

Mr. Griffith moved that the Ordinance be approved and the Ordinance was passed and approved upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams Fischer, Griffith, Krall, Rogers and Salisbury.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:33 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Ben D. Daws

Clerk

Monday Evening, January 21, 1924.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Griffith, Krall, Rogers and Salisbury.

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

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

Balance on hand last report				\$ 3446.59	<u>Special Improvement Fund:</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>						Balance on hand last report		\$ 24,233.20
From general taxes		1030.55			Receipts during month		5062.95	
building permits		50.50					29296.15	
electrical permits		12.00			Disbursements: concrete streets	\$ 5120.00		
plumbing permits		24.00			cement walks	3246.65		
excavation permits		7.00			culvert, Westmld. Ave.	281.51	8648.16	
fines		5.00	1129.05		Balance on hand		20647.99	
			4575.64		<u>Special Deposits:</u>			
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>						Balance on hand last report		\$ 720.00
Street Work: labor	\$ 309.15				Disbursements		110.00	
material	353.93				Balance on hand		610.00	
machinery and tools	26.72	689.80			<u>School Fund:</u>			
Storage Warehouse		424.09			Balance on hand last report		\$ 15150.00	
Street lighting		316.66			Paid to County Board of Education		6000.00	
General expenses: telephones		5.75			Balance on hand		\$ 9150.00	
Expenses of clean-up week		123.45						
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00							
supt. of public work	125.00							
electrical inspector	25.00	250.00	1809.75					
Balance on hand			\$ 2765.89					

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

Mr. J. H. Campbell, of the Columbia Brick and Coal Co. addressed the Council briefly with respect to that provision of the Building Regulations which re-

quires filling with concrete the cells of hollow tile used in foundations. Mr. Campbell quoted from technical authority to the effect that this was unnecessary and urged that the Building Regulations be amended accordingly. The matter was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bien addressed the Council relative to the condition of Elm Avenue; referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Bullard called the Council's attention to the difficulty he experienced in getting into his garage due to the bad condition of Ethan Allen Ave. and urged that something be done to put this street in passable condition; referred to the Street Committee.

Messrs. R. D. Lillie, H. B. Hendrick and L. S. Cannon, representing the business men on Laurel and Carroll Avenues, presented a numerously signed petition and addressed the Council urging certain modifications in the Parking Regulations adopted at the last meeting of the Council. These gentlemen contended that the Regulations were doing serious injury to the business section on the Maryland side and if continued would discriminate in favor of the business houses on the District of Columbia side. The matter was discussed informally for some time, at the conclusion of which Mr. Krall moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights and that pending a report thereon the provisions of the Parking Regulations be temporarily suspended. The motion was lost. Mr. Salisbury thereupon moved that all complaints relative to the Parking Regulations be referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights with directions to give the matter careful and thorough consideration and to advise the Mayor when ready to report and that the matter be thereupon taken up at a special meeting; and that the Committee be instructed to consult with the Directors of the Citizens' Bank and ascertain their attitude toward granting a right of way on their property sufficient to permit the widening of Carroll Avenue in front thereof and thus assisting in safeguarding this congested locality. The motion was carried.

The Clerk presented a communication from the Corporation Counsel informing the Mayor and Council that the suits against the Town on the part of Messrs. Dodd and Warfield came on for trial in the Circuit Court at Rockville on December 13, the suits being tried together, and that the cases were argued on the following day; that briefs were prepared on behalf of the plaintiffs and the defendant and filed with the Court; and that on December 31 the Court announced its decision in favor of the municipality.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills amounting to \$ 2100.08 duly examined and approved for payment and on his motion payment of the bills was directed.

Mr. Salisbury from the Health Committee stated that the matter of garbage disposal has been given consideration and that the most feasible plan for such disposal appears to be by burial with immediate covering with earth or ashes. The Committee is giving further consideration to the manner and method of collection and will report thereon as soon as possible.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported final completion of all sidewalk and concrete street work under contract with Carson and Gruman; that the Gaslight Company has started the laying of a main in Westmoreland Avenue and the Sanitary Commission a sewer main in Allegany Avenue; that there have been a number of complaints relative to condition of dirt and cinder streets which are receiving attention as far and as fast as practicable; a board sidewalk has been constructed from the concrete on Philadelphia Avenue to the new school house and a cinder path is under construction to Chestnut Avenue which will be an accommodation to pupils from that direction.

