piers but the footings shall be placed not less than 2 feet 6 inches below the finish grade of the lot. Girders must bear not less than 4 inches on main cellar walls.

SECTION 10. - EXTERIOR WALLS AND FRAMING.

Cement block, hollow tile and brick walls for buildings not more than two stories in height, and not exceeding 25 feet in height, shall be not less than 8 inches in thickness for the cellar or foundation walls and not less than 6 inches in thickness for the first and second stories.

Veneered walls of brick or concrete block construction may be permitted under specifications approved by the building inspector.

Framing timbers including bearing walls of frame dwellings will be of sufficient size and closeness of spacing to insure adequate strength even when subjected to unusual stresses.

Floor joists shall be not less than 2x8 inches for 14 feet spans or under, set 16 inches on centers, with one row of cross bridging; not less than 2x10 inches for spans from 14 to 18 feet, set 16 inches on centers, with two rows of cross bridging; for spans from 18 to 22 feet, 2x12 inch joists must be used, set 12 inches on centers and with two rows of cross bridging.

Roof rafters shall be not less than 2x6 inches, set not over 24 inches on centers; rafters more than 14 feet long shall have collar beams on each side.

Girders must be placed to carry first floor joists; they must be constructed in a manner approved by the Building Inspector and properly supported on piers; such piers to be located not more than 9 feet from center to center.

Framing of all buildings shall be constructed in an approved manner and properly braced and nailed.

SECTION 11. - ROOFING.

Roof covering shall be of fire resisting material, such as tile, tin, slate, asbestos shingles and other composition shingles and prepared roofings which have been tested and approved for fire resistance and durability. Wooden shingles will not be permitted.

SECTION 12. - CHIMNEYS.

Chimneys shall be built of brick, stone or similar fire proof material laid in cement mortar in the cellar and above the roof portions and shall be built from the ground up. Foundations shall be at least 6 inches wider all around than the area of the chimney. The foundation for an exterior chimney shall be at least 2' 6" below grade.

Chimneys shall be lined with hard burned terra cotta or fire clay flue lining set in cement mortar with joints struck smooth on the inside and spaces between lining and brickwork filled with mortar.

Chimneys shall be built to a point at least three feet above flat roofs and two feet above the ridge of peak roofs and shall be provided with a proper capping of stone, terra cotta or concrete.

No wooden beams or joists shall be placed within 2 inches of the outside face of a chimney or flue. No woodwork shall be within 4 inches of the

back face of the wall of any fireplace. Wooden forms for hearth constructions shall be removed.

SECTION 13 - GARAGES.

A private garage shall be located in the rear of the dwelling to which it belongs and shall be at least 20 feet from said dwelling when the depth of the lot so permits. When necessary to locate a garage nearer than 20 feet to a dwelling, fire proof construction must be used.

No garage shall be located between dwellings or where it will be between dwellings when the second dwelling is erected.

Garages located within dwellings shall be of fire proof construction and subject to the approval of the Building Inspector.

Public garages may be erected only after approval of site and plans by the Mayor and Council and the authorization by them of the issue of a building permit.

SECTION 14 - MISCELLANEOUS

Builders may be permitted reasonable temporary use of the public streets for material when necessary and same cannot be accommodated elsewhere; provided no obstruction to traffic is caused thereby. Streets and walks must be kept clear and passable at all times and material or obstructions indicated by red lights kept burning from sunset to sunrise. Builders shall assume responsibility and be held liable for any damages resulting from use of streets as indicated.

Permits will be issued for buildings to be temporarily occupied as dwellings pending construction of permanent dwellings; provided they are located in the rear of lots or otherwise inconspicuously and conform to necessary sanitary requirements. Such temporary dwellings shall not be occupied beyond two years except upon permission of the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 15 - FINES AND PENALTIES.

Any person or persons, whether as principal, agent or employee, violating any of the provisions of these Regulations or any amendment thereof, for the violation of which no other penalty is prescribed shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25.00 for each and every violation, and a like fine for each day during which such violation has continued or may continue, each day's continuance of the violation being hereby declared a separate offense hereunder.

