

Tuesday Evening, April 6, 1926

The Council met in special session at the Office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock p.m. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Kroll, Biddle and Rogers.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting to pass upon several proposed subdivisions, the approval of which was desired as soon as possible by the parties interested. The Clerk thereupon laid before the Council plats of two proposed subdivisions designated respectively, "H. H. Votaw's Subdivisions of Part of Section 3, General S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland," and "Chaney's Resubdivision, lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 49, Gilberts Addition to Takoma Park, Maryland."

Upon examination of the plats the Clerk was directed to request Mr. Chaney to change the ground designated "Public Park" to "Public Space and if possible to modify the boundary lines along Sliquo Creek to permit sufficient width for a street at some future time. The following Ordinance was thereupon submitted:

Ordinance No. 436.

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

Sec. 1. That the subdivision submitted to the Mayor and Council, platted and designated as "H. H. Votaw's Subdivision of Part of Section 3, General S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, Montgomery Co., Maryland," be and the same is hereby approved.

Sec. 2. That the subdivision submitted to the Mayor and Council, platted and designated as "Chaney's Resubdivision, lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 49, Gilberts Addition to Takoma Park, Maryland," be and the same is hereby approved.

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 Adams, Austin, Biddle, Kroll and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. F. D. B. Austin submitted preliminary sketch plans of a proposed resubdivision of certain lots in block 50 and an extension there-through of Sherman Ave. at a width of 40 feet which he requested the Council to tentatively approve prior to the preparation of the permanent plats. Discussion and expression of views showed a majority of the Council favorable to the plat as proposed.

There being no further business the Council, at 8:45 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

S. Staff Mayor.

Bruce Davis
Clerk

Monday Evening, April 19, 1926

The Council met in regular monthly session, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meetings of March 30 and April 6, 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			\$12736.53	Miscellaneous		5.71		
RECEIPTS:		318		Garbage collection		125.00		
from general taxes		318.54		Street lighting		359.65		
building permits	43.00			Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00			
electric permits	7.00			Supt. of Public Work	166.66			
excavation permits	48.00	98.00	3283.14	Electrical Inspector	25.00	291.66	2553.34	
			16019.67	Balance on hand				\$13466.33
DISBURSEMENTS:				SPECIAL DEPOSITS:				
Street work: labor	382.36			Balance on hand last report		740.00		
material	1142.00			Receipts for month		30.00		
machinery and tools	86.65			Total		770.00		
miscellaneous	49.75	1660.75		Refunds during month		50.00		
General expenses: telephones	6.15			Balance on hand		720.00		
printing and advertising	3.50			SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:				
postage	1.92	11.57		Balance on hand last report		2656.03		
Legal expenses		74.00		Receipts for month		10659.06		
Rentals		25.00		Balance on hand		13315.09		

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications as follows which were read and disposed of as indicated:

A numerously signed petition from Ralston Binkley and others requesting the demolition of four houses on Allegheny Ave just east of Second St. and designated as numbers 104, 104½, 106 and 106½. Petitioners characterize these houses as unsightly, dilapidated, unfit to live in and harbor rats, vermin and irresponsible citizens under the influence of liquor. Referred to the Health Committee for investigation and report.

A petition signed by 16 citizens in the vicinity of Grant Ave. protesting against the insanitary and unsightly conditions resulting from throwing and burning of trash and refuse in the rear of the stores at Grant and Carroll Avenues. To the Health Committee.

A request from Mr. H.T. Elliott, 506 Tulip Ave. to build a proposed 3-car garage nearer than 5 feet to the side lot line. Accompanying

The request was the written consent of Mrs. L. E. Blanks, owner of the adjoining property. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A letter from Mr. R. D. Lillie requesting that the street adjacent to Nos. 3 and 5 Woodland Ave., be raised in grade in order that the owners of the properties may get their cars into their yards. Referred to the Street Committee with authority to take the necessary action to relieve the situation complained of.

A letter from Mrs. Leonard Weber, 14 Ash Ave., with reference to street conditions due to a faulty drain pipe. Referred to the Street Committee for investigation and appropriate action.

A petition from sixteen residents and property owners requesting that Montgomery Avenue be concreted. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Messrs. David Feldman and Albert E. Bryan, owners of a majority of the front footage on Elm Ave., between Ethan Allen and Prince George Avenues, requesting construction of cement sidewalks on both sides of the street within the area mentioned, under the assessment plan. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration in connection with contemplated special improvement work.

