

The following persons were voted for as members of the Town Council and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names: John R. Adams, 329; J. Milton Derrick, 294; Robert E. Pogue, 181; H. Edson Rogers, 392; Elon G. Salisbury, 331; Louis C. Vogt, 171.

The total number of votes cast was 684. 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 Members of the Town Council for a term of two years beginning June 1, 1927: John R. Adams, H. Edson Rogers and Elon G. Salisbury.

Certificates of Election, in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith inclosed for delivery to the Councilmen elect.

ATTEST:

HELEN B. DAVIS, Clerk

JAMES H. ELLSWORTH, Chairman.

MRS. BERTHA B. FOULK

HENRY W. SCHERGER Judges of Election

Mr. Johnson moved that the Report of the Judges of Election be received and approved and that the successful candidates therein certified be declared duly elected Councilmen for a term of two years from the first Monday in June, 1927. The motion was carried.

Mr. Adams moved that the necessary appropriation be authorized to compensate the Judges and Clerk of Election and the Registration Officers at the rate of \$5.00 per day each. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Approved.

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Wednesday Evening, May 3, 1927.

The Council met in special session at the Clerks Office, this date, convening at 8:00 o'clock, to further consider objections presented to assessments as rendered by the Board of Assessors. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Johnson, Finch, Rogers and Salisbury.

After thorough consideration of each case as presented the Council took action as follows: A. B. Edelin, house assessment reduced to \$2250; I. A. Haxton, referred back to Board of Assessors for investigation. R. J. Ratterree, to Board of Assessors for investigation; John M. Kenneclly, Margaret H. Ray, James F. Fahey, E. Southard Parker, appeals denied; H. J. Detwiler, to Board of Assessors for investigation; A. W. Van Deranter, appeal denied.

All objections having been considered the Council, at 9:45 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bruce Davis

clerk

Monday, May 16, 1927

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The Council met at 8 o'clock P.M. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Saulsbury, Councilman Crittenden being out

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of April 18, April 23, April 28, May 2, and May 3 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, last report		14606.31	postage	10.86			Refunds during month	810.00
RECEIPTS:			Rentals	25.00	194.11		Balance on hand	10.00
From general taxes	1582.45		Garbage collection	150.00			SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	800.00
" building permits	41.00		Street lighting	319.97			Balance, last report	7372.01
" electric permits	24.00		Rubbish collection	137.80			Receipts for month	3520.93
" excavation permits	13.00	78.00	Miscellaneous	98.75				10892.94
Miscellaneous	50.00		Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	100.00			Disbursements: Grading Cedar Ave	200.00
Tax redemptions	73.31	1783.76	Supt. Public work	166.67			Transferred to sinking fund	6000.00
		16390.07	Electrical Inspector	25.00			Balance on hand	4692.94
DISBURSEMENTS:			Building Inspector	23.00	314.67		SINKING FUND:	
Street work: labor	279.40		Tax redemptions	66.21	1837.35		Balance, last report	5561.05
Material	154.28				14552.72		From special improvement fund	6000.00
Machinery and tools	122.16	555.84					Balance on hand	11561.05
Genl. Expenses: telephone	5.75		SPECIAL DEPOSITS:					
Printing and advertising	152.50		Balance last report		780.00			
			Deposits during month		30.00			

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

[Street Committee

Mr. R. M. Shenk addressed the Council with reference to overflow of water from the street onto his property and requesting remedial action. Referred to the

Communications and petitions were laid before the Council and acted upon, as follows:

Letter from Mr. Guy Clinton opposing establishment of a swimming pool at Spring Park. To the Civic Improvement Committee.

Petition of 16 residents complaining against the number of dogs kept on the premises of Mr. Ward Burdine, 9 Ash Ave, which dogs, by howling and barking, disturb the neighborhoods rest and sleep. Referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Petition of residents of Hancock Avenue, between Grant and Sherman Ave., asking that street be brought to grade, surfaced with cinders or gravel, and a stone gutter be laid. Referred to the Street Committee.

Communications from Messrs B. B. Jenkins and Emil A. Kreutzer and from Colonel R. S. Porter relative to the width of the proposed concrete street on Tulip Avenue between Cedar and Holly Avenues. Referred to the Street Committee. Similar letter from R. E. Doleman and George Dolfe to the Street Committee.

Thursday Evening, April 28, 1927

In accordance with the requirements of the Charter the Council was in special session this date, from 8:00 to 10:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering any appeals from the action of the Registration Officers. As no appeals were submitted during the session between the hours referred to, no consideration or action was required.

