

## Ordinance No. 451.

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

Sec. 1. That under authority of Section 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: Grading of Sherman Avenue from Hancock Avenue to Maple Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2.00 per lineal foot, the total or such proportionate amount of such cost as the Council may determine, to be assessed against the following benefitted abutting property: the unsubdivided portions of Sections 6 and 8, of General S.S. Carrolls subdivision lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of F.D.B. Austin's Subdivision of original lots 30 and 31, block 50, B.F. Gilberts Subdivision.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Takoma Park, Md., on Monday Evening October 18, 1926, at 8 o'clock, will hear all persons interested in the proposed work.

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

There being no further business the Council at 9:20 o'clock, P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, October 18, 1926.

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

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

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

Bal. on hand last report	24723.87	machinery and tools	1782.98	2329.89	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		
RECEIPTS:		General Expenses: telephone	5.75		Bal. on hand last report	760.00	
From general taxes	1173.03	Rentals	25.00	30.75	Deposits during month	110.00	870.00
building permits	192.50	Garbage collection		220.00	Refunds " "		20.00
electric "	50.00	Street lighting		367.16	Balance on hand		850.00
excavation "	6.00	Miscellaneous, tax refunds		177.74	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS:		
Tax sale redemption	25.61	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr.	100.00		Balance on hand last report		5662.77
Road tax Prince George Co	686.05	Supt. of Public Work	166.66		Receipts during month		1022.91
	26857.06	Electric Inspector	25.00				6685.68
DISBURSEMENTS:		Building Inspector	94.50	386.16	Disbursements: concrete streets	59.25	
Street work: labor	381.75	Balance on hand		23345.36		96.00	155.25
material	165.16				Balance on hand		6530.43

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with legal notice given this evening had been designated for a public hearing with respect to the grading of Sherman Ave., from Hancock Avenue to Maple Ave., and for the rezoning from Residential A to Commercial A of lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in E.D. B. Aushins Resubdivision of lots 30 and 31, block 50, and called for any desired remarks, first on the grading of Sherman Avenue.

Mr. Joseph Griffith addressed the Council in opposition to the work, which, in his judgment, would be of no benefit to his property but on the contrary would entail additional expense, requiring the construction of a retaining wall.

No one further desiring to be heard the Mayor declared this hearing closed and invited remarks from anyone concerned with respect to the rezoning of the section above noted. No one desiring to be heard the Mayor declared the hearing closed and the matters were referred respectively to the Street Committee and the Civic Improvement Committee for further consideration and report.

Mrs. Amanda C. Tinsley addressed the Council with reference to the possible improvement of Eastern Avenue, which is badly furrowed during heavy rains, as the street receives the overflow from the District side of the street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. W.R. Gregg addressed the Council with respect to a petition being presented asking for the widening of Sycamore Ave. at its intersection with Ethan Allen Ave. He expressed the hope that the intent of the petition might be realized.

Mr. John R. Ridgeway requested that the Council grade Takoma Ave. from the end of the existing gas main to his new residence in order that the Gas Co. would extend the main that far. The Mayor informed Mr. Ridgeway that the roadway of Takoma Ave. in front of his new house is practically at grade and that there is no objection to the Gas Company extending its mains therein; but the Town does not feel justified to going to the expense of making a considerable grade cut in the parking in order that the Gas Company may extend its mains therein. At Mr. Ridgeway's request the Clerk was instructed to inform the Gas Company in substance of the above.

Mr. Joseph Wilson again called the Council's attention to the unsightly and unsanitary condition of the dump near the Takoma Park Graded School and was assured by the Mayor that the matter would have early remedial action.

Mr. R.W. Shenk requested that permission be granted to himself and neighbors to clean up, without expense to the Town the lots owned by the Town at Prince George and Elm Aves., and which are to be eventually converted into a public park. The permission was granted.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick again requested information of the Council as to its intentions with respect to the extension of Park Avenue through the Hodges Tract; he was informed by the Mayor that nothing has been determined definitely to date and that a recent conference of all parties concerned, at which Mr. Fitzpatrick was present, was void of result.