On recommendation of the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights and on motion of Mr. Adams, a new street light was authorized on Valley View Avenue provided the cost thereof does not exceed the available funds provided by the Budget.

The Mayor announced that he had appointed Messrs. Henry Clark, Dr. C. C. Galloway and C. W. Blachly to serve in an advisory capacity with the Committee on Civic Improvement with reference to efforts in the line of reduction for the price of gas to consumers within the Town and on motion of Mr. Kroll the appointments were approved and confirmed.

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer and on motion of Mr. Salisbury, the Treasurer was authorized to purchase and cancel \$12,000 of outstanding certificates of indebtedness from moneys on hand in the Special Improvement Fund.

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

Approved:

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Thursday Evening, January 31, 1924.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights in respect to amending Ordinance No. 393 relating to Parking Regulations and for such other business as may be presented.

There were present Mayor Taff and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Griffith, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, submitted a report by the Committee stating that a personal investigation of the area covered by the recently adopted Parking Regulations shows that those Regulations are necessary and efficient and have already relieved the congestion and liability to accident heretofore complained of. In view however of the inconvenience caused through inability to park on the north side of Carroll Ave, between Laurel and the District

Line the Committee recommended 30 minute parking in this section. The Committee recommended no further amendments except that a vehicle being loaded or unloaded in front of a place of business in connection with the carrying on of such business, shall not be considered as parked or in violation of the Parking Regulations, provided such loading or unloading is carried on with reasonable despatch.

After extended consideration and discussion the Council, upon *vive voce* vote decided to permit parking on the north side of Carroll Ave. between a designated point near Laurel Avenue and the District Line; to increase the parking period to 45 minutes; to define the loading and unloading of vehicles, if done with reasonable promptness, not to be considered as "parked" and to prohibit parking in front of any building housing fire apparatus. The Clerk was directed to prepare the necessary Ordinance to provide for these changes which he subsequently presented as follows: 8E

Ordinance No. 394

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

That Section 2, of Ordinance No. 393, passed and approved December 17, 1923, is hereby repealed and reordained to read as follows:

SECTION 2 - RESTRICTED AREAS.

The parking of vehicles at the following designated locations is defined and regulated as indicated:

On the north side of Carroll Avenue from a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 2 and 3, in block 6, of the Lipscomb and Earnest Trs, subdivision, to the District of Columbia line, 45 minutes parking permitted. From the said point coincident with the dividing line between said lots 2 and 3, block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest Trs, subdivision, to a point opposite the west line of Elm Ave, no parking permitted.

On the south side of Carroll Avenue, from a point 30 feet west of the west line of Laurel Avenue, to the District Line, 45 minutes parking permitted. No parking permitted within 30 feet of Laurel Avenue.

On the west side of Laurel Avenue, between Carroll Avenue and a point 50 feet north of Eastern Avenue, no parking permitted.

On the east side of Laurel Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and a point 10 feet south of the fire hydrant at the intersection of Laurel and Carroll Avenues, parking for a period of 45 minutes will be permitted; thence along the east side of Laurel Avenue and the south side of Carroll Avenue to Elm Avenue, no parking permitted.

That there be added to Section 3 of Ordinance No. 393, passed and approved December 17, 1923, the following paragraphs:

"No vehicle shall park in front of any building housing fire apparatus."

"No vehicle being loaded or unloaded in front of any place of business within the Restricted Areas defined in Section 2 hereof shall be considered as "parked" nor in violation of this Ordinance, provided such loading or unloading be performed with reasonable despatch."

Mr. Kroll 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 Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, Councilmen Adams, Fischer and Griffith.