During its session the Council gave consideration to assessment appeals and decided thereon, as follows: Hazel Dreibelbeiss, Rose D. and Elizabeth Haas, Washington Loan and Trust Co., Robert J. Spier, Roy C. Harbin, H. Loveday, John B. Switzer, Mrs. Virginia Lake, S. Cottrell, C.W. Slade, F.S. Baldeh, John P. Neff, May Lewis, B.B. Jenkins, Victor F. Phillips, Guy Clinton and Joseph Griffith - appeals not granted. Home Company, assessment on houses reduced to \$2000 each; lot 6 to be reduced according to frontage. Ward Burdine, house reduced to \$2000. James M. R. Adams, lot reduced \$100. Following appeals were referred back to the Board of Assessors for investigation: Morris F. Wyatt, Kenneth A. Carter, John R. Adams, H. B. Hendricks.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bryant Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, May 2, 1927.

The Council met in special session, convening at 8:15 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. James H. Ellsworth, Chairman of the Board of Election Judges presented the following report:

The Mayor and Council, Takoma Park, Maryland.	Takoma Park Md., May 2, 1927.
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 James H. Ellsworth as Chairman and Mrs. Helen B. Davis 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.	

A communication from Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Scott relative to the drainage conditions on their property at 225 Willow Ave. was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from certain property owners on Sherman Ave., requesting that in paving their street a 20-foot radius be provided for at the intersection of Sherman and Maple Avenues. Accompanying the petition was a communication from Mr. and Mrs. F. D. B. Austin signifying their willingness to dedicate the necessary land for this purpose. Referred to the Street Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from the State Board of Health for the Town to be represented at a meeting of State Health Associations in Baltimore on the 27th and 28th of May, and recommended its acceptance. On motion of Mr. Salisbury the invitation was accepted and on motion of Mr. Adams the Health Officer, Dr. D. H. Kress and the Chairman of the Health Committee, Mr. Salisbury were designated to attend the meetings as representatives of the Town of Takoma Park.

[bills was directed.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$307.19 and on his motion payment of the

Mr. Salisbury from the Health Committee, referred to renewed complaints against an unsanitary outhouse on the property at corner of Hancock and Sherman Avenues which nuisance had been ordered abated some months ago and connection made with the public sewer. No attention having been paid to the Council's orders Mr. Salisbury moved that the Mayor be requested to take immediate legal steps to have such order complied with. The motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, stated that the contractor for street paving had begun his work and had already completed the grading of Prince George and Ethan Allen Avenues and would begin laying the pavement within the present week.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, recommended fixing of the tax rate at \$1.10 per \$100 and presented the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 463

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

Section 1. That a general tax at the rate of One Dollar and Ten Cents (\$1.10) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100 ⁰⁰) of assessed valuation as shown by the general assessment submitted by the Board of Assessors, with such adjustments therein as may be approved by the Mayor and Council, be and the same is hereby levied and approved, for the purpose of meeting any and all general or special expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927.

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

The Council discussed informally the problem of stray dogs, relative to which many complaints have been received. It was suggested that the Mayor take up the question for conference with the county authorities who may be able to suggest some solution through the dog-taxing powers

of the County. This the Mayor announced his willingness to do and that results would be communicated to the Council.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:00 p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Thursday Evening, May 19, 1927.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering appeals on property assessments and such other business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Finch, Johnson and Rogers.

Mr. Bernard Holmes, of the Board of Assessors, appeared before the Council and stated that the Board had carefully reviewed those appeals which the Council had referred to it for further consideration and returned the same with the following recommendations: Kenneth A. Carter, reduce house valuation to \$1700.00; Francis P. Haxton, reduce house valuation to \$1600; R. E. Ratterree, reduce house valuation to \$1500; H. J. Detwiler, reduce valuation of small house to \$300 and of house in front to \$1500; A. W. Vandevanter, reduce house valuation to \$1700. In the appeals of Mrs. Martin, lot 6, block 24; J. R. Adams, 209 Spruce Ave.; M. F. Wyatt, 504 Tulip Ave.; Margaret Ray Hodges; the Board recommended that the appeals be denied, these assessments being considered as equitably assessed with like property throughout the Town. After consideration Mr. Rogers moved that the recommendations of the Board of Assessors be approved and adopted as the action of the Council. The motion was carried.

All appeals having thus been disposed of Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 464.