Mr. Joseph Wilson called attention to the recent purchase of a site by the C. and P. Telephone Co. for the Woodside Exchange and his information that all the Maryland communities would be listed therein and cut off from the city except through toll charges. The Civic Improvement Committee was requested to investigate the matter for the Council's information.

A petition from certain residents of Sycamore<sup>Ave</sup> and contiguous streets for widening of Sycamore Ave. at its intersection with Ethan Allen Ave. to avoid traffic accidents was submitted, read and referred for joint consideration of Street and Police, Fire and Lights Committees.

A petition from property owners on Alleghany Ave., between Second Street and Highland Lane, requesting that cement sidewalks be laid therein and waiving all legal requirements, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from property owners on Erie Avenue, requesting the construction of a cement sidewalk abutting their properties and waiving the legal requirements, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from residents of Hodges Lane and vicinity requesting abolition of two unsightly dumps in their vicinity, was read and referred to the Health Committee.

A communication from Mr. C. C. Russell requesting that he be granted permission to erect a double garage on the rear of lot 9, block F, Elm Ave. and to reside therein for a period of not to exceed one year pending the erection of a residence, was read and referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration and report.

A letter from Mr. John J. Reitz, 108 Philadelphia Ave., concerning reckless driving of an army truck on Chicago Ave., in the neighborhood of the Takoma-Silver Spring High School, endangering lives, was read and referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, reported bills examined and approved for payment in the amount of \$180.35 and on his motion payment of the bills was directed.

With reference to the dumping of trash in the ravine adjacent to the public school, Mr. Salisbury, for the Health Committee, stated that the Committee is

aware of the conditions existing and that steps will be taken to have the refuse leveled and covered with earth which will correct the conditions complained of. Efforts will be made further to prevent unauthorized dumping at the place referred to. On motion of Mr. Salisbury the Superintendent of Public Work was instructed to have this dump raked over, the trash burned as far as inflammable and the material covered with earth.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, submitted reports as follows which were disposed of as indicated:

On the request of Mr. W. A. Dowling, Ash and Westmoreland Aves., for a readjustment of his assessment for concrete street assessments, the Committee reported that measurement of Mr. Dowling's lot checked with the number of feet assessed and there appears no reason for a readjustment. Report approved.

On the complaint of Mr. S. D. Grove, 9 Sycamore Ave., relative to condition of Columbia Ave., between Sycamore and Poplar Aves., the Committee reported that the section complained of is on a steep grade and washes badly after each rain making it dangerous for traffic. Committee recommends such action as may be necessary to relieve the dangerous condition. Recommendation approved by the Council.

On the communication of Mr. R. Dean Shure concerning the unsatisfactory condition of Pine Ave., the Committee reported careful examination of the conditions complained of. The loosening of the curb corners at driveways is doubtless due to lack of proper bond between old and new concrete, the driveways having been put in after the street was completed. The longitudinal cracks in the pavement might be due to one or several causes and are liable to occur in all concrete work over 16 feet in width unless planes of weakness or expansion joints are provided when the pavement is constructed. The cracks in this pavement are typical of those which develop in concrete pavements of similar design and construction; they are no cause for needless worry and have been satisfactorily repaired. Report adopted and copy ordered sent to Mr. Shure.

On request of residents of Woodland Ave. and Hodges Lane for cinder surfacing of these streets the Committee reports that there are 12 miles of unimproved streets similar to these two and that a majority of them have been surfaced with loose cinders; they are maintained in good condition nine months of the year but go to pieces in winter conditions of this section, not from lack of effort but because of the plastic clay soil; cindered streets in winter do not stand up any better than those not cindered and the cinders are ground up in the mud and become a complete loss. Cinders afford only temporary relief at the best and do not justify expenditure of the public funds; even if they were satisfactory and economical the Town could not comply with the numerous requests for cinders without an extra appropriation of about \$20000.00. Efforts will be made to maintain the unimproved streets during the winter in a satisfactory condition. In the opinion of the Committee only the construction of substantial pavements will produce satisfactory and econom-

ical results and it is recommended that the Mayor and Council consider the possibilities of an extensive program of street paving. Report was approved.

