

Mr. Wm. A. Mellen submitted plats of his subdivision "Section 1, Wildwood" for the Council's approval. As the plat had already been approved by the Sanitary Commission and recorded at Upper Marlboro, the Council, without action on Mr. Mellens request, directed the Clerk to write to the Sanitary Commission calling their attention to the agreement between themselves and the Council that they would approve no plats of subdivisions within the Town until such plats had first been approved by the Mayor and Council.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:00 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Frank Davis, Clerk.

Mayor.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 3, 1925

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Aushin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting to give final consideration to the zoning of lot 15, block 16, and in connection therewith to dispose if possible of the pending application of Mr. Mornis Bien for permits to construct two 4-family apartment houses on the lot mentioned.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Corporation Counsel, in which the latter carefully reviewed the facts in connection with the proceedings of the Zoning Commission as to lot 15, block 16, the application of Mr. Bien for a building permit, and recent decisions of the Maryland Court of Appeals with reference to various zoning laws. After discussing these matters at some length the Corporation Counsel advised the Mayor and Council as follows:

"(1.) That it may without legal objection, providing it finds it essential to the promotion of the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the community, approve the Zoning Commission's recommendation that the property in question be zoned as Class A, Residential. (2). That it may, without legal objection, take final action on the pending application for a building permit, either before or after action is taken with respect to the zoning of the property."

After extended consideration of the full text of the Corporation Counsel's opinion Mr. Biddle moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission submitted to the Council on July 27, 1925, ~~was~~ that lot 15, block 16, be zoned as Residential A be not approved and that the said lot 15, block 16, be zoned as Residential B.

A request for the ayes and nays having been submitted the vote on Mr. Piddle's motion was thus ordered by the Mayor with the following result: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Austin, Piddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, Councilman Adams. The motion of Mr. Piddle was thereupon carried.

On motion of Mr. Salisbury the Clerk was authorized to issue the necessary permits to Mrs Lilla V. H. Bien or her representative to construct two four-family apartment houses on lot 15, block 16, Gilbert's subdivision.

The Civic Improvement Committee submitted with its recommendation for approval the request of Mr. Bernard R. Holmes to construct a dwelling house on part of lot 22 block 4, Gilbert's Subdivision, and to locate it within 2 feet of the line of the adjoining lot, the owner of the latter having so consented in writing. On motion of Mr. Salisbury the desired permission was granted.

The Mayor presented a letter from the National Commemoration Committee for Woodrow Wilson's Birthday, December 28, proposing suitable and appropriate ceremonies on that occasion. On suggestion of the Mayor the Clerk was instructed to inform the Committee that as usual on such events we would be happy to cooperate with the people of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, submitted for the Council's consideration the following proposed revision of Ordinance No. 393 relating to the Parking of Vehicles on the public Streets:

Ordinance No. 425.

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

That Ordinance No. 393, passed and approved December 17, 1923 and Ordinance No. 394 amendatory thereof, passed and approved January 31, 1924 and hereby repealed and re-ordained as follows:

Section 1. The following Traffic Regulations are hereby adapted to govern and control the parking and operation of vehicles within the corporate limits of the Town.

Section 2. Definitions: Vehicle; Any conveyance except a street car. Street or Avenue; - That part of a public highway intended for vehicles or street cars or both. Curb; - The extreme edge of a street or avenue. Parked Vehicle; - Any vehicle left unattended.

Section 3. Restricted Areas. No parking shall be permitted within the following defined limits: On the north side of Carroll Avenue; From a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 2 and 3, block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, to a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 25 and 26, in block 6 of the Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision; from a point 20 feet west of the west intersecting curb of Denwood Avenue east to a point coincident with the dividing line between lot 1, Carroll Subdivision, and lot 2, block 3, Hill Crest Subdivision; from the intersection of Grant Avenue to a point 20 feet east thereof, On the south side of Carroll Avenue; from the west intersecting curb of Laurel Avenue to a point 30 feet west thereof; from a point 10 feet north of the fire hydrant at the intersection with Laurel Avenue, north to a point 20 feet east of the easterly line of Elm Avenue; from a point 20 feet west of a point opposite the west intersecting curb of Denwood Avenue east to a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 32 and 33, block 19; from a point 20 feet west of a point opposite the west intersecting curb of Grant Avenue east to a point on Ethan Allen Avenue 66 feet west of the west intersecting curb of Sycamore Avenue; from the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue to a point 40 feet east thereof. On the north side of Ethan Allen Avenue from a point opposite the east intersecting curb of Sycamore