Mr. Kroll, for the Committee on Civic Improvement, returned the application of C. A. Brown for permission to construct a garage adjacent to a dwelling he is constructing on Ethan Allen Ave. in accordance with plans submitted, recommending that the application be refused and a permit denied. On motion of Mr. Griffith the Committee's recommendation was approved.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee reported the completion of the conduit on Westmoreland Avenue and referring to the agreement with the benefited

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property holders to share the expense in such proportion as the Council may deem equitable, moved that the expense of said culvert be shared one-third by the Town and two-thirds by the property owners, the Committee deeming this a reasonable and just ratio. The motion was carried.

Mr. Fischer, for the Street Committee, returned the applications of the owners of lots 8 and 9, block 4, Hill Crest Subdivision, in which they requested exemption from the assessment for concrete streets on the Park Avenue frontage of their lots with report to the effect that not being corner lots these properties are not entitled to exemption and moved that they be informed in accordance therewith. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Council, at 11:25 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Clerk

Monday Evening, February 18, 1924

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Griffith, Krall, Rogers and Salisbury.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of January 31 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	\$ 2765.89	Street lighting	316.66
Receipts:		General expenses: telephones	6.88
From general taxes	\$ 563.24	printing	10.19 17.07
interest on deposits in bank	211.70	Legal expenses	584.80
road tax refund, Montgomery Co.	1721.02	Miscellaneous	64.36
security taxes	173.74	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00
bank " " "	140.25	Supt. of public work	125.00
building permits	18.00	electrical inspector	25.00 250.00
plumbing " "	12.50	Services of health officer	12.00 2461.48
electrical " "	12.00	Balance on hand	\$ 3162.86
excavation " "	6.00 2858.45		
	5624.34	Special Deposits:	
Disbursements:		Balance on hand last report	\$ 610.00
Street work: labor	256.80	Disbursements during month	40.00
material	557.55	Balance on hand	\$ 570.00
machinery and tools	30.96 845.31		
Storage warehouse	371.28		

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<u>Special Improvement Fund:</u>		<u>certificates of indebtedness paid</u> _____ 12000.00	
Balance on hand last report	----- \$ 20647.99,	interest on certificates of indebtedness	----- 1800.00 15278.08
Receipts during month	----- 3631.67	Balance on hand	----- 9001.58
	24279.66	<u>School Fund:</u>	
Disbursements: concrete streets	----- \$ 72.00	Balance on hand last report	----- \$ 9150.00
street grading	----- 297.60	To County Board of Education	----- 3000.00
Westmoreland Ave. culvert	----- 1108.48	Balance on hand	----- 6150.00

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

Communications and petitions were laid before the Council as follows and action taken as indicated:

From Mr. R.W. Simons, 230 Willow Ave., relative to reckless coasting of automobiles down Willow Ave., endangering lives of children and suggesting a suitable ^{warning} sign at the head of the street. Referred to the Committee on Lights, Fire and Police.

From the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission relative to the bad condition of the streets leading to the pumping station and the consequent difficulty of delivering necessary supplies to the station. To the Street Committee.

From Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Stouffer relative to condition of the sidewalk fronting lot 3, block A, Cunningham Subdivision, 809 Carroll Ave. which is unsafe and liable to cause personal injury. To the Street Committee.

From Mr. Clarence Lawry and others relative to the offensive odor and smoke due to burning of refuse and trash in the rear of Mr. Thompson's market at Carroll and Tulip Avenues. To the Health Committee.

From certain property owners residing on New York Avenue petitioning for the concreting of that street from Baltimore Avenue to Takoma Avenue. To the Street Committee.

From Mr. Morris Bien relative to repairs to Elm Avenue. To the Street Committee.

From Mrs. Margaret Hodges Ray requesting that Maple and Lee Avenues through her property be established with widths of 40 feet. To the Street Committee.

Petitions and requests were presented to the Council in person as follows.