On the request of Mr. C. M. Jenkins to repair the sidewalk in front of his property on Montgomery Ave. the Committee reported that many short sections of walks are in need of repair or reconstruction; many walks appear to have been broken by heavy loads driven upon or across them. Public safety requires that sidewalks be kept in first class repair at all times and it is believed the Town's interests will be best served by the establishment of a definite policy for sidewalk maintenance. The Committee recommends that the Council consider such a policy. The report was approved.

On the petition of residents of Eastern Ave. between Ash Ave. and Second Street for repair of street and sidewalk the Committee reported that an inspection of the Street shows holes and ruts filled and the dangerous condition eliminated. Report approved.

On the offer of Mr. A. E. Bryan to dedicate from his property approaches to Sliquo Ave. from the Blue Stone Road the Committee recommends acceptance of the offer and a vote of thanks to Mr. Bryan for his public spirit. The report and recommendation were approved.

Referring to the petition of residents of Erie Ave. for surfacing of that street the Committee reports that only a substantial pavement will justify the expenditure of funds beyond that for ordinary maintenance; Committee recommends that the petition be placed on the list for future paving which recommendation was approved.

Mr. Adams from the Committee on Civic Improvement reported that the Committee together with the Special Committee consisting of the following citizens, Mrs. C. D. Blachly, A. E. Bryan, J. W. Goffman, ~~16~~ Bond Smith and the School Trustees, Mr. W. A. Kroll, Mrs. L. M. Mooers and W. G. Platt, had met to consider school needs; that investigation shows the yearly increase in school attendance to the close of the June, 1926, session to have been 58 and that the increase from June to October had been 130; that the capacity of the present building has already been reached and that an 8-room school unit is necessary for immediate future needs. The Committee recommends that the Mayor and Council present these needs to the proper authorities in order that the necessary legislation may be secured from the next General Assembly. The recommendation was approved.

For the Civic Improvement Committee Mr. Adams reported that the application of Emily A. George, 77 Flower Ave., for a waiver of the 5-foot limit in the erection of a garage had been investigated and considered. As the lot is wide and deep no necessity appears for the waiver and the Committee reports adversely. The Committee's action was approved.

The Committee calls attention to extension of concrete steps at new residence on Spruce Ave., beyond the sidewalk line and recommends

that builder be notified to remove any portion of these steps extending on public property. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, reporting on the request of Mr. R. D. Lillie for a modification of parking regulations on Carroll Ave, west of Laurel Ave. recommended that two hours parking be permitted in the limits referred to. After extended discussion the Council approved the following motion by Mr. Finch: That until further notice the existing regulations for automobile parking on Carroll Avenue between Laurel Ave. and the District Line, be suspended and that unlimited parking be permitted on the south side and two hour parking on the north side, provided that no parking be permitted in this area within 25 feet of Laurel Ave. Upon further recommendation of the Committee the Superintendent of Public Work was directed to erect "Stop" signs on Carroll Ave. approaching the intersection of Laurel Ave. from both directions.

On motion of Mr. Johnson the petition for cement sidewalks on Erie Ave. was granted, to be included in this years cement walk contract.

Mr. Rogers presented to the Council communications from The General Conference Corporation, S. D. A. and the Washington Missionary College in which authority is granted the Council to proceed to the erection of the proposed concrete bridge across Sligo Creek on the line of Maple Ave., extended, the two corporations agreeing to sign the necessary deeds to rights of way as soon as presented to them.

