

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,

Finch and Johnson, who thereupon assumed and entered upon their duties. It was announced that the absence of Councilmen Rogers and Salisbury was due to their absence from the city in attendance at a Conference in Milwaukee.

The Mayor suggested, if agreeable to the Council, that it would be advisable to proceed at once with a partial organization to include election of a Clerk and Treasurer and a Superintendent of Public Work if the Council was prepared to make recommendations for these positions.

Mr. Adams moved that Mr. Bryan Davis be elected Clerk and Treasurer, citing his experience of several years as assistant in that office and of one year as Clerk and Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crittenden. No other nominations being presented Mr. Davis was elected unanimously.

Mr. Johnson moved that Major William F. Fischer be elected Superintendent of Public Work. The motion was seconded by Mr. Finch, No other nominations being presented Major Fischer was thereupon unanimously elected.

Subsequently in the evening the oath of office was administered to Messrs. Davis and Fischer who entered upon the discharge of their duties.

The Mayor announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees of the Council:

FINANCE. Councilmen Rogers, Chairman; Adams and Crittenden.

STREETS. Councilmen Johnson, Chairman; Rogers and Adams.

HEALTH AND SANITATION. Councilmen Salisbury, Chairman; Finch and Johnson.

ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY. Councilmen Crittenden, Chairman; Salisbury and Finch

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT. Councilmen Adams, Chairman; Johnson and Rogers.

POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHTS. Councilmen Finch, Chairman; Crittenden and Salisbury.

After brief informal discussion of Town matters the Council, at 9:10 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Retiring Mayor

Mayor Elect

Bryan Davis, Retiring Clerk
Bryan Davis, Clerk-elect.

Monday Evening, June 21, 1926

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson and Salisbury.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of May 18 and June 7 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 -----	11765.32	interest account -----	135.21
RECEIPTS:		miscellaneous	342.41
From general taxes	106.68	Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00
building permits	89.00	Supt. of Public Work	166.67
electric "	30.00	Electrical Inspector	25.00
excavation "	18.00	Balance on hand -----	291.67
Street repairs, Wash. Gaslight Co.	95.60		2740.24
Tax sale redemptions	143.05	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:	
	482.33	Balance on hand last report	750.00
	12247.65	Receipts for month	30.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			760.00
Street work: labor	717.90	Refunds during month	40.00
material	195.80	Balance on hand -----	720.00
machinery and tools	142.90		
grading Philadelphia Ave	300.00	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
General expenses: telephones	6.80	Balance on hand last report	12348.62
printing	10.25	Receipts for month	2355.59
rentals	25.00		14704.21
Redemptions from tax sales	14.13	Disbursements: purchase certificates of	
Garbage collections	200.00	indebtedness	700.00
Street lighting	358.17	Balance on hand	7704.21

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with notice lawfully given this evening had been designated for a hearing from all persons interested concerning the properties set forth in Ordinance No. 439, passed and approved May 17, 1926, which the Mayor and Council were considering as creating nuisances; and called for remarks by any one concerned.

Mr. J.T. Maddox residing in proximity to one of the houses designated, on Ethan Allen Ave., described the unsanitary conditions about the exterior of the property and the deplorable conditions within and urged the Council to require removal of the property forthwith.

Mr. Albert E. Bryan spoke of the rapid development of Ethan Allen Ave. and vicinity and stated that from their dilapidated condi-

tion and lack of sanitation, the two houses on Ethan Allen Avenue, should be condemned. He appreciated the necessity of doing this in a legal and lawful manner and felt sure the Mayor and Council would have the existing conditions corrected as soon as possible.

The Mayor informed the Council that since the advertisement of the hearing now in progress he had been in touch with the owners of both the groups of houses under consideration. The four houses on Allegheny Ave, are now in course of thorough repair and renovation, which, when completed, will obviate the conditions complained of. The gentleman who represents the owners of the two houses on Ethan Allen Avenue is endeavoring to gain their consent to razing and removing the structures. The Mayor expressed the hope that this situation will work out as satisfactorily as the other.

No one else desiring to be heard the Mayor declared the hearing closed and the Council proceeded in regular order of business.

Mr. D. J. Manton called the Council's attention to certain houses on Jefferson Ave, with available sewage facilities but which have not connected therewith. Referred to the Health Committee.