Mr. Gail Judd requesting the opening and grading of Holly Avenue beyond Philadelphia Ave. Mr. Judd was requested to put the matter in writing and to submit his communication to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Messrs. Aplin, Chilson, Hamison and Abel addressed the Council relative to desired improvement of Lincoln Ave. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. H. E. Dodge called attention to his previous requests for the opening and grading of Cedar Ave. to Philadelphia Ave. and expressed the hope that this might be included in any street projects for the coming season. Mr. Dodge also expressed the hope that there might be an early improvement in the condition of the water supplied by the Sanitary Commission.

Mr. W. R. Smith expressed his dissatisfaction with the grade of the concrete roadway adjoining his property on Willow Avenue.

Mr. W. C. Allard addressed the Council relative to the proposed drainage conduit across his property and stated that the proposed method of assessing the cost thereof was inequitable. He was requested to take the matter up further with the street committee.

Mr. R. D. Lillie gave the Council the results of his observations on the new parking regulations and suggested in the light thereof that the Council might be more liberal in the time of parking allowed on Carroll Ave. from Laurel Ave. to the District Line.

Mr. F. D. B. Austin suggested to the Council the advisability of some action if possible, in restricting the erection of dwellings below a prescribed minimum cost.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills amounting to \$170.30 which were approved for payment and on motion of Mr. Salisbury payment was directed.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, stated that the Committee was hopeful of making the needed repairs to Elm Ave. within a few days; that the opening and grading of Cedar Ave. had been considered but that the estimated cost appears excessive and that the opening of this street does not appear sufficiently urgent to undertake the large expense at this time.

Mr. Fischer submitted, for the Street Committee, a recommendation for the immediate removal of Mr. L. A. Cutshaw as Superintendent of Public Work, as Inspector of Building and Plumbing and as Town Bailiff and on motion of Mr. Salisbury the recommendation was approved.

Mr. Kroll, from the Committee on Civic Improvement reported progress in the matter of efforts to secure a reduction in gas rates now under consideration by his Committee jointly with a Committee of the Community League. In this connection he moved that authority be granted for such incidental expenses as may be found necessary including actual expenses of a member of the Joint Committee to Baltimore for required consultation with the Maryland Public Service Commission. The motion was carried.

The Council discussed at length the matter of a proposed change in the location of the Takoma Park branch of the Washington

City Postoffice and adopted the following Resolution on motion of Mr. Kroll:

Whereas, The Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, are informed that the Postoffice Department proposes to locate the Takoma Park Station of the Washington City Postoffice at a point on the west side of Cedar Street between Carroll Street and Eastern Avenue; and
 Whereas, Cedar Street, at the point in question is but 24 feet in width and at the present time traffic on the street is somewhat congested by reason of the location of an automobile service station immediately adjacent to the proposed site; and
 Whereas, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the proposed location would necessarily result in additional congestion and inconvenience to the patrons of the Office as well as those who use the public streets and would be otherwise detrimental to the general welfare of the community, therefore be it
 Resolved, that the Mayor and Council hereby protest against the proposed location of the Takoma Park Station. They will be pleased, however, to confer with the postal authorities and tender full cooperation and suggestion with respect to the selection of another and more convenient site. And be it further
 Resolved, That the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Postmaster General.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:45 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Burd Davis

Clerk

Thursday Evening, February 28, 1924

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, upon call of the Mayor, and at the Office of the Clerk, for the consideration of such business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Griffith, Kroll, Fischer, Rogers and Salisbury and Adams.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. L. A. Cutshaw submitting his resignation as Superintendent of Public Work, as Building and Plumbing Inspector and as Town Bailiff, to be effective 18. Mr. Salisbury moved that the resignation be accepted as of the date tendered therein, such acceptance to be in lieu of the Council's action of February 18. The motion was carried.

The Mayor submitted to the Council the copy of the proposed zoning act prepared by the Corporation Counsel for presentation to the legislature for the Council's consideration prior to its introduction. The proposed Act was very thoroughly considered. Its terms and provisions seemed involved and the machinery for its operation complicated. Its purposes had the Council's thorough accord. The Clerk was instructed to confer with the Corporation Counsel as to the possibility of simplifying the terms and provisions of the Act and if this was found impracticable to authorize the introduction of the bill as presented.