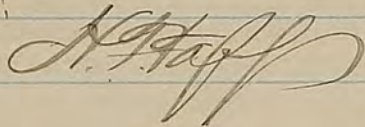
Prosecutions for the violation of this Ordinance shall be before the Mayor or the Justice of the Peace for the Town appointed under the provision of Chapter 362 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922. In default of the payment of any fine herein authorized to be imposed the offender may be imprisoned in the municipal jail or in the County jails at Rockville or Upper Marlboro for a period not to exceed 30 days or until the fines are paid.

SECTION 16 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in effect on and after December 1, 1922.

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

Approved:



Mayor Pro Tem.

Burd Davis, Clerk

Thursday Evening, December 14, 1922.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, upon call of the Mayor, convening at the office of the Clerk at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Rogers and Taff; Councilman Miller being absent from the city.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting primarily to consider the proposed plumbing regulations but would bring to the Council's attention any other business that the members might wish to consider.

The Council thereupon proceeded to consideration of the Committee draft of the Plumbing Regulations. After considerable discussion, during which it was apparent that the sentiment of the Council favored adoption of the provisions of the Maryland Plumbing Code, it was decided, upon motion of Mr. Kroll that the Committee draft be so amended as to include the Maryland Plumbing Code, with such essential additions thereto as might be deemed necessary from local conditions. The Committee was thereupon directed to revise their report in accordance with the Council's instructions and to submit it for action, if possible, at the regular meeting on Monday evening, December 18.

In order that immediate force may be given to the Electric Wiring and Building Regulations recently approved by the Council, Mr. Kroll moved that Mr. L. A. Cotshaw and Mr. C. Huff be appointed temporarily as Building Inspector and Electrical Inspector, respectively, for a period of 30 days and that they be authorized and instructed to inspect buildings in course of operation and that they be authorized to enforce the provisions of existing Ordinances; their compensation to be hereafter determined. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Council considered briefly some suggestions by Mr. Kroll to the recently enacted Ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles. It was the understanding that such amendments would be prepared for submission at the regular December meeting of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Kroll the Clerk was directed to write to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia requesting them to direct the reconstruction of the gutter across Maple Street at its intersection with Carroll Street, which gutter, on account of its present condition endangers the safety of the many automobiles and motorists using this much traveled thoroughfare.

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

Approved:

Mayor

Ben Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, December 18, 1922.

The Council met at 8 o'clock with the following members present: Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Rogers and Taff.

In the absence of the Mayor who was unavoidably absent from the city, the Council was called to order by the Clerk. On motion of Mr. Rogers, and upon unanimous vote, Councilman Taff was elected to serve as Mayor pro tem.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of December 14 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		\$ 3052.80	Services of Health Officer	\$ 13.00	884.50
Receipts:			Balance on hand		\$ 2775.22
From general taxes	\$ 565.92		Special Improvement Fund:		
gas permits	9.00		Balance on hand last report	\$ 616.60	
building permits	32.00	606.92	Receipts during month	826.68	
		3659.72		1443.28	
Disbursements:			Disbursements during month	657.55	
Street work: labor	\$ 178.50		Balance on hand	785.73	
material	165.92		Special Deposits:		
machinery and tools	3.40	347.82	Balance on hand last report	\$ 580.00	
Street lighting		276.67	Receipts during month	30.00	
General expenses: telephone service	9.15			610.00	
postage	12.86	22.01	Disbursements during month	10.00	
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	75.00		Balance on hand	600.00	
superintendent public work	150.00	225.00			

On motion of Mr. Adams the report was accepted and ordered filed.

Communications as follows were laid before the Council by the Clerk and action taken as indicated.

From Mr. S. M. Ogden, 264 Park Ave. relative to bad condition of Park Avenue, to the Street Committee.

From Mr. Wm. A. Mellen, 649 Carroll Ave. relative to condition of grade on Carroll Ave. fronting his residence; to the Street Committee.

From Mr. J. J. Faber, 508 Takoma Ave., requesting street improvement, an additional street light and water fire plug, near his residence; to the Street Committee.

A petition from Dr. L. E. Elliott, Washington Sanitarium, and others, for street lights on Flower Ave. from Division Street to Blair Road. The clerk was directed to inform petitioners that Flower Ave. covering the area referred to was not within the corporate limits and that therefore their request could not be granted.

From Mr. John M. Faulconer, Silver Springs, Md. requesting a building permit for stores and apartments on lot 22, block 6, L. and E. Sub-

division, running from Carroll through to Tulip Ave. Referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement for consideration and report. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Faulconer that it might be well for him to secure an expression of the attitude of the residents on Carroll Avenue between Elm and Columbia Avenues, and to inform the Committee of the result thereof.