A petition from eight residents and property owners of Cockerille Avenue complaining of the condition of the street and requesting that it be scraped and cindered. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from fourteen residents and property owners of Chestnut Ave. requesting that said street be included in the permanent paving program for the coming year. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from eighteen residents and property owners of Elm Avenue, between Pine and Poplar Avenues requesting concrete roadway and curbing on this section of Elm Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from ten residents and property owners on Lincoln Avenue request that the street be graded, paved with concrete and sidewalks laid. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition signed by fifteen residents and property owners requesting the paving of Hickory Avenue. To the Street Committee.

Petitions from residents and property owners of Davis Avenue requesting a cement sidewalk on the west side of that street from Flower to Central Avenue and from Central Ave. to Garland Avenue; and requesting four additional street lights. Referred to the Street Committee and the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, respectively, for consideration and report.

A communication from Mr. W. A. Mellen relative to petitions and waivers heretofore filed by himself and Mr. John L. Fletcher for sidewalks in the Wildwood Section and requesting, if it is impossible to fully grant those requests that at least 360 feet of walk be laid abutting certain designated lots. Referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. F. L. Chaney requesting that Chaney Terrace, recently dedicated to the Town be graded and cindered. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A communication from Mr. H. Wilson Pelty and Margaret Pelty Dodge requesting that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission be authorized to establish the grades for Holly and Cedar Avenues Extended and of Birch and Dogwood Avenues, all lying within their subdivision, which they stated would be done without charge. After brief consideration and on motion of Mr. Austin the desired authority was granted.

A petition from five residents of Albany Avenue, between Baltimore and Buffalo Avenues, requesting the construction of a concrete roadway thereon. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Charles E. Smith addressed the Council, requesting that he be granted permission to locate a proposed garage and tool house nearer than 5 feet to the side line of the adjoining lot as required by the Building Regulations. Mr. Smith presented the written consent of Mr. J. E. Watts, owner of the adjoining lot, to the proposed location. After brief consideration Mr. Smith's request was approved.

Mr. F. H. Robbins addressed the Council relative to the condition of Davis Avenue, requesting that the street be graded and given a heavy coating of cinders, and that a sidewalk be constructed and additional lights provided. Referred to the Street Committee with reference to walks and street improvements and to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights with reference to the lights. Mr. Slade living on Davis Ave., indorsed the remarks of Mr. Robbins and urged the improvements asked for.

Mr. J. C. Presnall addressed the Council, calling attention to his building operations on Lee Avenue and requesting that the street be graded and cindered and sidewalks laid. Mr. Presnall also suggested that by some readjustment of existing street lights a more efficient lighting of Lee Avenue could be secured. To Street Committee and Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mr. Thomas Manley addressed the Council in connection with the petition for the paving of Elm Ave, which he heartily favor-

ed. Mrs. Grover E. Cooksey also advocated the paving of this street, and Mr. Frank P. Harbin spoke in favor of it.

Mr. R. P. McCandlish informed the Council relative to conditions on Montgomery Avenue and strongly urged that the street be paved and the grade so changed as to eliminate the drainage to the center of the block between Pine and Hickory Avenues.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$226.45 and upon his motion payment thereof was authorized and directed.

The request of a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank that a portion of the Town's funds be deposited in that Bank was returned by the Finance Committee with the following report:

The Mayor and Council.

Takoma Park, Md., April 15, 1926.

Gentlemen: The Finance Committee has given careful consideration to the attached request of a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank that a portion of the Town's funds be deposited with that institution. The Town has been a depositor with the Takoma Park Bank practically since the Bank was organized and has always been given efficient service and prompt accommodation when needed. Within the past five years the Takoma Park Bank has financed the bond requirements of the Town to the extent approximately of \$200,000. This has been done without commission, at a low rate of interest and with commendable promptness. In accordance with well-recognized business ethics there is an obligation on the part of individuals, firms or corporations to conduct their banking with those institutions through which they receive accommodation, extension of credit and other financial requirements. As the Town's financial relations with the Takoma Park Bank have been most satisfactory in all respects and to the Town's advantage, the Committee regrets its inability to recommend compliance with the request of the Citizens Bank. We recommend that reply be made in substance hereof.