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

Section 1. That the general assessment of real property submitted by the duly authorized and appointed Board of Assessors for the purposes of municipal taxation and effective July 1, 1927 with such changes therein as have been approved by 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. 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 Finch, Johnson and Rogers. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Johnson brought before the Council the matter of a change in the style of curb on the concrete streets now under construction. The contractor says that

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he can make a much better looking job with a straight curb than with the beveled curb called for by the specifications. After discussion and on motion of Mr. Johnson it was voted to construct the straight curb on Prince George and Ethan Allen Aves, the top of the curb to be 6 inches in width and chamfered to a $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch radius at the top inside edge, and provided there is no increase in the contract price. The curb for the other streets to be determined later.

With respect to the request of certain property owners on Sherman Avenue for a 20-foot radius at the intersection of Sherman and Maple Avenues, and the proffer of the necessary donation of land for this purpose by Mr. F. D. B. Austin, Mr. Johnson, for the Street Committee, reported that the width of the street at this intersection will be 31 feet which will be ample and will require no additional land. On Mr. Johnson's motion the Clerk was directed to notify the petitioners to this effect and to thank Mr. Austin for his proffered donation of land.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Tuesday Evening, May 31, 1927

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, Finch, Johnson and Rogers. The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting for the purpose of considering a number of requests from residents on Flower Avenue who desired that preference be given that street in the street paving program. These communications were laid before the Council and recited the fact that Flower Avenue was on last summer's improvement program but was not reached because of lateness of the season; that the street is in very bad condition and that it is much more needful of improvement than the streets that precede it on the immediate program, as announced.

Mr. Johnson, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated that because of the necessity of relaying water and sewer mains in the section of Flower Ave next to Carroll Ave., which work was completed but a short time ago, leaving the street in a very bad condition, which still exists, it was not practicable to begin the improvement program on that street as had been requested. Owing to the methods of the Sanitary Commission in back-filling its ditches examination of those on Flower Ave. shows them to be still ^{too} inadequately settled to justify laying of concrete over them. The desire of the citizens along Flower

Avenue to have the street paved at once is very natural, but it is better to delay a few weeks and secure a pavement that will last than to run the risk of laying concrete on an unsubstantial sub-base with all the incident bad possibilities. The matter was thoroughly discussed at length, the members of the Council, the Mayor and the Superintendent of Public Work all participating. At the conclusion of the informal discussion it was understood that the present intention to proceed from Ethan Allen Avenue to Grant, Sherman and Boyd Aves, would be followed the program beyond those streets to be determined by circumstances.

The Council took up for informal discussion a number of matters of Town interest, including the status of the Justice of the Peace for the Town of Takoma Park, his compensation, expenses, etc., but no definite action was taken on any of them. The Council adjourned at 10:10 o'clock.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis clerk,

Monday Evening, June 13, 1927

The Council met in special session at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the Budget for the coming fiscal year and transacting such other business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. The Mayor administered the oath of office to Councilman-elect Salisbury and announced that Messrs. Adams and Rogers, re-elected members of the Council had already taken their oaths of office.

Mr. Adams introduced and presented to the Council Mr. J. Enos Ray, of Prince George County. Mr. Ray stated that he had come before the Council to advocate and urge that Poplar Avenue, from Spring Street to the corporation line, be included in the street-paving program for the present year. This was desired, Mr. Ray stated, in order to secure state improvement of the Ray Road which is the extension of Poplar Avenue into the County. The State Road Commission, said Mr. Ray, had agreed to this improvement, beginning at the Town boundary and continuing into the County if the Town of Takoma Park will pave Poplar Ave. in order to make the road continuous. The matter was discussed at length. It appeared that no water or sewer mains had yet been laid on this portion of Poplar Avenue. Mr. Ray consented to take this up with the Sanitary Commission and the Street Committee.

was directed to give the matter consideration and to report to the Council at its regular meeting next Monday evening.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee stated that at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, attended by the Mayor, and after consideration of the Town's estimated revenues and its probable needs for the coming year, the Committee was prepared to present a tentative budget, copies of which were thereupon handed to each member of the Council. The items of the submitted Budget were thereupon read by the Mayor, item by item, informally discussed and amended to the unanimous agreement of the Council, and presented as follows:

Budget for the Town of Takoma Park, Md. - Fiscal Year 1927-28.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

From general taxes	45000.00	
" interest, refunds, permits, etc.	4000.00	
" balance on hand July 1, 1927	8000.00	57000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