Avenue to the intersection with Carroll Avenue. On the west side of Willow Avenue from the intersection with Carroll Avenue to a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 9 and 10, block 5, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, subdivision. On the west side of Maple Avenue, from a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 34 and 37, block 4, north to a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 28 and 29, block 5. On the south side of Tulip Avenue, from a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 28 and 29, block 3, Gilberts Subdivision, and block 5, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, west to a point 150 feet west of the west intersecting line of Maple Avenue. On the West side of Laurel Avenue between Carroll Avenue and a point 50 feet north of the intersection with Eastern Avenue.

Parking for a period of 45 minutes only will be permitted within the following defined limits: On the north side of Carroll Avenue from a point coincident with the dividing line between lots 2 and 3, block 6, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, to the District of Columbia line. On the south side of Carroll Avenue from a point 30 feet west of the west line of Laurel Avenue to the District of Columbia line. On the east side of Laurel Avenue between Eastern Avenue and a point 10 feet south of the fire hydrant at the intersection with Carroll Avenue.

Section 4. - General Regulations. In regulation and supervision of traffic the Mayor and Council may direct the use of traffic signs or directions on the streets and avenues of the Town. Failure to observe or comply with the directions so given, or with instructions issued by an officer of the Town, or the removal or destruction of any traffic signs shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

Parking privileges upon the streets or avenues of the Town of Takoma Park may be temporarily modified or revoked, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, and the placing of an official sign in any street, avenue or parking zone, or instructions from an official of the Town shall be deemed sufficient notice thereof; any vehicle parked within the limits embraced by said notice shall be removed by the owner or person in charge thereof, in accordance with said notices or instructions.

No vehicle shall be parked or otherwise stopped so as to interfere with or prevent the free passage of other vehicles in both directions at the same time.

No procession or parade involving the use of vehicles (other than funerals) shall be allowed upon the streets or avenues of the Town except upon permit issued by the Town Clerk at the direction of the Mayor and said permit shall designate the time and route of said procession or parade.

No vehicle shall stop with its left side next to the curb. No vehicle shall park within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant. No vehicle shall tow more than one other vehicle and the space between the two vehicles shall not exceed ten (10) feet.

No person shall drive any vehicle over or across any fire hose, nor obstruct or impede any fire apparatus, nor pass or drive in front of any fire apparatus engaged in public service; nor hinder, delay or impede in any manner the driver of any fire apparatus engaged in public service. 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 3 hereof shall be considered as "parked" nor in violation of this Ordinance; provided such loading or unloading be performed with reasonable despatch.

No vehicle shall park within twenty (20) feet of a street intersection except as may be otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

Section 5. - Fines and Penalties. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any amendment thereof, upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each and every such violation; and in default of payment thereof may be imprisoned in the municipal or county jail for a period of not to exceed 30 days or until the fine is paid.

This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its passage. Any Ordinance or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr. Adams moved that the Ordinance be passed and approved and it was so ordered upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Biddle, Krall, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Adams the Superintendent of Public Work was directed to mark the parking areas by suitable signs.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, on the recommendation of Dr. Elliott, Health Officer, moved that Mr. William Hannemann, 234 Maple Avenue, be directed to so relocate his chicken house and yard so that neither shall be nearer than 75 feet to any other house than his own and that the required action be taken within 30 days from date of notification. This in accordance with the appropriate Ordinance.

The motion was carried.

Upon complaint of Mr. Grover C. Gunnell, 8 Westmoreland Ave., Messrs. Allen and Gladman, Elm Ave., upon recommendation of the Health Committee and on motion of Mr. Salisbury were directed to comply with the Town Ordinance which prohibits the keeping of chicken yards or chicken yards within 75 feet of a neighboring house, said compliance to be within thirty days from notification.