Colonel Wm. A. Kroll, speaking for the Trustees of the Maryland Public School suggested to the Council the advisability of piping and covering the stream running through the lower end of the municipal play ground site adjoining the school. This, it was urged, would not only enlarge the space but would keep the children from playing in the more or less contaminated stream. To the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mr. John W. Coffman supported the suggestion of Colonel Kroll and commented upon the desirability of improving the play ground site.

Mr. Albert E. Bryan invited the Council's attention to the need of additional sewer mains for lower Ethan Allen Ave. and the upper part of Elm Ave. He also requested two additional street lights on Prince George Avenue, which, with a concrete pavement, would meet the immediate needs of that street. Requests noted for reference to Street Committee and Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

With reference to Mr. Bryan's remarks concerning sewer extension on Ethan Allen Ave, the Mayor stated that he had recently taken this up with the Suburban Sanitary Commission in connection with sewer construction for the streets in the Carroll Subdivision and that the Commission has instructed its Chief Engineer to submit plans and estimates of cost of the desired work. The Mayor also stated that it is the desire and intention of the Council to require that all houses accessible to water and sewer mains shall be connected therewith.

Communications and petitions were presented as follows and action taken as indicated:

A letter from Mr. A.G. Wilde, 113 Holly Ave., urging that Tulip Ave., between Cedar and Holly Avenues, be included in paving schedule for the present year; and a letter from Colonel R.S. Porter, 204 Cedar Ave., to the same effect. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from property owners residing on New York Avenue, between Takoma and Chicago Aves., requesting the paving of that portion of the Street. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from certain property owners requesting construction of a cement sidewalk on the east side of Albemarle Avenue, between Erie and Kennebec Avenues. Referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. A.C. Dwyer requesting that a sidewalk be laid on Maple Ave. from Grant to Park Ave. Referred to

[the Street Committee.

A petition from property owners on Sherman Avenue between Carroll and Hancock Avenues, requesting that the width of the street be reduced to 40 feet and the extra 10-foot strip be added to the restricted front yardage on the East side. To the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the ~~Finance~~ Finance Committee submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$ 468.60, and on his motion payment of the bills was authorized and directed.

Mr. Adams, from the Health Committee, submitted a very interesting report of the Annual Conference of Health Officers and Boards of Health of Maryland, held at the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, on Friday, May 28, and which he attended as representative of the Health Committee and of the Council. The report was read in full, received the close attention of the Council and the Mayor commended Mr. Adams on its preparation and presentation.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, recommended that the application of Mr. Charles Holt to erect a cement block garage on lot 19, block 24, within two feet of the side lot line, be granted. The motion was carried.

Mr. Adams, for the Civic Improvement Committee called the Council's attention to the large number of hedge fences existing in violation of the Town Ordinance which limits their height to 42 inches. A number of these hedges obstruct the view, in both directions of approaching traffic on the intersecting street. The Committee recommends that violations of the Ordinance be called to the attention of the property owners concerned who shall be notified to trim their hedges to the required height. The recommendation was ap-
[proved.

With respect to the remarks of Colonel W.A. Kroll earlier in the evening, Mr. Adams stated that the Civic Improvement Committee has

been giving consideration to the possibility of enclosing the stream on the play ground site but without definite conclusion. It will probably involve considerable expense and will require further study and consideration.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, presented a summary of the general street conditions based upon a careful survey and study of the street system of the Town, which report is briefly condensed as follows: Approximately $26\frac{1}{2}$ miles of streets within the Town, 8 of which are not open to traffic, $5\frac{1}{2}$ are of concrete, $\frac{1}{2}$ bituminous surface, 6 cindered and $6\frac{1}{2}$ earth graded. Concrete pavements generally satisfactory except on Carroll and part of Tulip and Park Aves, which will require extensive patching and heavy bituminous surfacing. The bituminous surfaces on Tulip and Takoma Aves. too narrow and rapidly deteriorating; cinder and earth streets have been recently scraped and in satisfactory condition; black dust from cinder streets should be abated by application of light road oils. First consideration should be given existing streets and new streets opened only when justified as general public benefit; surface drainage facilities inadequate and a general system should be planned; street improvements should be based on careful engineering study of conditions; other types of improved streets than concrete should be considered; new and sufficient road equipment should be purchased; an efficient and economical patrol system should be established for street repairs; oiling of streets to be on an assessment basis; administrative control of highway work to be based on "Work-order" system; that a short section of bituminous cinder pavement and of sand-clay surface be constructed; that substantial pavements be constructed on Elm Ave. from Pine to Poplar Ave., on Tulip Ave. from Willow to Holly, on Takoma Ave. from Chestnut to Baltimore Ave.; on New York Ave. from Takoma to Chicago Ave.; that requests for sidewalks be approved on usual plan; that a special public meeting be held to hear all highway matters.