Street lighting	5000.00	
General Street Work	10000.00	
Salaries: Superintendent	2250.00	
Clerk and Treasurer	1800.00	
Electrical Inspector	300.00	
Building Inspector	300.00	4650.00
Rentals	425.00	
Postage	350.00	

Town's share, completed special work	5000.00
Interest on " " "	4405.00
Town's share new work and interest	14850.00
Miscellaneous, including legal expns and \$250 allowance for Justice of Peace garbage and rubbish collections	1000.00 3500.00

New allotments:

Fire Company	1000.00	
Play grounds	1000.00	
Police Officer	1200.00	3200.00
		52380.00

Surplus 4620.00 \$57000.00

Mr. Rogers moved that the Budget as above presented be approved and adopted as the basis of the Town expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927; that the increases of salaries therein recommended be approved and effective from July 1 and that Chairmen of Committees charged with specific work involving expenditures be instructed not to exceed the expenditures provided in the Budget except by special authorization of the Council. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights recommended that the request of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department to conduct a carnival on Laurel Avenue from June 13 to June , be granted and that permission be given for the use of Laurel Ave., and the stringing of the necessary wires for lighting, etc., it being understood that the street will be cleaned each day and be no wise obstructed while the Carnival is not in progress. The recommendation of the Committee was approved on motion of Mr. Finch.

The Mayor called attention to the compensation of the Board of Assessors which has recently completed a general reassessment of all the prop-

erly in the Town, to which work the Board devoted a very considerable amount of time, and recommended that they be allowed \$100 each for their services. On motion of Mr. Salisbury the recommendation of the Mayor was approved, and the necessary appropriation authorized.

On recommendation of Mr. Finch, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, the General Committee having in charge the Fourth of July celebration was granted permission for the use of the public streets and playgrounds for such purposes as may be required in connection with the celebration and to decorate the route of the parade. The Chairmen of the Committees on Police, Fire and Lights and Civic Improvement were authorized to represent the Council and to take any action that may be required by the Town with the Committee in charge of the celebration.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 465

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

Section 1. That, under authority of Paragraph K of Section 8 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized and directed to issue Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$15000 to provide for payment of the one-third share of special improvement work, and interest thereon, authorized by the Council and which is payable from the Town revenues, said work being authorized under the provisions of Section 12 of the Town Charter.

Section 2. Said Certificates of Indebtedness shall be issued in denominations of \$1000 each, shall bear date of July 1 and shall be payable within one year therefrom; they shall bear interest not to exceed 5 percent per annum.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said Certificates of Indebtedness for and in behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights submitted the following Ordinance and moved that it be adopted:

Ordinance No. 466

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

Section 1. There is hereby created the position of Chief Police Officer, whose duty it shall be to preserve the peace, to enforce the Ordinances of the Town and to perform, when required, any or all of the duties devolving upon the Bailiff, as set forth in Paragraph D, of Section 6 of the Town Charter.

Section 2. The Chief Police Officer shall perform his duties under the general direction of the Mayor and of the Chairman of the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights of the Council. He shall be in uniform when on duty and the deputy bailiffs shall be under his general control.

Section 3. The Chief Police Officer shall receive such compensation and allowances as the Council, from time to time, shall direct; he shall be furnished by the Town with the police accoutrements necessary in the performance of his duties, for which accoutrements he shall be held responsible and which he shall return, when, for any reason, he vacates his position.

Section 4. The Chief Police Officer shall be appointed annually by the Council and his term of office shall begin on July 1st. Vacancies in the position shall be filled by the Council for the remainder of the vacant term. He shall be subject to suspension by the Mayor for good and sufficient cause until the next meeting of the Council thereafter, when his status shall be determined. The Council shall have the power to remove him in its discretion.

The motion to approve the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Finch moved that the Chief Police Officer, authorized by Ordinance No. 466, just approved, be compensated at a salary of \$1000 per annum; that in addition to said salary he be paid an allowance of \$200 per annum for uniform, telephone service and any and all other expenses incurred in the performance of his duties, said salary and allowances to be paid in monthly sums of \$100. or bi-monthly sums of \$50 as the Chief Police Officer may desire. The motion was carried.

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, recommended that Mr. Lewis A. Cutshaw be appointed Chief Police Officer for the term beginning July 1, 1927. The motion was carried.