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

Approved:

Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk.

Thursday Evening, November 5, 1925

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 7:47 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Aushin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting at the request of the Street Committee which desired to have prompt consideration given to the plat resubdividing block 72 in order to provide for a more advantageous extension of Philadelphia Avenue. The Mayor explained that the subdivision had been made by the owners largely in compliance with the request of the Council and that, with the exception of two small parking spaces within the streets, the plat met with the approval of the Street Committee which recommended its approval and submitted the following proposed Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 426.

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

That the plats submitted to the Council and providing for a resubdivision of a portion of block 72, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company's Subdivision, be and the same is hereby approved; provided that the three triangular park spaces indicated thereon at the intersections of Baltimore and Philadelphia Aves., and Baltimore and Boston Aves., be eliminated therefrom and included in the street areas.

Mr. Aushin 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 Aushin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the thanks of the Council were extended, through Mr. Doren Platt, to the owners of the property resubdivided for dedication of the land and cooperation with the Council in providing for a more direct extension of Philadelphia Avenue.

The Council thereupon, at 8 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, November 16, 1925

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Biddle, Kroll and Rogers. Mr. Aushin was out of Town and Mr. Salisbury obliged to attend a College Conference.

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

Balance on hand last report	15101.37	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	100.00
RECEIPTS:		Supt. Public Work	166.67
From general taxes	2366.50	Electrical Inspector	25.00
building permits	68.00	Tax Sale redemptions	142.64
electric "	28.00	Balance on hand	1937.55
plumbing "	5.00		
excavation "	5.00	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:	
Tax sale redemption	18.36	Balance on hand last report	\$ 700.00
	2490.86	Receipts during month	20.00
	17592.23		720.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		Refunds during month	20.00
Street Work: labor	541.05	Balance on hand	700.00
material	142.33		
machinery and tools	164.34	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
miscellaneous	75.00	Balance on hand last report	15299.30
General Expenses: telephones	5.85	Receipts during month	1086.14
Rentals	25.00		16385.44
Garbage collection	200.00	Disbursements during month	11680.78
Street lighting	346.17	Balance on hand	4704.66
Rubbish collection	3.50		

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

[St. To the Street Committee,

The Clerk laid before the Council communications and petitions as follows: From Mabel A. Blundon requesting cinders on Allegheny A protest from Mr. D. F. Angier of 239 Maple Ave., against the construction of houses by Mr. F. D. B. Aushin in the rear of his (Mr. Angier's) property, alleging that such construction will be detrimental to the public welfare and a menace to safety, health and sanitation as the only ingress and egress to such property is a 10-foot driveway 175 feet in length. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Messrs. ^{Albert} Leonard Spear and Jesse C. Nellis also protested, in person, against Mr. Aushin's proposed buildings in this rear location.

A letter from Mr. Erwin F. Tebbe requesting elevation of the sidewalk in front of his house, 18 Elm Ave. and permission to put in a drain pipe from his lawn to run on the sidewalk and into the street at the curb. Referred to the Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. R. B. Deemer, 213 Maple Ave., requesting permission to remove two trees located in the parking in front of his residence. Referred to the ^{Civic Improvement} Street Committee. A petition from residents of Chestnut Ave. Extd. for cinders on that Street - To the Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. E. M. Douglas, 81 Eastern Ave. relative to damage done the cut-off box at his residence, due to an unclosed hydrant used by the Mullin Company, street contractors. Referred to the Street Committee.

A letter from the Maryland Tax Reform Association, 508 Munsey Building, Baltimore, offering to send a tax expert to discuss with the Council the matter of home rule in local taxation. Referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from Mr. R. Deane Shure, 8 Pine Ave. complaining of location of chicken yard and barn on neighboring property owned by Mrs. Yayo at No 10 Pine Avenue. Referred to the Health Committee.