Mr. Salisbury suggested that as the matters involved in this report were of vital importance it might be best to take them up at a special meeting of the Council. At suggestion of the Mayor the Council agreed to meet at the Office of the Clerk Monday evening June 28, for this purpose, and for consideration of the Budget.

Mr. Finch, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, submitted the following nominations for Bailiff and Deputy Bailiffs: Bailiff, Major W.F. Fischer; Deputy Bailiffs, W.F. Dowling, L.A. Cutshaw, A.B. Josephs, E.E. Blodgett, C. Huff, F.L. Harries, J.R. King, L. Angerman

On motion of Mr. Finch the nominations were approved and the appointments made as indicated.

Mr. A. E. Bryan addressed the Council relative to a suitable entrance into Sliqa Avenue from the Blue Stone Road and offered to deed to the Town for this purpose such land as may be required. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Adams moved that the Council proceed to the election of Building and Electrical Inspectors and Health Officer. The motion was carried. Nominations of the present incumbents of these offices, namely, Building Inspector, Mr. F. L. Harnes; Electrical Inspector, Mr. C. Huff; Health Officer, Dr. L. E. Elliott, were submitted. No other nominations being presented these nominations, on motion of Mr. Adams were confirmed and the incumbents as stated unanimously reelected.

The Council considered a communication from Professor Louis E. Bliss, of the Bliss Electrical School, relative to the bad condition of the bridge over the B. and O. tracks in the vicinity of the Bliss School and urging appropriate action to secure its replacement by an adequate and safe structure. On motion of Mr. Salisbury it was ordered that the views of the Council with respect to the urgent necessity of rebuilding this bridge be set forth in writing for consideration of the County Commissioners; and that the Mayor be requested, if possible, to present these views in person to the County Commissioners.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:30 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor.

Bryan Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 28, 1926.

Pursuant to the order of the Council at its last meeting, a special meeting was held this date, at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, and the recommendations of the Street Committee submitted at the last meeting. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Council, upon data submitted by the Mayor, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Committee, proceeded to a consideration of the proposed Budget, which, when finally itemized was submitted by the Finance Committee as follows:

<u>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:</u>			
From General Taxes	\$ 34,000.00	Rentals (Council meetings)	\$ 125.00
Interest, Refunds, permits, etc.	4,000.00	Postage, Supplies and office Furniture	350.00
Balance from fiscal year 1925	7,000.00	Miscellaneous, including legal expenses	750.00
		Towns share completed special improvements	5000.00
	Total \$ 45,000.00	General Street Work	10,000.00
		Interest on present improvement bonds	3445.00
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>		Bridge across Sligo Br, Maple Ave	5000.00
Street Lighting	\$ 5,000.00	Towns share 1926 special improvements	2666.00
Garbage and Rubbish Collections	3,000.00	Interest on additional bonds to cover proposed special street improvements 1926	2000.00
Salaries: Supt. of Public Work	2,000.00	Reserve	3564.00
Clerk and Treasr. including office rent	1,500.00		
Electrical Inspector	300.00	Total	\$ 45,000.00
Building Inspector	300.00		

Mr. Rogers moved that the Budget as above set forth be approved and adopted as the basis of Town expenditures for the current fiscal year and that the Chairman of Committees be directed not to exceed the appropriations estimated for work coming under their jurisdiction except upon authorization of the Mayor and Council. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Council, taking up the report and recommendations of the Street Committee, submitted at the last regular meeting, gave exhaustive consideration thereto, approving the following recommendations: 1. That street improvements be based on careful engineering and economic study of actual conditions and improvements made in accordance with approved highway engineering practice, 2. That existing public streets be given first consideration in making improvements; that new streets be opened and improved when such action can be fully justified as a general public benefit and that the cost shall be on an assessment basis, 3. That the Council prepare a financial program for new improvements which will extend over a period of years and that the mileage improved with substantial pavement each year be proportioned accord-