An application from the Hendrick Motor Co. to construct garages on their property adjacent to Elm Ave. was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration and recommendation.

The Mayor advised the Council of the many existing inequalities in assessment of property in the Town and suggested as probably the best method of correction and equalization a new reassessment. If this is found to be advisable a Board of Assessors should be immediately appointed in order that the considerable work involved can be completed during the winter. After discussion and on motion of Mr. Adams, Messrs. John D. Miller, Fred L. Harries and Bernard R. Holmes were appointed a Board of Assessors to make a new assessment, for the purposes of municipal taxation, upon such general basis of value as the Council may direct.

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

Approved:

Ben D. Davis

Mayor.

Raymond Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, November 15, 1926.

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

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

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

Bal. on hand last report		23345.36	Interest account	1375.00		<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
RECEIPTS:			Garbage collection	220.00		Balance last report	6530.43
General taxes	1918.47		Rubbish collection	58.00		Receipts for month	1363.14
Building permits	42.00		Street lighting	367.16			7892.57
Electric permits	24.00		Salaries: Clerk and Treas.	100.00		Disbursements: Cement walks	1614.00
Excavation permits	10.00	76.00	Supt. Public Work	166.67		Cedar Ave. grading	350.00
Miscellaneous	15.78	2010.25	Electrical Inspector	25.00	291.67	Sherman " "	710.25
		25355.61	Tax redemption	23.05		Transfd. to sinking fund	5000.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			Miscellaneous	30.00	2991.99	Bal. on hand	7674.25
Street work: labor	405.00				22363.62		219.32
material	51.78					<u>SINKING FUND:</u>	
machinery and tools	128.57	585.35				Balance on hand	1432.31
General Expenses: telephone	5.90		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>			Transd from Special Imp. Fund	5000.00
postage	10.86		Balance last report		850.00	Balance on hand	6432.31
rentals	25.00	41.76	Refunds during month		20.00		
			Balance on hand		830.00		

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

The Clerk presented the following communications and petitions which were read and disposed of as noted:

From Mr. C.W. Slade, in reference to the Council's instructions to connect his house on Davis Ave, with the public sewer. Mr. Slade stated that no complaint had ever been made to him relative to overflowing of the septic tank and submitted with his letter a numerously signed communication from neighbors that conditions at Mr. Slade's residence did not constitute a nuisance. Mr. Slade stated further that this property is now vacant and that before it is again occupied the sewer connections will be made; this he hopes, may be satisfactory to the Council. Communication referred to the Health Committee.

A letter from from Mr. Morris Bien relative to the unsatisfactory garbage collection service; to the Health Committee.

A petition from residents of the section of Elm and Carroll Aves, protesting against any permission for enlargement or extension of the automobile establishment located near that corner. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A communication from Mr. Arthur Colburn, 41 Carroll Ave., asking removal of a "wooden shed" erected by Mr. Franklin contrary to the Fire and Building Regulations of the Town. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A letter from Mr. L.V. Lampson, 6 Crescent Place, condemning the concrete steps leading to the Takoma Public School and urging their removal as a menace to the lives and limbs of the children. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A letter from Mrs. Florence Stanley relative to a street entrance to her property. To the Street Committee.

A letter from Mr. F. D. B. Austin requesting permission to construct, at his expense and under the Town specifications and supervision, cement sidewalks on both sides of Sherman Avenue from the south line of Maple Ave., to the northerly outline of the Carroll Subdivision. To the Street Committee.

Mrs. W. A. Patton called the Councils attention to the condition of the vacant lots on Tulip Ave, opposite her residence and to the occupancy by negroes of a house void of sanitary conditions on the rear of a Carroll Ave. lot. To the Health Committee.