Mr. Adams moved that the present Town officials be re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mr. Bryan Davis, Clerk and Treasurer; Major W.F. Fischer, Superintendent of Public Work; Mr. J. Bond Smith, Corporation Counsel; Mr. C. Huff, Electrical Inspector; Mr. E.E. Blodgett, Building Inspector. The motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, submitted petitions for certain public special improvement work, including grading, sidewalks and pavements and was directed to prepare and submit the necessary preliminary Ordinances for consideration at the next regular meeting.

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

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Manday Evening, June 20, 1927

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of May 19, May 31, June 13, 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		14552.72	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	100.00	
RECEIPTS:			Supt. of Public Work	166.67	
From building permits	25.00		Electrical Inspector	25.00	
" electric "	32.00		Building "	12.50	304.17
" excavation "	18.00	75.00	Miscellaneous.		110.75
Miscellaneous		3.50	Balance on hand.		2946.12
Tax redemptions		358.69			12043.79
		437.19	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		
		14989.91	Balance, last report	800.00	
DISBURSEMENTS:			Deposits during month	10.00	
Street Work: labor	339.20		Refunds during month	10.00	
material	170.86		Balance on hand	800.00	
machinery and tools	95.83	605.89	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
General expenses: telephone	5.80		Balance, last report	4692.94	
printing and advertising	37.75		Receipts for month	2437.81	
rentals	25.00	68.55		7130.75	
Interest account		1017.50	Disbursements: concrete streets	282.00	
Garbage collection		150.00	Balance on hand	6848.75	
Street lighting		319.97	SINKING FUND:		
Rubbish collections		3.50	Balance, last report	11561.05	
Tax sale redemptions		365.79	No receipts or disbursements		

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

The Clerk presented a petition for the grading of Roanoke Ave. which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

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Mr. Waldo Schmitt, speaking for a delegation of citizens from Allegheny Avenue, urged the construction of cement walks and roadways from 2nd

Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Binkley, also of Allegheny Ave., requested an additional street light, and that steps be taken to require the cleaning out of underbrush on vacant lots. Referred to Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

Mr. R.W. Shenk asked to have rubbish dumped along Elm Ave. covered with earth as it is both unsightly and unsanitary. The Superintendent was directed to have this done

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick addressed the Council urging that provision be made for compensation of the Mayor and Council. He was informed that this could be done only by amendment of the Town Charter which would require legislative action.

Mr. A. L. Holmes called attention to practice of speeding and reckless driving on Carroll Ave, and suggested a rearrangement of parking on that street in the vicinity of Ethan Allen Ave. Referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mrs. C. Y. Latimer called attention to the practice of parking cars, with no lights, on and in the vicinity of Hodges Lane, and suggested that a street light at Holly Ave. and Hodges Lane would be beneficial. To the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights for investigation and report.

Mr. Rodgers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$1080.85. On motion of Mr. Chittenden the bills were approved and payment directed.

At this point the Mayor laid before the Council an exhaustive communication from the Corporation Counsel with respect to the forthcoming hearing before the Public Utilities Commissions of Maryland and the District of Columbia on the application of the Capital Traction Co. to purchase the Washington and Maryland Railway and to abandon the present tracks at 3rd and Kennedy Street and substitute busses therefor. The Corporation Counsel stated that in compliance with the instructions of the Mayor he would appear at the hearing on June 27 and would, for the Town of Takoma Park, Md. oppose granting permission for the abandonment of the tracks from 3rd and Kennedy Streets to Takoma Park; and would favor the Railway Co's. request to abandon its tracks and to remove them on Carroll Ave, from Laurel Ave to the Sliquo Bridge, and to substitute motor busses therefor. A brief discussion of the matter revealed the Council as unanimously in favor of the action as set forth in the communication of the Corporation Counsel.

The Mayor informed the Council that under authority granted him and the Treasurer at the meeting of April 23, 1927, negotiations had been concluded with the Lincoln National Bank, Washington, D.C., for a loan of \$180,000 to finance the proposed program for street paving; that said loan is to be represented by Certificates of Indebtedness which are to be issued as obligations of the Town; said Certificates are to bear date of July 1, 1927, are to be in denominations of \$1000 each and numbered from 1 to 180, inclusive; they are to bear interest at four and three-quarters per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; the Certificates are to mature one-fifth annually, on July 1 of 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932. Any amount of the Certificates maturing July 1, 1932, may be paid at the discretion of the Town, at par and accrued interest, on any interest date, provided thirty days notice be given the Bank, in writing, of the Town's desire to make such payments. The Mayor stated that the Certificates are now in course of preparation and the money will be available July 1st.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the negotiations as reported by the Mayor, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, again referred to the dump in Hodges Lane which should be covered with dirt and to a pool of water on the Hodges property which should be drained. The former should have the attention of the Superintendent of Public Work and the latter should be brought to the attention of the owner of the property. Report approved.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee recommended that a public hearing be provided for proposed public work involved in the following Ordinance and which has been petitioned for by a number of the affected property owners:

Ordinance No. 467

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) and in the interest of the public health, safety and convenience, the following public improvements are under contemplation:

Cement Sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1.60 per lineal foot, the total cost to be assessed against the benefitted abutting property, as follows: Alleghany Avenue, from Second Street to Highland Street, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 13, and lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 12, Pine Crest Subdivision. Kennebec Avenue, from Flower Avenue to Roanoke Avenue, abutting lots 1, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16, block 53, and lots 10 and 11, block 54, Gilberts Subdivision. Takoma Avenue, from Philadelphia Avenue to Boston Avenue, abutting lots 1, 13, 14 and 15, block 68; said cost to include all exemptions.

Street Grading, at an estimated cost of \$2.00 per lineal foot, the total cost to be assessed against the benefitted abutting property as follows: Kennebec Avenue, abutting lots 1, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16, block 53; lots 10 and 11, block 54. Roanoke Avenue, from Kennebec Avenue to Houston Avenue, abutting lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, block 54; said cost to include all intersections and exemptions.

Cement Concrete Roadways, at an estimated cost of \$12.00 per lineal foot, two-thirds of the cost to be assessed against the benefitted abutting property as follows: Alleghany Avenue, from Second Street to Highland Street abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 13, and lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 12, Pine Crest Subdivision. Poplar Avenue, from Spring Street to the Corporation Line, abutting lots 9 and 18, block 11, and lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, block 12, and lot 9, block 13, Gibbs and Kossack Subdivision; said cost to include all intersections and exemptions.

The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting, Monday, July 18, at 8 o'clock P.M., in the basement of the Presbyterian church, will hear all persons interested in the above described work.

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. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights submitted the following recommendations for appointment: Bailiff, Major W. F. Fischer. — Deputy Bailiffs, Leon Angerman, Jack King, Wm. A. Dowling, Jos. Griffith, Dr. J. Walter Dudley, Wm. A. Thomas, J. B. Joseph, W. F. Cruze, E. E. Blodgett, J. F. [Winn, Members of the Council and Town Clerk]

On motion of Mr. Adams the recommendations of the Committee were approved and the appointments made.

Mr. Finch reported that his Committee had investigated the complaints made against the dogs on the premises of Mr. Ward Burdine. The Committee found the sanitary conditions unobjectionable and no nuisance from that source. The dogs were quiet at the time of the Committee's visit and Mr. Bur-

dine assured the Committee that the dogs created practically no disturbance at night. If they do so the Committee feels that those disturbed should seek relief through complaint before Judge Kyle. The report was approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

On motion of Mr. Finch the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights was authorized to purchase the articles required to equip the cells at the Town jail.

Mrs. Amelia Scherger complained of the conduct of an oil business on the rear of Mr. John M'Kenney's lot on Elm Ave, contrary to the Zoning Regulations and requested that it be stopped. The Mayor stated that the matter would be investigated and appropriate action taken.

The Council thereupon, at 9:16 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, July 18, 1927

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:

Balance, last report	12043.79	Interest account	825.00	Refunds during month	30.00
RECEIPTS:		Garbage collection	150.00	Balance on hand	810.00
From building permits	63.00	Street lighting	319.97	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
" electric "	11.00	Miscellaneous	391.69	Balance, last report	6448.75
" excavation "	7.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	100.00	Receipts during month	1283.79
Tax sale redemptions	221.73	Supt. Public Work	166.66		8132.54
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 12346.52	Electrical Inspector	25.00	Disbursements, concrete streets	8132.62
Street work: labor	347.40	Building "	31.50	Balance on hand	1.92
material	55.13	Tax sale redemptions	221.73		
machinery and tools	148.25		2964.51	SINKING FUND	
miscellaneous	60.00	Balance on hand	9382.01	Balance, last report	11561.05
General Expenses: telephone	5.85	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		No receipts or disbursements.	
Printing and Advertising	58.75	Balance, last report	800.00		
Postage	32.58	Deposits during month	40.00		
Rentals	25.00		840.00		

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