A letter from Mr. C. P. Ballman, 31 Westmoreland Ave. advising that repairs to the sidewalk in front of his residence which the Supt. of Public Work has been authorized to fix, have not so far been attended to. Referred to the Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. Alfred Maynard, 271 Park Ave., complaining of depredations by dogs and requesting some action to prevent it. Referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

A letter from Miss Louise Brereton relative to payment of the assessment against her property for concrete street construction. Referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter was presented from Mr. J. Frank Rice, Maple Ave., stating that in the construction of a new garage upon his property he had, in ignorance of the building requirements, built it within $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches of his side lot line instead of remaining 5 feet therefrom. That his attention had been called to the matter only after the walls were complete and ready for the roof. He inclosed written permission from Mr. Geo. Randall, owner of the adjoining lot, giving his permission to location of the building and requested, in view thereof and of the circumstances of the case, that the Building Regulations be waived in this respect and that he be permitted to complete the garage. On motion of Mr. Kroll the request of Mr. Rice was granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loveday appeared before the Council and protested against the location of a garage being constructed on the property of E. W. Carey, in the rear of 101 Flower Avenue. The complainants stated their intention of erecting a house on their lot, No. 20, block C, Cunningham Subdivision, fronting on Jackson Ave. and that the garage, as located would obstruct their street view and be otherwise detrimental to their proposed building. After discussion Mr. Adams moved, inasmuch as the location on which the garage was being placed would result in having a garage placed between residences, which is contrary to the Building Regulations, that

Mr. Carey's permit be revoked and the matter referred to the Civic Improvement Committee. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$341.74 and on his motion payment thereof was directed.

A communication from Mr. C. D. Blachly relative to a supposed overcharge for concrete pavement was returned by the Finance Committee recommending that Mr. Blachly be informed that an investigation shows that he has been erroneously informed, his assessment being at the same rate as all other property assessed under the same ~~work~~. The recommendation was approved.

The Civic Improvement Committee submitted, with its approval a request from Mr. W. C. Law, to build a garage on the east side line of lot 7, block 17, Pine Crest Subdivision, the consent of the adjoining lot owner having been given. On motion of Mr. Kroll the Building Regulations were waived and consent given as requested.

In the absence of Mr. Avshin, Chairman of the Street Committee, the Mayor stated that some misunderstanding had arisen with respect to the construction of drive ways during the progress of the street paving work. After considerable discussion Mr. Kroll moved that the Superintendent of Public Work be instructed to take this matter up immediately with the contractor and if possible to have driveways constructed wherever necessary under the contract prices. The motion was carried.

The Council also considered at length the completion of the paving on Ash Ave. to Eastern Ave., and adopted a motion by Mr. Kroll that the Contractor be instructed to complete the paving to the District line of Eastern Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Kroll the Ordinance Committee and the Civic Improvement Committee were instructed to submit a redraft of the Building Regulations with respect to the construction of garages.

With reference to the protest of Mr. Anquier and others to the proposed construction of dwelling houses in the rear of Mr. Anquier's property by Mr. F. D. B. Avshin, Mr. Kroll moved that the permit granted by the Town Clerk for the construction of one of the proposed houses ^{the provisions of the building} be revoked, ^{not having been complied with,} The motion was carried. regulations with respect to filing of two sets of plans and specifications and location of building

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

* A letter from the Wash. Suburban Sanitary Commission relative to its action with respect to plats of subdivision in the Town was pre-

Approved:

Mayor

Paul Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, December 21, 1925

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved upon an addition thereto on suggestion of Mr. Kroll, showing that the building permit of Mr. F. D. B. Austin was revoked because the technical requirements thereof were not fully complied with.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$15654.68	Street lighting	354.62	
RECEIPTS:			Rubbish collection	157.50	
From general taxes	1384.98		Tax sale redemptions	179.83	
building permits	38.00		Miscellaneous	75	
electrical "	24.00		Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	100.00	
excavation "	6.00	68.00	Supt. of Public Work	166.67	
Miscellaneous: Refund for street repairs		39.80	Electrical Inspector	25.00	291.67
Tax sale redemptions	177.33	1670.11	Balance on hand		2286.95
		17324.79			15037.84
DISBURSEMENTS:			SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		
Street work: labor	359.30		Balance on hand last report	700.00	
material	130.00		Deposits during month	40.00	
machinery and tools	124.68		Refunds during month	10.00	
miscellaneous	532.50	1146.48	Balance on hand	730.00	
Telephone	6.10		SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
Rentals	25.00		Balance on hand last report	4704.66	
Garbage Collections	125.00		Receipts during month	1135.28	
			Certificates of indebtedness and interest	20045.83	25883.77
			Disbursements: Concrete Streets	\$20446.36	
			Cement walks	73.65	20520.01
			Balance on hand		\$ 5363.76