Colonel R. S. Porter asked the Council if there is not some regulation to prevent the almost daily display of laundry covering the front and sides of the lot at Eastern and Cedar Aves. This property appears to be used at present and for some time past as a home for infants and small children and the laundry so conspicuously displayed is that associated with an institution of this character. It does not present a very flattering entrance to an otherwise very attractive Takoma Park, Md. street from the District of Columbia. To the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills amounting to \$460.36 which had been examined by the Committee and approved for payment; and on his motion payment of the bills was directed.

Mr. Rogers also submitted for record a deed from Jesse J. and Edna J. Yorker to certain land for the straightening of Allegheny Ave. Referred to the Town Clerk for sending for record and filing with the Town archives.

Mr. Salisbury, for the Health Committee, stated that action could be taken at once on the letter presented this evening by Mr. C. W. Slade relative to connecting his property on Davis Ave. with the public sewers. This situation has been thoroughly considered <sup>by</sup> the Health Committee. As the property is now vacant no nuisance exists during such vacancy but the sewer connection should be made before the property is again occupied. Mr. Salisbury moved that the Clerk inform Mr. Slade to this effect. The motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee reported the completion of the grading of Sherman Ave. from Hancock to Maple at a cost of \$710.25.



The Committee recommended that \$300.00 of this expense be borne by the Town and that the balance be assessed against the benefited abutting property, under the 5-year payment plan as provided in the Charter, and that an appropriate Ordinance be prepared. The motion was carried.

The Committee presented to the Council a communication from Thompson's Dairy complaining of the bad condition of Maple Ave, west from Flower Ave, with report that the weekly street inspection shows the portion of the street referred to as in satisfactory condition.

Returning the letter of Mr. Karl M. Faust, 302 Spring St., relative to existing conditions on Cockerille Avenue, the Committee recommended that if desired by the abutting property owners, the portion of Cockerille Ave. for the length of Mr. Faust's property be opened and graded at their expense or that Mr. Faust be permitted to construct drainage ditches under the supervision of the Town. The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended approval of the application of certain property owners on Maple Ave. for the completion of the sidewalk thereon to Philadelphia Ave, the work to be done under this year's schedule, said property owners having waived legal requirements. Recommendation approved.

Returning the petition of certain residents on Allegheny Ave. between Second St. and Highland Ave, for cement sidewalks, the Street Committee recommended that this street be included in hearings for next cement walk construction; as all property owners are not signers of the petition a public hearing will be required which would prevent construction during the present season. The recommendation was approved.

Of matters referred to the Civic Improvement Committee, Mr. Adams, Chairman thereof, reported as follows: Recommending approval of the application of Mr. C. A. Russell to construct a double garage on rear of lot 9, Block F, Gilbert and Woods Subdivision and to occupy same for a period not extending beyond Oct. 7, 1927, pending construction of a residence on the front of the lot, said garage to be erected in accordance with the Building Regulations and to be connected with the public sewers.

The Committee recommended granting of permit to E. W. Spink, to erect building of one store and two apartments on lot 12, block 3, H. H. Votaw's Subdivision, the N.W. corner of Carroll and Lee Avenues, building to be 15 feet back from Carroll Ave, 7 feet from Lee Ave, and the brick to be used to be approved by the Civic Improvement Committee.

The Committee disapproved the application of the Hendrick Motor Co. to erect 4 concrete block, reinforced roof garages on lot 37, block A, on Elm Ave, the location being in Residential A. zone; nor is this in the interest of public safety as pedestrian traffic on the walk and vehicle traffic on the street would cause a dangerous situation from cars entering or leaving the proposed garages.

The Committee reports contact with various Town Civic Organizations on completion and equipment of playground. Plans and surveys are being made and estimates of cost secured; a public meeting is being arranged to arouse interest and to discuss methods of financing.

The Chairman of the Committee reported a recent interview with Mr. C. T. Claquett, General Manager of the C. and P. Telephone Co., relative to the rumor that Takoma Park, Md., telephones would be grouped on the new Woodside Exchange under a toll charge basis. Mr. Claquett gave assurance that the Company was contemplating no general change in the listing of Takoma Park, Md. telephone subscribers.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report of the Committee was approved and its several recommendations adopted.