Very respectfully,

H. E. ROGERS, Chairman

WM. A. KROLL

JNO. R. ADAMS

Finance Committee.

Mr. Rogers moved that the report of the Committee be approved and adopted which motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. Mr. Biddle moved to amend by authorizing the deposit of the Town funds one-third in the Citizens Bank and two-thirds in the Takoma Park Bank. There being no second Mr. Biddle's amendment was lost. The motion of Mr. Rogers was thereupon adopted.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, recommended that Messrs. J. R. King and Lee Angerman be appointed deputy bailiffs. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Kroll, from the Civic Improvement Committee, submitted a report showing contributions and disbursements for the improvement of Spring Park, amounting to \$400 and \$407.90 respectively. On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved, the Committee complimented on the work accomplished and the reasonable price thereof, and an appropriation of \$7.90 authorized to cover the deficit.

Mr. Aushin laid before the Council plans and cost estimate prepared by Mr. Arthur F. Gordon for strengthening the railing on the Sliquo bridge. After consideration and on motion of Mr. Aushin the plans were approved, an appropriation of \$450 or so much thereof as may be required, was authorized and the Committee directed to have the work done by the Superintendent of Public Work.

Mr. Salisbury reported that Mr. Wood was expected to complete the plans for the proposed Sliquo bridge within a few days and that when ready he would advise the Mayor and ask for a special meeting to consider them.

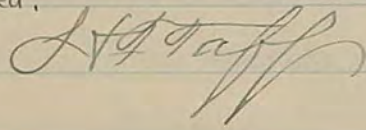
On motion of Mr. Kroll the Superintendent of Public Work was directed to lay a drain pipe across Prince George Avenue at Elm Avenue and to make the necessary grading changes at Nos. 3 and 5 Woodland Ave., to permit driveways into the lots as requested by Mr. R. D. Lillie.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mr. Biddle as an additional member of the Street Committee.

Mr. John W. Coffman addressed the Council relative to the bad condition of Carroll Avenue and urged that steps be taken at an early day to put the paved surface in a thorough state of repair.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:26 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor

Bennett Davis, Clerk

Wednesday Evening, April 21, 1926.

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.

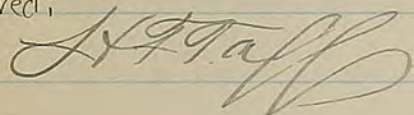
The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting to go over the plans of the proposed Sliquo bridge which have been completed by Mr. Wood, Architect. These were laid before the Council by Mr. Salisbury and were thoroughly examined and discussed. The Council decided to have sidewalks, five feet in width on each side of the bridge roadway. It was directed that these be added to the plans and the plans thus completed were approved and the Clerk authorized to advertise for bids to be opened at the regular meeting of the Council on May 17th.

On motion of Mr. Krall the Ordinance Committee was directed to prepare an Ordinance setting forth penalties for violations of the Zoning Law and the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights directed to thoroughly examineⁱⁿ the Town lockup and to report to the Council such things needful to complete it in all necessary respects with an estimate of the cost thereof.

The Council considered the matter of relieving the Superintendent of Work of the duties and responsibilities of Building Inspector in order that his entire time may be devoted to the public work. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Krall moved that Mr. Fred L. Harries be appointed as Building Inspector and compensated at one-half of the fees collected from building permits and that the Superintendent of Public Work be relieved from further duty as Building Inspector. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:



Mayor

Basil Davis, Clerk.

Thursday Evening, April 29, 1926

session

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter the Mayor and Council met in special^{session} this date, at the Clerks Office, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing and determining any appeals from the decisions of the Registration Officers. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Biddle, Krall, Rogers and Salisbury. The Mayor announced that any public business ready for consideration from any of the Committees would be taken up if presented pending any registration appeals.

The Mayor administered the oath of Office to Mr. Harries, recently appointed as Building Inspector.