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications, petitions, etc., as follows and which were disposed of as indicated:

A petition from certain residents of Maple and Valley View Avenues opposing the erection of houses except upon ^{fronting} ~~and~~ established streets. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A petition from certain residents of Valley View Ave. requesting that the street mentioned be taken over by the Town and improved and maintained as a Town Street. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Messrs. Kemp, Tavenner and Kyle, asking for a street light at Philadelphia and Cedar Aves. To Committee on

A communication from Mr. B. E. Beddæ relative to shortening of his lot frontage on Columbia Ave. and a readjustment of his street paving assessment in accordance therewith. To the Street Committee.

A communication from Messrs. Frank D. Hospital and E. Clyde Shade relative to the relaying of the water service pipes to their residences in order to secure better service and pressure. To the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick requesting certain improvements on Park Ave at Maple. To the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ray requesting that Maple Ave. be cindered to Grant Ave., Grant Ave. cindered up the hill and one or two street lights. To the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. R. C. Lewis desiring to amend specifications for a proposed store building to use interlocking tile and Pentex tile on side wall with face brick front. To the Civic Improvement Committee.

A communication from Mr. Daniel M. Goodacre relative to street conditions at First and Westmoreland Sts., which he desires to have remedied. To the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. D. F. Angier, 239 Maple Ave., submitting additional facts for consideration in his protest against erection of certain bungalows by Mr. F. D. B. Austin. To the Civic Improvement Committee.

A communication from Mr. W. H. Edwards, 4 Hickory Ave., expressing obligations to the Superintendent of Public Work for his prompt attention in correcting a long-standing annoyance. To the Street Committee.

Mr. R. S. Cyphers called the Council's attention to his prior request for repair of cracks in the concrete pavement on Chestnut Ave., which repairs have not so far been made. Mr. Cyphers was assured that this would be given early attention.

Mrs. F. A. White and Mrs. J. E. Sanborn urged the Council to improve Flower Ave. in the vicinity of their residences, by cindering the street and requested that it be done promptly before the street became impassable. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and such immediate action as seemed advisable.

Mrs. White called attention also to the overgrown weeds and brush on unimproved lots and hoped there was some method of compelling owners to keep them in proper condition. The matter was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration.

Mr. D. F. Anquier, residing at 239 Maple Ave., addressed the Council with reference to the proposed construction of several bungalows in the rear of his property by Mr. F. D. B. Austin and at the conclusion of his remarks submitted written charges against the Town Clerk for having issued a building permit to Mr. Austin and charges against Mr. Austin for having started excavation work prior to the issue of a building permit. These charges were laid before the Council for their future consideration.

Mrs. F. D. B. Austin spoke briefly regarding the building operations which Mr. Austin had contemplated and to which Mr. Anquier had objected. These proposed houses, she stated, could not possibly be classed as "alley houses"; they would constitute a group of modern bungalow-type attractive homes with open spaces, yards and gardens and if built would doubtless be purchased and occupied by people of refinement. Mrs. Austin stated that rather than invoke controversy Mr. Austin would make no further immediate efforts to carry out his proposed building plans on the area concerned, and would request refund of the building permit fee which had been revoked by the Council.

Mrs. Mary A. Gregory, Cleveland Ave., requested that the Council grant her permission to construct a duplex or semi-detached dwelling on lots 1 and 2, block 80, Cleveland Ave., for which plans have been prepared and submitted with consent of adjoining property owners. Mrs. Gregory was informed that Cleveland Ave. was zoned in Residential A and that to construct the type of house desired it would be necessary for her to apply for a rezoning of lots 1 and 2 as Residential B. Subsequently Mrs. Gregory submitted written request for rezoning of lots 1 and 2, block 80, as Residential B, and on motion of Mr. Kroll the Council directed advertisement thereof in accordance with law and set the evening of Monday, January 11, 1928, at 8 o'clock, at the Clerk's Office, for a hearing of all interested parties.