Mr. Finch from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights reported, with respect to the petitions of residents of Ethan Allen and Sycamore Aves., that after investigation, the Committee is of opinion that the traffic dangers complained of can be remedied by relocation of the no-parking signs to prevent parking at the street intersection and recommended that this be done. The recommendation of the Committee was approved and the Superintendent of Public Work was directed to make the changes of signs in accordance with the Committee's report.

With respect to the reported speeding on Chicago Ave. in the vicinity of the High School, the Committee recommended that School signs be erected on Chicago Ave. in both directions from the school. The report was approved.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, stated that upon investigation the Committee has determined that penalties are already provided for any failure to observe "Stop" signs and that no further action appears necessary.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee recommended approval of the plat submitted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, setting forth certain dedications for the widening of portions of Greenwood Ave., and submitted the following Ordinance:

*Ordinance No. 452*

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

*Section 1. That the plat submitted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, showing certain dedications of land for the widening of Greenwood Avenue, be, and the same is hereby approved.*

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. Rogers moved that the Sanitary Commission be informed, in returning the plat, that in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, it should bear an ex-

planatory note to the effect that the donations platted did not provide for widening the entire length of the street. The motion was carried.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, in view of the fact that no opposition was expressed at the public hearing with respect to rezoning of certain lots on Maple Ave. in F.D.B. Austins Subdivision, submitted the following Ordinance:

*Ordinance No. 453.*

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

*Section 1. That after full and complete public hearing as provided by law and after due consideration, it is hereby ordered that lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, of F.D.B. Austins resubdivision of original lots 30 and 31, block 50, of B.F. Gilberts Subdivision, be and are hereby re-zoned from Class Residential A to Class Commercial A.*

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

In line with the recommendation of the Street Committee the following Ordinance was presented and considered:

*Ordinance No. 454.*

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

*Section 1. That under authority of Section 12 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922, (Chapter 542) the Mayor and Council, after advertisement and public hearing, as provided by law, are of opinion that the public comfort and convenience require the execution of the public work set forth in Ordinance No. 451, passed and approved September 20, 1926.*

*Section 2. The total cost of the special work herein provided, less the sum of \$300.00, which shall be appropriated from the revenues of the Town, shall be assessed against the abutting property enumerated in said Ordinance No. 451, which is hereby declared specially benefited thereby.*

*Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein approved shall be payable within 90 days from the date of approval of the assessment therefor by the Mayor and Council; provided, that, if so desired, said assessments may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within 90 days from the date of approval thereof; the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.*

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 Council discussed at some length the unsatisfactory garbage collection service; upon suggestion of the Mayor the matter was referred to the Health Committee to report its conclusions at a special meeting to be held Monday evening, Nov. 22 at the Clerks Office.

Mr. Johnson, presented to the Council the request of Mr. F.D.B. Austin to construct cement sidewalks on both sides of Sherman Avenue between Maple and Hancock Aves., at his own expense and under Town specifications and supervision, and moved that the desired permission be granted.

The motion was carried. With respect to the request of Mr. Stanley for opening a street into his property Mr. Johnson suggested that Mr. Stanley be advised that nothing can be done in this connection until the line between his property and that of Mr. Hodges is definitely settled.