Mr. Salisbury for the Committees on Health and Civic Improvement submitted a joint report recommending that the houses located on lots 7 and 8, block 13, Pine Crest Subdivision, Alleghany St, near 2nd St, and assessed to Alex. S. Clarke, be declared unsafe, unsanitary and a nuisance and a menace and that the owner be ordered to put them in safe and sanitary condition and to connect them with the public water and sewer systems immediately. That the house fronting Ethan Allen Ave, between Jackson and Aspen Avenues, assessed to Katherine Beak,

and Violet B. Heap, be declared unsafe, unsanitary, a nuisance and a menace and that the owner be directed to place same in safe and sanitary condition immediately and to connect with the public water and sewer systems. That the house ^{between house} numbered 248 Ethan Allen Avenue and Aspen Ave. and fronting Ethan Allen Ave., assessed to Katherine Beale and Violet B. Heap, be declared unsafe, unsanitary and a nuisance and a menace and that the owner be directed to put same in safe and sanitary condition immediately and to connect the premises with the public water and sewer systems. The recommendations were approved but further action withheld pending the perfecting of certain Ordinances relating to the matters involved.

The Health Committee, through Mr. Salisbury, its Chairman, called attention to the unsightly and health-menacing dumping of rubbish on lots 11, 12 and 13, ^{block 12, P.C.} corner of Allegheny and 2nd Sts., and recommended that the owner be notified to immediately abate the nuisance caused thereby. The Committee also recommended that the tenant occupying the property on Section 8, Carroll Subdivision, corner Sherman and Carroll Ave., be notified that the outside toilet maintained on the property must be kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition by frequent removal of its contents and a liberal use of lime and that the property must be connected with the public water and sewer systems immediately upon their availability thereof. These recommendations were unanimously approved.

On motion of Mr. Rogers a quit claim deed was accepted from Mr. J. W. Shadle covering certain property adjoining the Takoma Spring.

Mr. Biddle, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following Ordinance for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 437

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

Sec. 1. That any person or persons, whether as principal, agent or employee, violating the provisions of any Ordinance or regulation made under authority of Chapter No. 103 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1924, known as the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, Zoning Law, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25.00 for each and every such violation and a like fine for each day during which such violation has continued or may continue, each days continuance of the violation being hereby declared a separate offense hereunder. Prosecution under the provisions 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 thirty days or until the fines are paid.

Sec. 2. This Ordinance shall be in effect on and after date of passage.

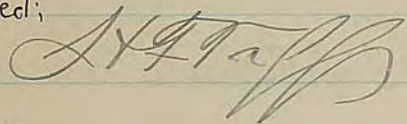
Mr. Kroll moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Aushin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, none.

With respect to the modified request of Mr. Wm. A. Mellen for construction of about 500 linear feet of cement sidewalk in the Wildwood section,
 .. Krall moved that the grades and lines of the affected streets be established and that construction of the walks be authorized when practicable.

The motion was carried.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived and no appeals or protests from the decisions of the Officers of Registration having been presented
 the Council's action, the Council thereupon adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor

Ben G. Davis, Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 3, 1926

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, convening at 8:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of
 the annual Town election, held this date. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Aushin, Krall, Biddle, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. L. M. Mooers, Chairman of the Board of Election Judges, delivered to the Council the following Report of the Judges:

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

Takoma Park, Md., May 3, 1926

Gentlemen:- The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, beg leave to submit the following report in regard to the Annual
 Town Election, held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, this date:

The Board of Judges organized by the selection of Mr. L. M. Mooers as Chairman and Mrs. Mary N. Kiefer as Clerk, having previously taken
 the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor:

The polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock A.M., and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock P.M.

The following persons were voted for as Mayor and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

For Mayor: Ben G. Davis, 500; William H. Hooker, 1.

The following persons were voted for as members of the Town Council and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

For Councilmen: E. V. Crittenden, 414; Marion D. Finch, 280; Charles V. Johnson, 453; Emilie H. Lewton, 135; Benjamin N. Meeds, 25; J. C.
 Nellis, 85; William T. Sabine, 128; John R. Adams, 1.

The total number of votes cast was 536.

It therefore appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and were duly elected
 to serve as Mayor and as Members of the Town Council for a term of two years beginning June 7, 1926: Mayor, Ben G. Davis. Councilmen, E. V.
 Crittenden; Marion D. Finch; Charles V. Johnson. Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith inclosed
 for delivery to the Mayor and Councilmen elect. Very respectfully,

AHest:

MARY N. KIEFER, Clerk

L. M. MOOERS, Chairman

MRS. J. OSCAR FOULK

HELEN B. DAVIS

Judges of Election.