The Council considered further the matter of a new location for the Takoma Park branch of the Washington City Postoffice

and on motion of Mr. Kroll the Clerk was directed to inform the appropriate postal authorities that of the three sites understood to be under serious consideration, the Mayor and Council favored and urged the selection of the triangle at Cedar and Carroll Streets.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Fischer the grading of Holly Ave. north from Philadelphia Avenue and of Philadelphia Ave. between Maple and Chestnut Aves., was authorized, payable from funds for general street repairs.

On motion of Mr. Adams an appropriation of \$300 was authorized from street funds for the purchase of lots *27 and 28 in block 16 for the extension of Avenue.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:30 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved;

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

clerk

Monday Evening, March 10, 1924

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk for informal conference with the Joint Committee having in charge the matter of a reduction in the price of gas in the Town of Takoma Park, Md. There were present the Mayor, Councilmen Adams, Kroll, Fischer and Rogers, and Messrs. Clark, Blachly and Galloway of the Committee.

Mr. Clark outlined to the Council the investigation, interviews and efforts so far undertaken and the steps in contemplation, all of which had the Council's informal approval. The Committee reported progress.

On motion of Mr. Kroll an appropriation of \$400 or so much as may be required, from street funds, be authorized for completion of the storage ware house.

On motion of Mr. Adams the clerk was instructed to notify Mrs. J. W. Beale and Mr. E. A. Fowler that properties owned by them on Hancock and Westmoreland Avenues, respectively, must be immediately connected with the public sewers.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:05 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

Approved;

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

clerk

Monday Evening, March 17, 1924

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Griffith, Rogers and Salisbury. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of February 8 and March 10 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		\$ 3162.86	Services of health officer		
Receipts:					
From general taxes	\$ 1154.29		Balance on hand	8.00	1282.78
building permits	27.50				\$ 3138.62
plumbing "	20.00		Special Improvement Fund:		
electrical "	22.00		Balance on hand last report	\$ 9001.58	
excavation "	1.00		Receipts for month	2090.60	
fines	5.00			11092.18	
repairs to cement walk	28.75	1258.54	Disbursements during month	6000.00	
		4421.40	Balance on hand	\$ 5092.18	
Disbursements:			Special Deposits:		
Street Work: labor	\$ 232.06		Balance on hand last report	\$ 570.00	
material	386.80		Receipts during month	\$ 20.00	
machinery and tools	125.10	743.96	Balance on hand	\$ 590.00	
Street lighting		316.66	School Fund:		
General expenses: Telephones	5.80		Balance on hand last report	\$ 6150.00	
postage	10.86	16.66	Paid to County Board of Education	4000.00	
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00		Balance on hand	\$ 2150.00	
superintendent of public work	72.50				
electrical inspector	25.00	197.50			

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

Dr. H. W. Miller, of the Washington Sanitarium addressed the Council relative to the urgency and importance of opening up and improving Maple Avenue through to Flower Avenue in order to provide a direct means of access to that part of the Town. At the conclusion of his remarks Dr. Miller presented a petition of property owners concerned requesting that Maple Avenue be provided with a concrete roadway from the present roadway at Park Avenue to Flower Avenue. Dr. Miller stated that it was not expected that this could be included in the budget of street work for the coming season but the petitioners trusted it might have early consideration thereafter. The petition was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A communication was presented from the Takoma Park Community League indorsing the enactment by the General Assembly of a State zoning Act applicable to cities, towns and villages throughout the State.

A communication was laid before the Council from the Takoma Park Citizens' Association requesting that the Council appoint a night watchman for town protection, which communication was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

A communication from Mr. R. C. Miller requesting a waiver of the Building Regulations with respect to distance from the front lot line be permitted in the matter of a dwelling house under erection by himself at the corner of Columbia and Hickory Avenues, and started under a misapprehension of the Regulations, was submitted to the Committee on Civic Improvement. The Committee reported subsequently with a favorable recommendation which was approved by the Council on motion of Mr. Kroll.