The Council discussed at some length the basis to be used in the new general assessment of Town property now under way. At the conclusion thereof Mr. Salisbury moved that the Board of Assessors be advised to adhere practically to the basis followed for some years past, namely two-thirds of a fair market value on land and one-third of a fair market value on improvements. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:35 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bruce Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, November 22, 1926.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, convening at the Office of the Town Clerk at 8 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Health Committee on the matter of garbage collection and for transaction of such other business as may be presented. There were present the

Mr. Salisbury, for the Health Committee, called attention to the unsatisfactory garbage collection service and the necessity of something being done promptly to correct it. The Committee has consulted with the U.S. Public Health Service with respect to disposal of garbage and are advised that burial or covering of the garbage with earth is the most satisfactory method in small towns and communities. The Committee, through Mr. Salisbury, thereupon submitted the following recommendations: That the Town assume the collection of garbage to be effective as promptly as the necessary arrangements can be made; that a suitable truck be purchased from appropriate town funds; that the necessary increase of the Town working force be authorized; that the garbage collection service be under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent of Public Work who shall arrange the details thereof; that a collection of ashes be instituted at the same time, the ashes to be used as far as required, in covering the garbage; that ashes be removed from properties desiring it provided the resident procure a standard ash can of proper capacity. After a lengthy informal discussion of the Committee's recommendations they were adopted on motion of Mr. Salisbury.

\* Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Finch, Johnson and Salisbury.

With respect to the complaint against the property in the rear of lot facing on Tulip Ave., Mr. Salisbury moved that the occupant or owner thereof be directed to connect the property with the public water and sewer system. The motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, informed the Council that in grading for the sidewalk on Lincoln Ave. it was found that the cement block wall along the property of Mr. H. G. Sikorra extends a distance of 6 inches on the street line. He therefore moved that Mr. Sikorra be directed to remove the wall at once in order that the sidewalk construction be not delayed. The motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson reported that his Committee had inspected Domer Ave. in response to the complaint of several residents thereon and that the Committee will endeavor to improve the conditions as far as practicable within available funds.

The Clerk and Treasurer submitted an assessment, based upon the Council's action and instructions, for the grading of Sherman Ave. The assessment called for 40 cents per linear foot of abutting property the Town assuming \$302.17 of the total cost. The following Ordinance was thereupon presented and considered:

*Ordinance No. 455.*

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

*Sec. 1. That the special assessment submitted by the Clerk and Treasurer for the grading of Sherman Ave. from Hancock Avenue to Maple Ave., at a rate of 40 cents per linear foot be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.*

*Sec. 2. The special assessments hereby approved shall be due and payable as provided in Ordinance No. 454, Section 3, passed and approved November 15, 1926.*

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

After an extended informal discussion of Town affairs and exchange of opinion with respect thereto the Council thereupon, at 10:00 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

*Bryan Davis* Mayor

*Bryan Davis* Clerk

Monday Evening, December 20, 1926

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Councilmen Finch was unable to be present, the Christmas business at the Postoffice requiring his presence there.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of November 22, 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:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>			Garbage collection	110.00	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>		
Bal. on hand last report	22363.62		Street lighting	367.16	Balance, last report		219.32
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			Rubbish collection	61.20	Receipts for month	1140.86	
From general taxes	1126.94		Miscellaneous	3.50	Transfd from Genl. Fund	11000.00	12140.86
building permits	39.00		Salaries: CLK and Treasr.	100.00			12360.18
electric "	17.00		Supt. Public Work	166.67	Disbursed: concrete streets	10151.20	
excavation "	4.00	60.00	Electrical Inspector	25.00	cement walks	1762.00	
		23550.56	Building "	23.25	St. grading	350.00	12263.20
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			Transfd to Special Impvt Fd	11000.00	Bal. on hand		96.98
Street Work: labor	279.45		Bal. on hand				
material	230.35		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>			<u>SINKING FUND:</u>	
machinery and tools	207.26	717.06	Balance, last report		830.00	Balance on hand	6432.41
Genl. Expenses: telephone	6.23		Deposits during month		20.00		
ptg. and advertising	19.25		Refunds " "		50.00		
rentals	25.00	50.48	Bal. on hand		800.00		

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications as follows: From Mr. J. A. Griffith, 102 Sherman Ave., objecting to the assessment against his property for the grading of Sherman Ave. and presenting certain legal phases which, he contended, invalidated the assessment. Referred to the Street Committee and the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee for their joint consideration and report.