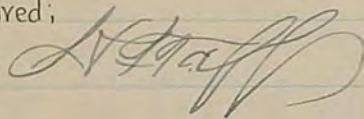
Mr. Kroll moved that the report be received and approved and that the successful candidates as reported by the Judges of Election be declared duly elected. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Adams an appropriation of \$^x20.00 was authorized as compensation for the Judges and Clerk of Election.

On recommendation of the Treasurer and on motion of Mr. Salisbury an appropriation of \$75.00 was authorized as compensation of the Board of Assessors at \$25.00 each.

There being no further business the Council thereupon at 8:45 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved;



Mayor.

Paul Davis, Clerk

Monday Evening, May 17, 1926

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of April 21, April 29 and May 3 were read by the Clerk and approved.

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

Balance on hand last report			1346.33.	Legal expenses			350.00
RECEIPTS:				Rentals			25.00
From general taxes		646.32		Miscellaneous			393.71
building permits	78.00			Garbage collection			125.00
electrical "	14.00			Street lighting			358.17
excavation "	19.00	111.00		Rubbish collection			119.20
Redemption of tax sale property		25.80	783.12	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00		
			14249.15	Supt. of Public Work		166.67	
				Electrical Inspector	25.00	291.67	
DISBURSEMENTS:				Redemption tax sale property		25.80	2484.13.
Street work: labor	588.85			Balance on hand			11765.32
material	15.36						
machinery and tools	73.09	627.30					
General expenses: telephone	5.90						
printing and advertising	138.00						
postage	24.38	188.28					

SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.	
Balance on hand last report	\$ 720.00	Balance on hand last report	\$ 13315.09
Receipts for month	20.00	Receipts for month	3179.03
	<u>740.00</u>		<u>16494.12</u>
Refunds during month	10.00	Disbursements: Interest	\$ 1567.50
Balance on hand	<u>730.00</u>	Cement sidewalks	2578.00
		Balance on hand	<u>12348.62</u>

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public advertisement under the requirements of law this evening had been designated for reception of bids for the proposed reinforced concrete bridge across the Sliquo. The Clerk thereupon laid before the Council sealed proposals which were opened and read to the Council, found to be in proper form, and were as follows:

Fred Drew Company, Inc., 2525 Penna. Ave. N.W. Construction of bridge complete	\$ 7,975.00
G.B. Mullin Co., Inc. 1296 Upshur St. Washington, D.C. " " " "	7,710.00
L. B. Davidson, 410 Bond Building " " " "	6,855.00
C. H. Gaskins, 224 Maple Ave. Takoma Park, Md. " " " "	5,800.00

On motion of Mr. Adams the bids were submitted to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

The Mayor announced that this evening had also been set aside for hearings by the Council as a Board of Review on appeals of complaints from the findings of the Board of Assessors and for this purpose the Council would now proceed as a Board of Review.

Appeals from the assessments as submitted by the Board of Assessors were presented by the following: C.W. Slade, Davis Ave.; lot 20, blk. B. Cunningham Subdivision; John H. Davis, lot 48, block 16; L.W. Morrissey, lots 16 and 17, block 4; M.G. Phoebus, lot 6, Sec. 5, Carroll Subdivision; Glenwood C. Rowe, lot 10, block 8, L. and E. Subdiv.; H.C. Chilson, lot 22, block 37; L.A. Williams, part of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 25; Mr. Thompson, 217 Park Ave; C.R. Fisher, lot 17, block 50; D.H. Lewis, lot 37, block 50; Axel Rinne, lot 12, block 96; Monroe S. Shipley, lot 1, blk 19, Pine Crest Subdiv.; D.J. Manton, lots 36 and 45, block 50.

The Mayor stated that the appeals submitted would be considered at a special meeting of the Council, sitting as a Board of Review and which would be called by him at an early date.

Resuming the regular order of business Mr. Fred L. Harries addressed the Council suggesting that signs be erected at the Ta-

koma Spring warning against the destruction or removal of property or shrubbery. Mr. Harries stated that he had observed a resident of the Town digging up flowers from the reservation who seemed to be unaware that this was a public park. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for such action the Committee may deem advisable.

Colonel Ralph S. Porter, Cedar Ave., addressed the Council, reiterating his previous suggestions that Tulip Avenue, from Cedar to Holly, be included in any contemplated street improvement for the next fiscal year. Referred to the Street Committee.

Communications were presented as follows and acted upon as stated;

A letter of commendation from Mr. William E. Wilson, 307 Spring St., for the recent street improvements in the vicinity of his home and suggesting that the streets be oiled before the dust becomes a nuisance. To the Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick, Park Ave. extended, requesting to be furnished the official grade of Park Ave. as soon as established. To the Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. C. W. Crouch, 34 Westmoreland Ave., requesting that he be granted permission to construct a sidewalk on the northerly side of First Street beginning at Westmoreland Ave. and extending about 130 feet towards Allegheny Ave., at his own expense. On motion of Mr. Austin desired permission was granted - walk to be constructed under Town specifications and grade to be given by Superintendent of Public Work.

A petition from residents of Spruce Ave. and vicinity complaining of use of vacant lot on Spruce Ave. as a dumping ground. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A petition from four residents requesting installation of Street Lights on Erie Ave. To the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

A petition from the Bliss Electrical School calling attention to the condition of the bridge and its approaches over the B. and O. Railway in the immediate vicinity of the School, and urging action leading to its early replacement. To the Street Committee.

Communications from Messrs. W. A. Krall and J. A. Griffith, Chairman and Clerk, respectively, of the Zoning Commission, tendering their resignations of the positions noted. On motion of Mr. Adams the resignations were laid upon the table.

Under unfinished business the Clerk laid before the Council the pending resignation of Councilman Salisbury as a member of the Zoning Commission. Mr. Adams moved that, inasmuch as it seemed the wiser policy to have the Zoning Commission and the

Council as entirely and separate bodies, that Mr. Salisbury's resignation from the former be accepted. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$481.67 and on his motion payment of the bills was authorized and directed.

The Finance Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. Rogers, recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase and retire, from funds on hand, \$12000 of outstanding public improvement bonds. Approved on motion of Mr. Krall.

Mr. Rogers also submitted a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the tax rate for the forthcoming fiscal year be fixed at \$1.10 per \$100, the same as for the current fiscal year. After extended discussion the recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, reported that the house owned by Mr. C.W. Slade, facing on Davis Ave, discharges sewage into the street and recommended that this condition be corrected immediately. Recommendation approved.

Upon recommendation of the Health Committee the Clerk was instructed to advise the Council of those cases of sanitary recommendations made during the past year and to check up on them; and that the Superintendent investigate whether the recommendations have been carried out and to report thereon at the next regular meeting.

The Health Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. Salisbury, reported relative to the discharge of sewage from a cesspool serving three residences at Ethan Allen and Prince George Aves, the overflow causing a seriously unsanitary condition, and recommended that immediate steps be taken to have the conditions corrected. The recommendation was approved on Mr. Salisbury's motion.

Mr. Aushn, from the Street Committee, reported relative to progress being made in scraping and rounding up the dirt streets throughout the Town. The work so far accomplished has been of decided improvement.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights submitted recommendations as follows with respect to applications for street lights: recommending installation of lights on pole 7473, Philadelphia Ave, south of Takoma Ave.; on poles Nos. 7799, - 72487, 74650 and 74653, Lincoln Ave. No necessity appears for light at Carroll and Denwood Aves. Request for additional lights on Davis Avenue disapproved; request for lights on Lee Ave. disapproved. Committee urges assistance of citizens in apprehending youthful miscreants who persist in breaking street light bulbs; Suggests that better street illumination might be obtained by

trimming lower branches of trees which should have attention of the street force in the fall. The recommendations of the Committee were all approved on motion of Mr. Biddle.

Mr. Kroll, from the Civic Improvement Committee, returned the plans for two store buildings to be erected by Messrs. Sterling and Glickman on Carroll Avenue, approved, subject to the Committees approval of the type of brick to be used. on motion of Mr. Kroll the Committees action was approved. The Committee returned also the application of Mr. William Hutchinson, 111 Baltimore Ave. to build a garage within one foot of the side lot line with recommendation that the Building Regulation be waived and the permit granted. Approved on motion of Mr. Salisbury.

With respect to the communication from the Bliss School regarding the bridge over the B. and O. tracks. Mr. Biddle moved that this matter be taken up urgently and at once with the County Commissioners and every possible effort be made for the replacement of the present structure with a substantial one of steel. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Salisbury the Health Officer and Mr. Adams, of the Health Committee, were designated as representatives of the Town to attend the meeting of the Maryland State Board of Health at Baltimore on May 28 and 29.