ing to the Town's income. 4. That unsatisfactory drainage conditions be adjusted as town funds permit and that a definite policy be established regarding surface water which empties from the streets onto private property. 5. That an adequate, efficient and economical patrol system be operated under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works and the direction of the Street Committee; that the same be put into operation on July 1, 1926, and that the cost of the patrol system for 1926-27 shall not exceed the cost now spent for maintaining existing streets. Also that sufficient equipment to perform the work be purchased by the Town. 7. That the administrative control of highway work be based on the "Work-Order" system and that such a system be developed by the Street Committee and the Superintendent of Public Work. 8. That one short section of bituminous cinder pavement and one short section of sand clay surface be constructed on suitable streets in the Town to demonstrate the advantages of these types of surfaces. 10. That requests of property owners to construct sidewalks on the various streets be approved in accord with the prevailing method. Recommendation No. 5, providing for construction of substantial pavements on certain streets, after extended consideration, was amended to include the following streets: New York Ave., from Takoma Ave., to Chicago Ave.; Takoma Ave., from Chestnut Ave. to Baltimore Ave.; Tulip Ave., from Willow Ave., to Cedar Avenue; Montgomery Ave., from Pine Ave. to Hickory Avenue; Allegheny Ave., from First St. to Second St. Flower Ave., from Carroll Ave. to Jackson Ave.

On recommendation of the Street Committee the Council approved the following proposed work on the assessment basis the total cost to be assessed against the abutting property: Cleaning and grading Cedar Ave., from present terminus north to Philadelphia Avenue. Cement sidewalks on both sides of Elm Ave from Ethan Allen Ave., to Prince George Avenue; Lincoln Ave., easterly side about 500 feet south from Carroll Avenue; Hickory Ave., westerly side, from Columbia Ave., to Montgomery Ave. South side Maple Ave., from Grant Avenue to Park Ave. Prince George Ave., easterly side from Elm Ave. to present walk. These proposed public improvements are included in the following proposed Ordinance submitted for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 444

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

Sec. 1. That under authority of Sec. 12 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922 (Chapter 542) and in the interest of the public health, safety and comfort the following public work is contemplated, namely: Concrete roadways, curbs and driveways at an estimated cost of \$12.00 per lineal foot, one-third of which will be assessed against the abutting and benefitted properties as follows: NEW YORK AVENUE: - abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 69, and lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, block 70, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co's Subdivision; TAKOMA AVENUE: - abutting lots 4 and 6, block 11, Gilbert's Subdivision and lots 1, 2 and 3, block 77 and lot 1,

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block 78, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co's. Subdivision. TULIP AVENUE; - abutting lots 12, 13 and 14, block 5, and lots 1, 2 and 3, block 9, Lipscomb and Farnest, Trustees, Subdivision, and lots 13, 36 and 39, block 3, lots 36 and 37, block 4 and lots 1 and 2, block 5, Gilberts Subdivision. MONT-GOMERY AVENUE; - abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 17, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 18, Gilberts Subdivision. ALLEGHENY AVENUE; - abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 16, and lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 15, Pine Crest Subdivision. FLOWER AVENUE; - abutting lots 1, 15, 16 and 17, block A, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block C, Cunningham Subdivision, lots 8 and 10, block 49, Gilberts Subdivision, and lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Chaney's resubdivision of lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 49.

Cement Sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1.60 per lineal foot, the total cost of which will be assessed against the properties noted as follows: ELM AVENUE, abutting lots 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75, block 16; lots 9, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 25; lots 1, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 26, Gilberts Subdivision. LINCOLN AVENUE, abutting lots 1, 18, 24, 25 and 26, block 37, Gilberts Subdivision. PRINCE GEORGE AVENUE, abutting lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 25, Gilberts Subdivision. HICKORY AVENUE, abutting lots 12 and 21, block 18, Gilberts Subdivision. MAPLE AVENUE, south side, from Grant to Park Avenue, abutting unsubdivided property. SHERMAN AVE: abutting Secs. 5 and 7, Carroll Subdivision.

Clearing and Grading Street. Cedar Avenue, abutting lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 11, block 85, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 86, and unsubdivided parcels; at an estimated cost of \$2.00 per lineal foot, the total cost to be assessed against the property enumerated.

The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Monday evening July 19, 1926, at 8 o'clock p.m., will hear all parties interested in the work herein proposed.