Mr. Charles H. Gaskins informed the Council that he had been ordered by the Building Inspector to cease work on the garage portion of a new residence he was erecting on ^{Tutor} Maple Ave., upon the ground that it was in violation of the Building Regulations which prohibit construction of garages between dwellings. Mr. Gaskins stated that the original plans of his building called for the garage as a part of the architectural unit and that the plans as indicated had been examined and approved by the Building Inspector prior to beginning of the work; that had the garage been disapproved he would have built an entirely different type of a building.

After consideration and upon consent of Mr. Gaskins to construct the garage of cement block, permission was granted, on

motion of Mr. Krall, for Mr. Gaskins to proceed with the work upon the understanding noted.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick addressed the Council relative to his communication submitted earlier in the evening for the improving of Park Avenue extended and was assured that the matter would receive attention through the Street Committee.

Mr. Alexander Robertson, 110 Baltimore Ave., presented written complaint against the construction of a large chicken house in the rear of 108 Baltimore Ave. which he claimed was less than 75 feet from a dwelling. Referred to the Health Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$ 452.19 and on his motion payment of the bills was directed.

The communication of Miss Louise Breerton, 24 Columbia Ave., relative to the hardship imposed by the assessment for concrete sto abutting her property was returned by the Finance Committee expressing regret that many required public improvements necessarily imposed burdens upon some one and that in making improvements the Council can only consider the general public good. The Committee is unable to offer any suggestions to Miss Breerton except that she consult the Treasurer of the Town who will doubtless extend every possible latitude in the making of her payments. The Committee recommended that Miss Breerton be so informed. On motion of Mr. Adams the report of the Committee was approved.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee returned the communication without signature complaining of certain conditions at 12 Ash Ave. with report that Death had ended the conditions complained of.

Mr. Salisbury returned the communication of Mr. R. Deane Shure relative to the barn and chicken yard on the property of Mrs. Vayo with report that examination of the property had been made by the Committee; that the barn could not be considered a nuisance and that the chicken house and run were being cared for according to the regulations. Report approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Salisbury presented a joint report of the Street and Health Committees on complaints submitted against the sanitary conditions on property owned by Mr. Fred Avshin in the vicinity of Maple and Valley View Avenues. The report stated that in the opinion of the Committees mentioned no unsanitary conditions existed on this property of sufficient gravity to warrant any action by the Council. The report was approved on motion of Mr. Salisbury.

Mr. Rogers, for Mr. Austin, submitted the following reports from the Street Committee:

Recommending that the Corporation Counsel be directed to take the immediate steps necessary for the vacating of that portion of Lee Avenue adjacent to Section 6, S.S. Carroll's subdivision, now occupied and claimed by Thomas Stewart. Approved on motion of ^{Mr. Kroll.}

Recommending that the Suburban Sanitary Commission be requested to prepare a plan of street extensions through the Hodges Farm Tract submitting the same to the Council for approval. Approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Recommending that the request of Mr. E. F. Tebbe, 18 Elm Ave., to place a drain pipe over the sidewalk at the number indicated be denied. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Kroll.

Recommending that Mr. W. A. Mellen be informed, in reply to his request for sidewalks in Wildwood that available sidewalk funds for this year have been expended but no objection will be offered to the construction of the walks at his own expense if he so prefers in preference to awaiting the Council's consideration of sidewalk construction for the next season. Approved on motion of Mr. Kroll.

Recommending that the petitioners for cindering of Chestnut Ave. be advised that this street is on the list of those to be cindered and this will be done as soon as practicable. Approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

Returning the communication from residents of Crescent and Holt Places relative to oiling of those streets recommending that petitioners be informed the Committee is giving attention to the subject of oiling dirt streets and hopes to formulate a general plan for treatment of unpaved streets which will be satisfactory and which be tried out in the Spring. Approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Recommending, with respect to the request of Mrs. Mabel A. Blundon that Alleghany St. be scraped and cindered for a distance of about 200 feet to correct the bad condition complained of. Approved on motion of Mr. Salisbury.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee on Ordinance and Judiciary reported that the Committee had considered the matter of an Ordinance relative to disposition of buildings in an unsafe condition; that the Council is given power, under Section 14, of the Charter, for this purpose, but that as an Ordinance of this type must be drawn with the greatest care the Committee recommends that the Corporation Counsel be directed to prepare an Ordinance covering the matter. Approved on motion of Mr. Biddle.

Mr. Biddle submitted also a recommendation from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee that the Council convene at an early date to consider in Committee of the Whole a revision of the Building Regulations. Approved on motion Mr. Adams.

Mr. Biddle submitted, from his Committee, a proposed Ordinance to regulate the planting and maintaining of hedges and the erection, and maintenance of fences, walls and embankments, which was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for its information and con-
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Mr. Adams, for the Committee on Fire, Police and Lights recommended the installation of a street light at Cedar and Philadelphia Avenues, which recommendation, on motion of Mr. Adams, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Adams the spacing of four lights authorized for the Sliquo end of Flower Ave., as changed by the Committee to secure wider lighting range, was approved.

Mr. Krall, from the Civic Improvement Committee submitted a report on the request of Mr. Deemer, 213 Maple Ave., to remove two trees from the parking in front of his house, recommending that permission be granted, all precautions to be taken against damage to property or injury to persons and no expense to the Town to be incurred; and that traffic shall not be delayed unduly and that the parking be restored to good condition. Approved on motion of Mr. Krall.
R.D.

Relative to the complaint of Mrs. Helen Baird that the garage on the adjoining property of Mr. McKenny, during repairing thereof was extended not only nearer than 5 feet to her lot line but actually onto her property, Mr. Krall reported that the Civic Improvement Committee had investigated the matter and is convinced that the extension of the garage beyond the 5-foot limit is a technical violation of the Building Regulations; whether an actual violation only legal proceedings can determine. The Committee is reluctant to recommend this on account of possible expense involved and because it does not appear that any serious damage is done Mrs. Baird's property. If, as claimed by Mrs. Baird, the garage trespasses upon her property she can obtain redress through legal proceedings, the Council having no authority or jurisdiction. Report approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Henry A. Clark, called the Council's attention to the controversy between Messrs. Cary and Loveday relative to the construction of a garage on the property of Mr. Carey for which a permit had been granted but was revoked by the Council. Mr. Clark stated that all efforts toward an agreement between the gentlemen had failed and requested the Council not to longer withhold Mr. Carey's right to construct his garage. After somewhat extended efforts of the Council to assist Messrs. Carey and Loveday to reach an amicable agreement, but without success, Mr. Biddle moved that the action of the Council in revoking Mr. Carey's permit, be reconsidered and rescinded and that he be permitted to proceed with the construction of garage under the permit granted him. The motion was carried.

The following additional communications were laid before the Council and disposed of as indicated.

A petition from citizens concerned requesting permanent improvement of Elm Ave., between Pine and Alleghany and of Alleghany between Elm and Second. Referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. H. E. Dodge preferring charges against Councilman F. D. B. Austin and requesting his removal. Referred to the Council for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Several unopened bids for grading of Philadelphia Ave., to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. J. Bond Smith, Suburban Sanitary Commissioner stating that in reply to the Clerk's letter of December 11th the Commission will be pleased to make water and sewer connections with the Municipal Utility Building without charge.

On motion of Mr. Biddle the Clerk was directed ^{to express} the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for this courtesy.

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

Approved:

Mayor

Benjamin Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, January 11, 1926.

In accordance with public notice duly given according to law the Mayor and Council met in special session at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the rezoning of lots 1 and 2, block 80, from Residential A to Residential B. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Clerk announced the purpose of the meeting and the Mayor stated that the Council would be glad to hear anyone interested.

Mrs. Mary A. Gregory addressed the Council stating that she had submitted the application for a rezoning of lots 1 and 2 in order that she might erect a duplex or semi-detached house thereon for which plans had been prepared and submitted with her application for a building permit. Mrs. Gregory stated that she had talked with all the residents of Cleveland Ave., and that none had objected. She submitted to the Council a petition signed by all persons residing within a radius of 200 feet of her proposed build-