A petition from Mrs. Margaret H. Ray and others requesting the rezoning of both sides of Maple Avenue, from Grant Avenue to Sherman Avenue from Residential to Commercial "A." Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A petition from the property owners on the south side of Kennebec Ave, from Flower Avenue to Sliquo Avenue, requesting the construction of a cement sidewalk and waiving the legal requirements. To the Street Committee.

A communication from Dr. L. E. Elliott, tendering his resignation as Health Officer because of removal from the city. To the Health Committee.

Mr. Ray Ferner addressed the Council, at the instance of the Takoma Park Citizens Association, calling attention to the bad condition of Eastern Avenue where the Maryland portion of the street coincides with the District portion, the grades of the two portions being different, with serious results to the Maryland side in particular which is lower. Mr. Ferner urged prompt efforts to correct existing conditions. Referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report. Mr. Ferner also commented on dangerous traffic conditions at the corner of Carroll and Elm Aves, and suggested that a stop sign might be of advantage in lessening the danger. The Street matter was referred to the Street Committee and the traffic matter to the Police, Fire and Light Committee.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. McDaniel related the damage done to Eastern Ave. by the Mullin Co. and its trucks and urged the Council to do something to restore the street to a passable condition. Referred to the Street Committee.

A number of citizens residing on Sherman Avenue, appeared before the Council in protest against the impassable conditions of that Avenue due to the operations of the Suburban Sanitary Commission in laying water and sewer mains and the house connections thereto. The matter was considered at some length and referred to the Street Committee for such relief as may be possible, the gentlemen being assured by the Mayor of the Council's earnest desire to correct as far as possible the conditions complained of.

Mr. W. D. Lambert, Park Ave., requested that the C. and P. Telephone Company be directed to restore to the original condition the parkings through which it has just installed underground conduits. Mr. Lambert was informed by the Mayor that this was the understanding with the Company and that the condition would be enforced.

Several gentlemen present called attention to minor matters of street repairs which were noted by the Street Committee for attention.

Mr. John W. Coffman called attention to the condition of Carroll Ave. and was informed that this street is scheduled for early repair.

Mr. Rogers from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$101.79, and on his motion the bills were approved and payment directed.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, moved that the resignation of Dr. Elliott as Health Officer, occasioned by his removal from the city, be accepted and that the Mayor's temporary appointment of Dr. Daniel H. Kress as Health Officer ad interim be confirmed and the appointment made permanent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Salisbury also moved that all houses on Sherman Ave., not connected with the public water and sewer mains, be ordered connected therewith within thirty days. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, submitted a brief summary of correspondence with the C. and P. Telephone Co., with respect to permission granted said Company to lay underground conduits in certain streets of the Town. These conduits are for the purpose of extending telephone cables to the new Woodside Exchange from which Takoma Park citizens will be served; it is understood that Takoma Park subscribers will continue to be served at District of Columbia rates. The report was filed for future reference.

In the absence of Mr. Finch, Mr. Crittenden, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, reported that after investigation the Committee is of the opinion that 2 lights should be located between Maple and Holly Avenues, on Philadelphia Ave., and that one of them should be near Cedar Avenue and the other directly opposite the main stairway leading to the graded school. He therefore moved that lights be authorized as recommended. The motion was carried.

The Mayor called attention to the early expiration of the five-year contract with the Potomac Electric Power Co., for street lighting and stated that at an early date, in conjunction with the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, he would take up the matter of a new contract with the Potomac Company.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Civic Improvement, stated the matter of continuing street car service on Carroll Ave. was of vital importance to the community and should be given early and careful consideration. On motion of Mr. Johnson the Committee on Civic Improvement was requested to confer with a representative of each of the Civic organizations of the Town, constituting a special committee, with respect to street railway conditions, existing and prospective, and to report its progress or conclusions to the Mayor and Council.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:25 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor

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Clerk.