Mr. Johnson 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, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

The Clerk was directed to issue the usual legal notices and advertisement in connection with the proposed work.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee submitted the unanimous recommendation of the Committee that the owners of the following properties be directed to connect said properties with existing and available water and sewer mains, namely: Mr. Gant, 301 Ethan Allen Ave; Mr. Evans, No. 8, Prince George Ave; Mr. Williams, No. 10 Prince George Ave; Mr. John Stevens, 249 Ethan Allen Ave; Mr. R. Poque, 247 Ethan Allen Ave.; Mr. J. Maddox, 248 Ethan Allen Ave; Mr. C. E. Palmer, R. W. Buckner, H. S. Brown, Wm. McQueeny, Ethan Allen Ave; Mr. Kilby, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Carey, Prince George Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Salisbury the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

On motion of Mr. Johnson the Street Committee was authorized to obtain grades and cross sections of streets scheduled for paving.

Mr. Adams called attention to the gradual encroachment upon the street through the sand excavations at the cement block factory of Mr. John Forsbaca and moved that Mr. Forsbaca be officially notified of his responsibility for any resulting damage to the public street. The motion was carried.

For the Civic Improvement Committee Mr. Adams moved that Mr. Victor Lehto, owner of the lots at the corner of Allegheny and

Second Streets which have been used as a dump for general refuse, be notified that the present condition of this property constitutes a public nuisance and that the lots must be cleared, cleaned and put in a sanitary condition at once and that further dumping of refuse thereon be prohibited unless immediately covered with earth. The motion was carried.

On suggestion of Mr. Salisbury the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee was requested to investigate and report on the advisability of requiring Town permits or licenses for the transaction of various lines of business within the Town.

On motion of Mr. Finch the Mayor was authorized, whenever in his judgment the public welfare required it, to issue a Proclamation requiring the muzzling of all dogs within the Town.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, reported on certain defective sidewalk on Flower Ave, for which the Committee holds the Contractor responsible and recommending that the Contractor be directed to remedy the defects in accordance with the terms of his contract. The recommendation was approved.

On recommendation of the Treasurer and on motion of Mr. Rogers refundment of a paid assessment for concrete streets to Mr. William J. Delano was authorized, the assessment being erroneous as the pavement does not abut Mr. Delano's property.

There being no further business presented the Council, at 11:55 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, July 19, 1926

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 28, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report			\$ 9507.41	costs, tax sale, P. G. Co.	31.50	210.09
RECEIPTS:				Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00	
From building permits	81.00			Supt. of Public Work	166.66	
electrical "	62.00			Electrical Inspector	25.00	
excavation "	13.00	156.00		Building Inspector	40.75	332.41
Tax sale redemptions		84.48	240.48	Tax redemptions and court fees		213.40
			9747.89	Interest		48.13
DISBURSEMENTS:				Balance on hand		2324.00
Street work: labor	518.50					7423.89
material	182.92			SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		
machinery and tools	58.09			Balance on hand last report	\$ 720.00	
grading Phila. Ave.	100.00	859.51		Deposits during month	40.00	760.00
General expenses: telephone	6.57			Refunds during month		10.00
advertising	49.00			Balance on hand		750.00
postage	21.72			SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
rentals	25.00	102.29		Balance on hand last report	7704.21	
Garbage collections		200.00		Receipts during month	2923.79	10628.00
Street lighting		358.17		Disbursements: certificates purchased		7000.00
Miscellaneous: bridge repairs	178.59			Balance on hand	\$ 3628.00	

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

Mr. John P. Neff was given permission to address the Council out of order to enable him to meet another engagement. He requested the Council, if possible to provide for the paving of the Street leading from Carroll Avenue to the rear of the Robbins-Neff Subdivision. The request was referred to the Street Committee for consideration.