The attention of the Council having been called to certain conflicts in the provisions of Ordinance No. 433 the following Ordinance corrective thereof was submitted for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 438.

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

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 433, passed and approved March 30, 1926, is hereby repealed and reordained to read as follows;

"Section 1. That the Mayor and Council, upon information that any dwelling house or other structure within the corporate limits of the Town is in a condition dangerous to property or health or in a condition which menaces the lives of persons passing along and over the highways of the Town or residing in the neighborhood of such structure, and which information has been duly verified after investigation by the appropriate committee of the Council, shall pass an Ordinance calling upon the owner of such property to show cause within a reasonable time thereafter, such time to be definitely stated in said Ordinance, why the maintenance of the said property should not be declared a nuisance and order to be abated. Notice of the passage of such Ordinance shall be served by a Bailiff of the Town if the said owner be a resident thereof, by delivery of said notice to the said owner or to a member of his household over 16 years of age, within ten days after the passage of said Ordinance. If the owner be a resident of said Town, but temporarily absent therefrom, or a non-resident of said Town then a copy of the said notice shall be published in two successive issues of a newspaper published in said Town, if such there be and a copy of said notice shall be mailed to the last known postoffice address of the said owner."

Section 2. The said Section 1 as above reordained, shall be effective from the date of the passage here of.

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 Austin, Adams, Kroll, Biddle, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay none.

The Ordinance Committee submitted the following Ordinance based upon a report by the Health Committee:

Ordinance No. 439.

WHEREAS: complaint has been made to the Mayor and Council relative to the unsanitary and dangerous condition of certain dwelling houses located in the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., which complaints, after full and thorough investigation by the Health Committee of the Council, have been found to be well established; therefore

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

Section 1. That the owners of the following described and designated properties, namely: Group of four dwellings located on lots 7 and 8, in Block 13, Pine Crest Subdivision, fronting on Allegheny Ave., near Second Street, which dwellings are assessed to Alexander S. Clarke; dwellings in block 93, on lot fronting Ethan Allen Ave., between Jackson and Aspen Aves., which dwelling is assessed to Katherine C. Beale and Violet B. Heap; dwelling in block 95, fronting Ethan Allen Ave., which dwelling, located between Aspen Ave. and house numbered 248 Ethan Allen Ave., is assessed to Katherine C. Beale and Violet B. Heap; are hereby notified that the Mayor and Council have under consideration the matter of declaring each of these properties as constituting a nuisance and directing the abatement thereof either by thorough repair and connection with the water and sewer systems, or by the demolition and removal thereof,

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting, to be held on Monday Evening, June 21, 1926, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in said Town, at 8 o'clock, will grant a hearing to the owners of the properties herein to, or to their representatives, and to such other persons who may be interested therein.

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

Mr. Austin laid before the Council for its approval the Plat of F.D.B. Austins Subdivision of Original lots 30 and 31, block 50, of B.F. Gilberts Subdivision. This led to considerable discussion, being opposed by Councilman Kroll because of the steep grade of Sherman Ave. and because of the narrowing of the street to 40 feet. Mr. Salisbury thought a retaining wall should be required at the intersection of Sherman and Maple Ave. which Mr. Austin agreed to construct. The following Ordinance was thereupon submitted:

Ordinance No. 440.

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

That the plat of a proposed subdivision, submitted by Frederick D. B. Austin and described as "F.D.B. Austins Subdivision of Original lots 30 and 31, block 50, of B.F. Gilberts Subdivision of Takoma Park, Md.," be and the same is hereby approved; provided that the owner of the subdivision agrees to construct a retaining wall at the intersection of Sherman and Maple Avenues, to prevent erosion of the street.

Mr. Adams 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, Austin, Biddle, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, Mr. Kroll.

The Clerk and Treasurer submitted a proposed assessment covering the cost of cement sidewalks recently completed and the following Or.

dinance of approval thereof was submitted for the consideration of the Mayor and Council:

Ordinance No. 441.

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

Sec. 1. That a special assessment of \$1.60 per lineal foot for the construction of cement sidewalks be and the same is hereby levied and approved against the property designated and described in Ordinance No. 416, passed and approved June 1, 1925, Ordinance No. 419, passed and approved June 29, 1925; Ordinance No. 423, passed and approved August 17, 1925; and Ordinance No. 424, passed and approved September 21, 1925. The said property herein assessed is hereby declared to be specially benefitted by the construction of the cement sidewalks abutting thereto.