A petition from residents on the east side of Woodland Avenue, between Ethan Allen Avenue and Beach Ave. for the construction of a cement sidewalk in front of lots 1 to 41, under the 5-year assessment plan, was referred to the Street Committee for report.

A communication from the Sliquo Lumber Co. for permission to remove their business from its present site on Flower Avenue to a newly purchased site on Lincoln Avenue, was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement for consideration and report.

A petition signed by Takoma Park master plumbers, calling attention to the inadequacies of the present Plumbing Regulation and requesting their complete revision and the appointment of a practical plumber as Plumbing Inspector, was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement for consideration and report.

Mrs. E. A. Holmes and Mr. John Hill residing at 135 and 137 Carroll Avenue, respectively, called attention to the surface water draining over their lots and requested appropriate measures for its prevention. Referred to the Street Committee.

A request from Mr. Stewart Abell for three electric street lights on Lincoln Ave. was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills approved for payment, amounting to \$78.64 and payment was directed on motion of Mr. Adams, for the Street Committee, recommended that the Clerk be directed to inform the Capital Traction Co., the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County, Md., of the Town's intention to resurface Carroll Avenue with asphaltum or besomite, or similar material in the early summer, which work will require raising of the tracks of the Capital Traction^{Co} 2 1/2 inches and such work by the other companies mentioned as they or the Town may deem necessary, including service connections to all vacant lots; and that the said Companies be directed to submit to the Council as early as possible their plans for the construction work required in connection with the above noted intention of the Council.

The Street Committee also recommended that the Clerk notify the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Washington Gaslight Company to restore at once to their former condition Alleghany, Westmoreland and Second Streets which are now impassable because of excavations during the winter by the Companies mentioned, and that, when this is done, the Town regrade and put in proper condition. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Salisbury.

Mr. Fischer reported for the Street Committee, that during the past month as much work as possible in view of the season and the weather had been done toward repairs and improvement of Elm, Ash, Poplar, Garland, Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues, and others.

The Committee reported further the final completion of all work under the contract of the Carson and Grisman Co. and recommended final payment to the Company in accordance with statement approved by the Committee. Approved on motion of Mr. Krall.

Mr. Morris Bien addressed the Council relative to the improvement of Elm Avenue by a concrete pavement and curb and referred to a petition previously presented and signed by all affected property owners. At the conclusion of Mr. Bien's remarks Mr. Rogers moved that a public hearing be given at the next meeting of the Council, to those interested in the improvement of Elm Ave. The motion was carried.

Mr. Krall, from the Street Committee, stated that for the month past the Committee has been diligently endeavoring to find some suitable and competent person to recommend for the position of Superintendent of Public Work; that two members of the Committee, himself and Mr. Rogers have become firmly convinced that the most available man for this position and the one best fitted because of intimate knowledge of the requirements of the job, a knowledge acquired through almost daily service gratuitously performed, is the present efficient Chairman of the Street Committee, Major Fischer. While it would be a regret to himself as well as to the Mayor and to the other members of the Council to lose Major Fischer from the Council, Mr. Krall stated that it was the feeling of Mr. Rogers and himself that the Major's services would be of even greater value to the community and that there would still be a close official relationship as the Superintendent of Public Work should be in constant and harmonious touch with the Mayor and Council. Mr. Krall stated that Mr. Fischer had demurred when approached upon the subject but had finally consented to accept the position if it were the real desire of the Mayor and Council to tender it. Mr. Krall thereupon moved that Mr. W. F. Fischer be appointed Superintendent of Public Work. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Griffith, from the Judiciary and Ordinance Committee, reported that he had been unable to reach an agreement with certain

property owners concerning proportionate charges for conduits carrying drainage water from Sycamore Ave. and was hence able to report progress only. Renewed efforts to reach an equitable agreement will be continued.