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public notice legally given this evening had been designated for a public hearing to all parties interested in the work proposed in Ordinance No. 444 and that the hearing would proceed in the order in which the streets appeared in the Ordinance. Paving New York Ave., from Talkoma Ave. to Chicago Ave.; No one appeared for or against. Paving Talkoma Ave., from Chestnut Ave. to Baltimore Ave.; opposed by Messrs. Dawkins, Anderson, Miller and McEwan, affected property owners. Paving Tulip

Avenue, from Willow Ave. to Cedar Ave; favored by Mr. Axtell; no one opposing. Montgomery Ave., opposed by letter of the Misses Haas, by Mr. L. M. Mooers and by Mrs. Edith Vayo; favored by Messrs. McCandlish, Cotton^{Brown} and Jenkins and Mrs. Sidell. Allegheny Ave., between First and Second Streets; favored by Mr. Murphy who urged that the pavement, to be effective, should be extended to Elm Ave. Flower Ave., from Carroll Ave., to Jackson Ave., no one opposing. No opposition was expressed to the sidewalks provided in the Ordinance nor to the clearing and grading of Cedar Ave. through to Philadelphia Avenue. In the course of the hearing Messrs Plumley, Porter and Wilde took occasion to urge the paving of Tulip Ave. from Cedar to Holly. No one further desiring to be heard the Mayor declared the hearing closed and the Council resumed its regular order of business.

Miss Parker, of Takoma Ave., urged improvement of that thoroughfare and cleaning up of the parking adjacent to the B. and O. right of way. Mr. Hutton, of Ethan Allen Ave., expressed his regret that his street was not included in the paving program and hoped the street might soon be placed in thorough repair. [revised its present program]

Messrs. Ware, Miller and Harrison, of Hickory Ave., appeared in behalf of the paving of their street, in case the Council altered or A petition from residents of Elm Ave., between Pine and Poplar Aves., for the paving of that section of Elm Ave., was read by the Clerk and referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$398.72 and on his motion payment was authorized and directed.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee submitted a recommendation to increase the pay of the garbage collector ten per cent effective from July 1 and that the Treasurer be authorized to make payments semi-monthly. Mr. Salisbury explained that the Committee deemed this increase justified because of the considerable increase in houses and increased building on outlying streets.

Mr. Finch moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson, for the Street Committee, submitted reports as follows: On the several communications of Mr. Fitzpatrick regarding the status of Park Ave. west of Maple the Committee reported that as yet there has been no definite determination of streets through the Hodges land; it is important that this be done and the Committee recommended that the Mayor be authorized to call a conference of the in-

interested parties for the purpose of definitely determining the location of streets in the Hodges property. The committee's recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

On the petition of the residents of Valley View Ave., that this street be taken over and maintained by the Town the Committee reported that it will recommend acceptance of the street upon presentation to the Town of a deed or deeds covering the full width of a 36-foot street, together with a map setting forth the exact area included in the dedications. The report was approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

On the petition of the owners of the "Wildwood Section" for sidewalk construction on Flower, Sliquo, Circle and Heather Aves., the Committee reported in substance that this request called for an expenditure of about \$2500 of Town funds in an undeveloped section, the advisability of which the Committee questions because of the precedent it would establish. It is thought proper however to construct the walk required to accommodate such development as has been made and the Committee recommends the construction of a 4-ft walk on the south side of Sliquo Ave., abutting lots 4 and 5 and part of lot 3, a distance of about 175 feet, to be included in this year's work; also a 4-foot walk on the north side of Flower Ave., a distance of about 125 feet from the present walk, to be constructed when the necessary fill is satisfactorily made and compacted. The recommendations were approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

The Committee reported on street activities for the past month which were concentrated on much needed repairs to the concrete streets and which have now been completed. Earth and cinder streets are badly in need of scraping and smoothing and this will be started with the new power grader which is being tried out. The patrol system of street repairs will soon be put in operation and it is proposed to include monthly collections of trash and ashes. The success of the patrol system is largely dependent upon cooperation which is urgently desired on the part of the public.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, recommended waiver of the building regulations in location of garages by Mr. H. J. Killen on Erie Ave, and Mr. Ambrosi on Sherman Ave. The recommendations were approved on motion of Mr. Johnson.

The Committee has been interviewed by parties interested in a municipal swimming pool in Spring Park who have been requested to submit plans and estimates of cost with suggestions as to financing. The Committee thinks a swimming pool would be very desirable.

The Committee is interested in the beautifying of the school grounds and is seeking enlightenment as to what remains to be done to

the Embankment along Philadelphia Avenue. If the work is supposed to be completed, the Committee suggests protection of the embankment so that it will not be a source of danger to the school children nor be undermined with the dirt washing over the sidewalks.