Sec. 2. The special assessments hereby levied shall be due May 15, 1926, and payable within 90 days thereafter. Provided that, if so desired, said assessments may be paid in five annual installments, the first due May 15, 1926 and payable within 90 days therefrom, the remaining payments to be due on the 15th day of each succeeding May and payable within 90 days thereafter. Provided further, that payments of one fifth or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the annual payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, none.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee previously considered and approved, the following Ordinance was submitted;

Ordinance No. 442

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

Section 1. That a general tax at the rate of \$1.10 on each \$100 of assessed valuation as shown by the existing assessments and such approved additions thereto as may be adopted by the Mayor and Council prior to July 1, 1926, for the purpose of meeting the general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, be and the same is hereby approved and levied.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Austin, Biddle, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting no, Councilman Kroll.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 11:02 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Bruce Davis, Clerk.

May 18, 1926

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk upon call of the Mayor for the purpose of sitting as a Board of Review to consider the complaints and objections made at the last meeting of the Council relative to the assessments made by the Board of Assessors. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Aushn. Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The several complaints submitted were laid before the Council by the Clerk; each complaint was considered carefully in the light of the facts presented and in comparison with such data as was available to the Council and action taken thereon as follows;

Leo L. Morrissey, total assessment fixed at \$2250.00 on motion of Mr. Kroll; Daniel Manton, reduced to \$1200 on motion of Mr. Kroll; D. H. Lewis, additional assessment eliminated on motion of Mr. Biddle; C. W. Slade, total assessment fixed at \$2000 on motion of Mr. Rogers; J. H. Davis, reduced to \$2250 on motion of Mr. Kroll; G. C. Rowe, assessment fixed at \$2500; H. C. Chilson, assessment fixed at 800; Axel Rinne, reduced to \$2200; Monroe F. Shipley, assessment fixed at \$2200 on motion of Mr. Biddle; Clarence F. Fischer, assessment fixed at \$2000 on motion of Mr. Aushn; Lauri A. Williams, assessment fixed at \$250 on motion of Mr. Salisbury.

The Council discussed at length the total number of assessments submitted by the Board of Assessors. The Clerk's comparisons of the new assessments and those of last year showed an average of 10 to 15 percent higher in the former. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Salisbury moved ~~that~~ a horizontal reduction of 15% or such approximate thereof as to keep the assessments in even numbers, be authorized in those assessments not definitely determined upon individual complaint. The motion was carried.

All complaints having been heard and determined the Board of Review adjourned and the Council resumed its session.

In line with the Council's action sitting as a Board of Review the following Ordinance was presented:

Ordinance No. 443

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

Section 1. That the revised assessment of real property as submitted by the duly authorized and appointed Board of Assessors for the purpose of municipal taxation covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, as modified by direction of the Mayor and Council, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted; the Mayor and Council having sat as a Board of Review and having heard and determined all appeals with respect thereto.

Mr. Adams 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, Austin, Biddle, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

Mayor

Bruce Davis, Clerk

Munday Evening, June 7, 1926

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present Mayor Taff, Councilmen Adams, Biddle and Kroll, Mayor-elect Davis and Councilmen-elect Crittenden, Finch and Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Taff. The Mayor stated that under the provisions of our Charter the first Monday in June signaled the expiration of the term of retiring officials and the beginning of the term of the officials elect and that he had called this meeting in order to turn over formally the Town's affairs to the new Mayor and Council recently elected. The Mayor extended his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Council and the officials of the Town for their cooperation during his term of service and wished to his successor a happy and prosperous administration.

Councilmen Biddle and Kroll, retiring members, voiced their satisfaction at having had opportunity to serve the community and joined with the Mayor in wishing continued progress of the Town and happy solution of the many problems with which the new Mayor and Council will have to deal.

Mayor Taff thereupon turned over the affairs of the Town to his successor, Mayor-elect Davis who announced that he had taken the prescribed oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Rockville, Maryland, and who thereupon assumed the active duties of Mayor. Upon request of the Mayor the retiring Mayor and Councilmen retained their seats at the Council table and participated informally in the remaining proceedings of the evening.

The Mayor announced that he had administered the prescribed oath of office to the Councilmen elect, Messrs. Crittenden,