Mr. Krall, from the Committee on Civic Improvement reported that the Committee, together with the three citizens representing the Community League, were proceeding in the matter of securing a possible reduction in the gas rate, but that at this time the Committee is able to report progress only. Mr. Krall, for the Civic Improvement Committee, submitted the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on February 18, unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against, for the reasons stated in the said resolution, the proposed location of the Takoma Park Postoffice station at 18 Cedar Street, a copy of which resolution was forwarded to the Postoffice Department and furnished to Senator Bruce and Congressman Zihlman, and
Whereas, the First Assistant Postmaster General in a letter to Congressman Zihlman dated February 23, in reply to a letter from Congressman Zihlman to the Department, stated that the question of the location of the Takoma Park Station was then receiving the Department's consideration and "I shall be pleased to advise you further as soon as a decision is reached and before final action is taken, and
Whereas, the Mayor and Council had a right to and did rely upon the assurances of the First Assistant Postmaster General contained in the said letter to Congressman Zihlman and had every right to assume and did assume that a full and free opportunity would be had for a further hearing in the matter before final action was taken by the Postoffice Department, and
Whereas, The Postoffice Department, on March 11, 1924, without advising Congressman Zihlman of its contemplated action, did accept the proposal for the leasing of quarters at 18 Cedar Street and thus prevented the Mayor and Council and interested citizens of Maryland from presenting their views to the Postoffice Department, thereby jeopardizing the interests of the majority of the patrons of the office therefore, be it
Resolved, that the Mayor and Council hereby protest against the action of the Postoffice Department in violation of the Department's assurances to Congressman Zihlman; and be it further
Resolved, that in view of the circumstances the First Assistant Postmaster General be and he is hereby requested to suspend the action taken by the Department until a full and fair hearing can be had upon the merits of the question, said hearing to be before the Postmaster General or the First Assistant Postmaster General, personally, and be it further
Resolved, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Maryland senators and to Congressman Zihlman.

Mr. Krall moved that the Resolutions be adopted, and after considerable discussion, participated in by a number of citizens present and the Corporation Counsel, the motion was carried.

Mr. Krall moved that, in case a hearing was granted in response to the Resolutions just approved, that the Corporation Counsel be authorized to appear for and in behalf of the Mayor and Council and to express their views on the matter at issue. The motion was carried.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from Major William F. Fischer tendering his resignation as a member of the Town Council, in view of his election as Superintendent of Public Work, which renders him ineligible to the position of Councilman, said resignation being effective this date. On motion of Mr. Rogers the resignation was accepted for the reason noted and upon the date submitted.

On motion of Mr. Krall, Messrs. John D. Miller, F.D.B. Aushri and Fred L. Harries were appointed a Board of Assessors to revise the Town Assessment List for the purposes of municipal taxation covering the fiscal year 1924.

The Clerk laid before the Council a proposed subdivision of land owned by Mrs. Virginia Hodges Judd, being a part of the Hodges Farm and appearing upon said plat as Blocks 96 and 97 of "Hodges Heights". The plat sheets bore the approval of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and had been examined and approved by the Street Committee. The following Ordinance of approval was submitted:

Ordinance No. 395. 83

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

That the plat of the proposed subdivision lying within the limits of the old Hodges Farm and designated as Blocks 96 and 97 of "Hodges Heights" be, and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

Mr. Salisbury 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, Griffith, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, none.

The Mayor called attention to the several burglaries which had occurred ^{recently} upon two successive nights and mostly in North Takoma and related the steps that had been immediately taken by the Mayor and the county authorities, though so far unsuccessful, to determine the guilty parties. The Mayor ^{referred} to the remarkable freedom from matters of this kind within the Town and stated that the Council was already considering what action it might be possible to take for more thorough protection. As entry to most of the houses referred to appeared to be easily attained the Mayor suggested that proper and adequate precaution on the part of property owners themselves with respect to locks upon doors and windows would aid very largely in discouraging midnight prowlers and marauders.

Mr. Fred L. Harnes expressed his approbation of the election of Major William F. Fischer as Superintendent of Public Work, which selection he was sure would be very generally approved by the community. The Mayor expressed the Council's appreciation of this indorsement of its action. The Mayor announced the appointment of Mr. Rogers as Chairman of the Street Committee.

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

Approved:

Mayor.

Benn Davis

Clerk.

Aug. 26/3