A communication was presented from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission stating that the Commission ^{within the next 10 days} would begin to install all necessary fire hydrants within the corporation to afford adequate fire protection to the several portions of the community now without such protection.

A communication was presented from the Capital Traction Company stating that agreeably with notice received the necessary instructions had been given to make repairs to the Carroll Avenue pavement between the tracks thereon.

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

Harvey, Moreland, hauling tarvia	\$ 6.00	Columbia Brick and Coal Co. Cement	\$ 40.54	So. Bldg. Supply Co. Sundries	\$ 6.76
Geoffry Williams, health officer services	6.00	The Barrett Co. 520 gals tarvia	78.00	Smoot S. and C. Corporation	44.15 181.55

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

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, recommended that the street grading in the Pine Crest Subdivision provided in Ordinance No. 385, passed and approved October 27, 1922, be approved and that of said work the grading of Allegheny ~~Avenue~~ ^{only} and Second Street be proceeded with at this time and that proposals for this portion of the work be invited in accordance with law. The recommendation was approved and the following Ordinance submitted.

Ordinance No. 387

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

Section 1. That under authority of Section 12 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922 (Chapter 542) the Mayor and Council, after full and complete notification and hearing as provided by law, are of the opinion that the public comfort and convenience require the grading of those streets designated in Ordinance No. 385, passed and approved October 27, 1922.

Section 2. The total cost of the work herein provided shall be assessed, in accordance with law against the abutting property which is hereby declared specially benefitted thereby.

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, Krall and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Fischer reported that the sewer work on Grant Avenue will probably be completed within the next two weeks. Mr. Adams moved that all res-

dents on Grant Avenue be notified to make immediate arrangements to connect their premises with the public sewer. The motion was carried.

Mr. Fischer reported relative to the bad condition of Park Avenue from Willow to Maple and stated that this condition was due almost entirely to the installation of water and sewer lines by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The Council discussed at some length the apparent indifference of the Commission to the damage it was doing to streets throughout the Town; its failure to fill ditches by ramming or to restore street surfaces to their former condition. On motion of Mr. Kroll the Clerk was instructed to call these delinquencies to the Commission's attention and to invite a statement as to its future intentions with respect to proper repair of streets.

Mr. Rogers submitted and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 388.

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

That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 379, passed and approved August 21, 1922, regulating the parking of vehicles, is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection: "C. In front of the Volunteer Fire Department on Laurel Avenue or in front of any building housing fire fighting equipment intended for general public use; nor shall any vehicle be so parked as to interfere with the prompt and efficient use of fire hydrants."

That Section 2 of said Ordinance No. 379 be amended by the addition of the following paragraph: "Parking of vehicles on the public streets during the all-night period is hereby declared a nuisance and will not be permitted except upon written permission of the Mayor and for reasons which he may deem urgent or compelling."

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 pro tem and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll and Rogers; voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the owner of premises No. 41 Woodland Avenue was ordered to be served with appropriate notice to connect the plumbing in the house on rear of the lot with the public sewer within 30 days.

The Special Committee to revise the Plumbing Regulations, through Mr. Fischer, submitted the following proposed Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 389.

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

That the following Code of Plumbing Regulations be and the same is hereby adapted to govern the installation, extension, alteration or repair of plumbing within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

SECTION 1.-MARYLAND PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED.

The "Maryland Plumbing Code" passed March 17, 1921, by the Maryland State Board of Health in conformity with Chapter 675 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1914, or any future modification or amendment thereof, is hereby adopted and promulgated as the General Regulations governing plumbing within the corporate limits of the Town; and the said Maryland Plumbing Code is by this reference made a part of this Ordinance to the same extent and with the same effect as if herein set forth in full.

SECTION 2.-INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING.

The Mayor and Council shall appoint an Inspector of Plumbing to serve at their pleasure and shall fix his compensation. He shall be allowed

such assistants, at such compensation, and to serve for such periods as the Mayor and Council may determine.

The Inspector of Plumbing is charged with the general duty of enforcing this Ordinance. He shall approve all plumbing plans submitted to him prior to the issue of a permit and shall inspect all plumbing in buildings under construction or whenever required in existing buildings. He is hereby empowered, under direction of the Mayor and Council, to suspend all plumbing work not in accordance with these Regulations and to require all changes in accord herewith and to report to the proper authority any violations hereof.

SECTION 3 - MASTER PLUMBERS.

Only those plumbers qualified under the provisions of the Maryland Plumbing Code shall be eligible to practice plumbing within the Town. Any plumber applying for a permit shall submit to the Town Clerk evidence of this eligibility, lacking which the permit shall be refused.

SECTION 4 - PLUMBING PERMITS.

No person or persons, firm or corporation, shall install, extend, alter or modify any system of plumbing in any building within the limits of the Town without first having obtained a permit therefor from the Town Clerk.

Applications for such permits shall be submitted in writing at the Office of the Town Clerk, on a form to be supplied by him. Each application shall be accompanied by a copy of the plans and specifications of the plumbing to be done and the same shall be approved by the Plumbing Inspector prior to the issue of the permit; said plans and specifications shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

SECTION 5 - FINAL CERTIFICATES.

A final certificate of approval shall be issued in writing by the Inspector of Plumbing upon the satisfactory completion and test of the work.

SECTION 6 - FEES.

The following permit fees are hereby authorized: For installing plumbing in a new building, \$2.50; for installing plumbing in an old building, \$3.00; for extension, alteration or modification of any existing plumbing, \$2.00. Plumbing permit fees shall be paid to the Town Treasurer.

SECTION 7 - FINES AND PENALTIES.

Any person or persons, firm or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or of the Maryland Plumbing Code, hereinbefore mentioned; or who neglects or refuses to comply with the directions of the Plumbing Inspector made in accordance herewith, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 or more than \$50.00 for each and every day's failure or neglect to comply with said directions, failure for each day being declared a separate offense hereunder.

Prosecutions for the violation of this Ordinance shall be before the Mayor or the Justice of the Peace for the Town appointed under the provisions of Chapter 362 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922. In default of the payment of any fine herein authorized to be imposed the offender may be imprisoned in the municipal jail or in the county jail at Rockville or Upper Marlboro for a period not to exceed 30 days or until the fines are paid.

SECTION 8 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

These Regulations shall be effective on and after January 1, 1923.

Mr. Krull 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, Krull and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

A. F. Staff

Mayor pro tem.

Ben Davis

Clerk

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The temporary 30-day terms of service of Messrs. L.A. Cotshaw and C. Huff as Building Inspector and Electrical Inspector, respectively, having expired, Mr. Kroll moved that the terms of service of the gentlemen named be extended 30 days additional. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:50 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, January 22, 1923

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk for the purpose of considering any urgent matters that in the judgment of the Mayor or any member of the Council should be given prompt attention. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Fischer, Kroll and Taff.

Mr. Kroll, from the Committee on Civic Improvement submitted the following report:

January 20, 1923. Your Committee on Civic Improvement has carefully considered the application of John M. Faulconer for permission to erect a brick building to contain two stores with two apartments above on lot 22, block 6, fronting on Carroll Avenue and also a brick building to contain four apartments on the same lot and block, fronting on Tulip Avenue.

The location on Carroll Avenue is adjacent to and in the line of the logical expansion of the existing business section. The application has been the subject of public discussion at the last two regular meetings of the Council, and the residents in the immediate vicinity have also been called upon and made acquainted with the project by the applicant, and no objection has been made to the Council by them.

Your Committee recommends that the permits be granted, provided however that the building fronting on Carroll Avenue which is to be used for stores with dwellings above, shall not be erected or located nearer than fifteen (15) feet to the line of the street, nor shall the building approach nearer than 3 feet 6 inches the side lines of the lot on which it is located; and the building ^{fronting} on Tulip Avenue, which is to be used for dwellings, shall not be erected or located nearer than twenty-five (25) feet to the line of the street; nor shall the building approach nearer than five (5) feet the side lines of the lot on which it is located.

W. A. KROLL
H. F. TAFF
J. R. ADAMS } Committee.

After adequate consideration of the report and examination of the plans accompanying it and on motion of Mr. Kroll, the recommendations of the Committee were approved and the report adopted. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Faulconer accordingly.

In connection with the proposal that the Town authorities assist in financing the proposed new county school building until reimbursement can be made by the State Legislature which assembles in January 1924, the Town Treasurer reported that he has made a careful examination of the