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights recommended that street lights be installed as follows: Philadelphia and Chicago Aves, on pole No. 74632; on pole No. 74922, Prince George Ave.; on pole No. 74855, Erie Ave.; at the corner of New York and Chicago Ave, provided the Electric Light Co. will install the necessary pole without expense. The Committee also recommended that the street light on pole 72476, Park Ave, be transferred to pole No. 7925 to equalize the distance between lights.

On motion of Mr. Finch the recommendations of the Committee were approved.

Mr. Crittenden, for the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee reported that consideration is being given the Council's suggestion relative to town licenses for the conduct of various businesses. The Committee finds the matter involved and needful of study. At this time it is possible to report progress only.

A complaint from Mr. Faber, Takoma Ave, that non-residents were dumping trash and garbage inside the Town in the vicinity of his residence, was referred to the Health Committee for investigation, consideration and report.

On suggestion of Mr. Salisbury the Council agreed to meet on Thursday evening, July 22, at the office of the Clerk to take up for decision the matter of permanent street improvements in the light of this evening's hearings.

[and found correct:

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee submitted the following annual report of the Town Treasurer which the Committee has examined

Balance on hand July 1, 1925			4926.21		DISBURSEMENTS:		
RECEIPTS:					Street work: labor		6147.50
From general taxes		32772.40			material		3970.35
building permits	651.00				machinery and tools		1129.83
electric "	261.00				Miscellaneous		1550.10
excavation "	143.00				General expenses: telephone service	74.93	
plumbing "	46.50	1101.50			printing and advertising	336.75	
Miscellaneous: Interest on deposits	366.34				postage	85.48	
street repairs reimbursements	193.78				rentals	375.00	872.16
road tax refund Prince George Co	590.99				Parks: Takoma Spring		9.25
" " " Montgomery Co	2025.47	3305.78			Legal expenses		424.00
Tax sales redemptions		823.12	38,002.80		Garbage collections		1950.00
			42,929.01		Street lighting		4238.29

Rubbish collections		280.20		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>			
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	1200.00			Balance July 1, 1925	686.00		
Supt. of Public Work	2000.00			Deposits during year	<u>310.00</u>		
Electrical Inspector	300.00				990.00		
Building Inspector (fees)	40.75	3540.75		Refunds during year	<u>240.00</u>		
Tax redemptions		823.12		Balance on hand	750.00		
Miscellaneous: compiling Ordinances	15.00			<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>			
Premium Treasurers bond	40.00			Balance July 1, 1925		7744.32	
Board of Assessors	150.00			Receipts:			
Tax refunds	421.43			From outstanding accounts	32901.93		
Recording fees	7.50			" general fund	9213.50		
Registration and election	46.00			" certificates of indebtedness	<u>20045.83</u>	62161.26	
Bridge plans	85.00					69905.58	
Utilities building	51.40			Disbursements:			
Bridge repairs	263.60			Concrete street construction	35374.41		
Taxes	13.60			Cement sidewalk "	7878.17		
Costs tax sale	31.50			Interest on certificates	4025.00		
Office supplies and sundries	47.50	1172.73		Purchase of certificates	<u>19000.00</u>	66277.58	
To Special Improvement Fund		9213.50		Balance on hand		3628.00	
Interest		183.34	35505.12				
Balance on hand			7423.89				

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved and ordered printed for distribution to the taxpayers.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:15 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bryant Davis Clerk

Thursday Evening, July 22, 1926

Pursuant to agreement the Council assembled at the office of the Clerk at 7:30 this date to consider the matter of permanent street improvement and such other business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Criffenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee submitted an unanimous report on a request of Mr. Gillespie, Asst. Pastor of the Presbyterian Church for permission to construct and maintain two tennis courts on the Municipal Play Grounds site. The Committee recommended that the desired permission be granted subject to recall at any time by the Mayor and Council, with the understanding that the courts and surrounding grounds are to be kept in an orderly manner and that those in charge will be responsible for the conduct of players and spectators.

After consideration Mr. Adams moved that the desired permission be granted subject to such details as may be agreed upon between Mr. Gillespie and the Civic Improvement Committee, acting for the Mayor and Council. The motion was carried.

The Council then proceeded to consideration of the street paving program. After an extended interchange of views the general consensus of opinion was embraced in a motion of Chairman Johnson of the Street Committee that it appeared most in the interest of economy and public welfare to confine the concrete paving of this immediate season to the contiguous streets of Montgomery and Hickory Aves., Elm Ave. from Pine to Poplar Ave., and Alleghany Ave. from Elm Ave. to Second Street, and that a hearing be provided for to cover those streets above mentioned but not included in the hearing held July 19; said hearing to provide also for Tulip Ave. from Cedar Avenue to Holly Avenue. The motion was unanimously carried and the following Ordinance thereupon presented:

Ordinance No. 445

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

Sec. 1. That under authority of Sec. 12. of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922 (Chapter 542) and in the interest of the public health, safety and comfort, the following public work is contemplated, namely: Concrete roadway, curbs and driveways at an estimated cost of \$12.00 per lineal foot, one-third of which cost will be assessed the abutting property, on Hickory Ave., Elm Ave., Alleghany Ave. and Tulip Avenue abutting the following designated properties: lots 1 and 2, blk 6, and 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21, blk 7; lots 11, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 26, blk 17; lots 12 and 21, blk 18; lots 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 and 37, block 20; lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81 block 16; lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28, block 17, Gilberts Subdivision. Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 18, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 19, Pine Crest Subdivision. Concrete sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1.60 per lineal foot, the total cost of which will be assessed against the abutting property on both sides of Sherman Avenue adjoining Sections 5 and 7 of the General S.S. Canall Subdivision.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council, at a special meeting to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Monday Evening, August 9, 1926, at 8 o'clock P.M., will hear all persons interested in the proposed public work herein designated.

Sept. 5, 1926

Mr. Johnson 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, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Johnson, for the Street Committee, moved that the clearing and grading of Cedar Ave. from its present terminus to Philadelphia Ave., as contemplated in Ordinance No 444, passed and approved June 28, 1926, be approved and ordered and that proposals therefor be advertised. The motion was carried.

Upon his application therefor and on motion of Mr. Johnson, permission was granted Mr. W. D. Voorhis, 100 Westmoreland Ave, to construct, at his own expense, a 4-foot cement sidewalk along the northern boundary line of lot 10, block 15, Pine Crest Subdivision, provided that the work be done under the Town's specifications for cement walks, be subject to inspection by the Superintendent of Public Work, and be laid at the grade designated by the Town.

The Mayor informed the Council that under its authority he had issued and published the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

At this season of the year, when dogs are liable to distemper and rabies, it has been deemed expedient in the past to take all due and proper precautions for the protection of our citizens and residents. A number of complaints recently received of more or less serious attacks by vicious dogs indicates the desirability of renewing this precaution during the midsummer season now at hand. With this intent in mind and in behalf of the public welfare it is hereby

Proclaimed and Ordered that during the period from the date hereof to and including the 30th day of September next, all dogs within the limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, including those confined to the premises of the owners thereof, shall be fitted with good and substantial muzzles securely put on and attached.

The Bailiff and Deputy Bailiffs of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, are hereby authorized to immediately kill any unmuzzled dog or dogs found running at large during the period herein prescribed.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, this 15th day of July, 1926.

*Attest,
BRYAN DAVIS, Town Clerk*

*BEN G. DAVIS
Mayor*

The Mayor informed the Council that he has so far received no definite information from the owners of the two houses on Ethan Allen Ave. as to their intentions with respect to repairing or removing them and suggested that an appropriate Ordinance be passed declaring them as nuisances in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 433, passed and approved March 30, 1926 and as amended by Ordinance No. 438, passed and approved May 17, 1926.

Thereupon the following Ordinance was presented and considered:

Ordinance No. 446.

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 433, passed and approved March 30, 1926, and amended by Ordinance No. 438, passed and approved May 17, 1926, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the frame dwelling located on Ethan Allen Ave. in Block 93, between Jackson and Aspen Avenues, and the frame dwelling located on Ethan Allen Avenue in Block 95, between Aspen Ave. and house numbered 248 Ethan Allen Avenue, which dwellings are located on land assessed to the John W. Beale Estate and Violet B. Heap, are, because of their condition, dangerous to property and a menace to health and life and are hereby declared to constitute a nuisance.

Section 2. The owners of the said dwellings are hereby notified to abate the nuisance herein declared within sixty days from the date of the passage of this Ordinance, either by placing the said dwellings in a thorough state of repair, including the installation of plumbing therein and connection thereof with the public water and sewer mains, or by razing and removing the dwellings herein designated.

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, Grittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk.