

Thursday Evening, May 3, 1928.

Under the provisions of Section 4-A of the Charter the Council was in session at the office of the Clerk from 8 to 10 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of hearing any appeals that might be presented from action or decisions of the Registration Officers. No one appeared before the Council for the purposes stated. During the period noted Town affairs in general were discussed, particularly the progress of work on Carroll Avenue, but no formal business was transacted. Those present were the Mayor and Councilmen Finch, Crittenden, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Council adjourned at 10:00 o'clock p.m.

Approved:

Ben G. Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Tuesday Evening, May 8, 1928.

The Council met in special session at the Office of the Clerk, this date, convening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of the annual town election, held May 7, 1928 and declaring the result thereof. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Clerk laid before the Council the following report of the Judges of Election:

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

Takoma Park, Md., May 7, 1928

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

The Board organized by the selection of James H. Ellsworth as Chairman, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. Mr. William H. Hutton was selected as Clerk. The polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock a.m., and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock, p.m.

The following persons were voted for as Mayor and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names: BEN G. DAVIS, 588; CHESTER C. WATERS, 429; W. A. HOOKER, 1.

The following persons were voted for as members of the Town Council and received the number of votes as indicated: Edgar V. Crittenden, 502; Marion D. Finch, 449; Robert E. Pogue, 464; Peter Remsen, 571; R.G. Sherburne, 510, Irvine H. Ware, 532. The total number of votes cast was 1021.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and were duly elected to serve as Mayor and as Members of the Town Council for a term of two years from June 4, 1928; Mayor, Ben G. Davis. Councilmen, Peter Remsen, Irvine H. Ware and R.G. Sherburne.

Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith inclosed for delivery to the Mayor and Councilmen elect.

Very respectfully,

*JAMES H. ELLSWORTH, Chairman
BERNADINE E. SCHERGER
AMELIA W. BURROUGHS*

Judges of Election.

Attest: WM. H. HUTTON.

Clerk

Mr. Johnson moved that the Report of the Judges of Election be accepted and that the persons named therein as having received the highest number of votes cast for Mayor and Councilmen be and are hereby declared elected for a term of two years beginning Monday, June 4, 1928. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 7:35 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, May 21, 1928

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 and of the special meetings of April 10, May 3 and May 8, 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		17584.08	Rubbish collection		157.00	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			Street lighting		338.33	Balance last report		79923.95	
From general taxes	2638.76		Miscellaneous		5.05	Receipts: from outstanding accounts	8595.98		
building permits	21.00		Salaries: Clerk and Treasr.	150.00		Capital Traction Co.	7500.00		
electric "	13.00		Supt. Public Work	187.50		Montgomery Co.	24,000.00	40095.98	
excavation "	2.00	36.00	Electrical Inspector	25.00				120019.93	
Miscellaneous - Fines	51.00	2725.76	Building "	10.50		Disbursements: cement walks		426.00	
		20309.84	Chief Police Officer	100.00		Carroll Ave - blueprints	85.75		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			Justice of the Peace	50.00	523.00	Removing concrete	2663.75		
Street work: labor	1101.30		Balance on hand		14455.42	State Roads Com ^m	59283.04	62032.34	62458.54
material	2397.37		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>			Balance		57561.39	
machinery and tools	181.69		Balance last report		\$ 740.00				
miscellaneous	65.50	3745.86	No receipts or disbursements.			<u>SINKING FUND:</u>			
Playgrounds		733.57				Balance last report		13629.96	
General Expenses: telephone	6.15		<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>			State Roads Com. Paving Carroll Ave		13629.96	
printing and adver.	149.60		Balance last report		\$ 371.66				
postage	10.86		Receipts for month		533.88				
rentals	25.00	191.61			905.54				
Garbage collections		160.00	Disbursements for month		905.54				

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with advertisement and public notice legally given this evening had been designated for a public hearing on certain proposed gen-

eral improvement work, namely: cement sidewalks on a portion of Elm Avenue and Cockerille Ave, and for grading and surfacing of Chaney Terrace, and called for remarks by any one interested. No one appeared for or against the proposed sidewalks on Elm and Cockerille Avenues. Mr. C. L. Belve and Mr. Henry Glenwright opposed the grading of Chaney Terrace which street they claimed to be in fair condition and not justifying the expense involved. Mr. Francis Smith advocated the proposed work as essential to proper development of the property. No one else desiring to be heard the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

In accordance with notice given the Mayor stated that the Council would not sit as a Board of Review to hear any protests or appeals from the report of the Board of Assessors. No protests or appeals were presented. Communications were received however requesting revision of last years assessments from Mr. E. M. Douglas, of certain lots in blocks 27, 33, 37, 43 and 58; from Mr. G. G. Sward, of lot 40, block 45; from Florence M. Belve, of lot 41, block 53; from Theodore Ruhoff of lot 2, block 39. from Henry Glenwright, of part of lot 25, block 49. Mr. Adams moved that these requests be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and determination and that the Treasurer be authorized to accept the revisions, if any, that the Committee deems justified. The motion was carried.

The Council thereupon adjourned as a Board of Review and resumed its session in regular order of business.

Under communications and petitions Mrs. Theodore Ruhoff presented a petition for opening, grading and surfacing the public alley in block 40. Mrs. Ruhoff addressed the Council setting forth the necessity of the alley as an enhance to the rear of the Boyd Ave. properties due to the steep front on the street. To the Street Committee.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council on the necessity of forgetting and co-operating for the public welfare. He offered his services to the Council toward realization of certain constructive ideas calling for further legislative enactment - especially with respect to collection of delinquent taxes, establishment of wards in the Town, etc. He urged careful study of the Fern Street Overpass project which means a great deal to our future development.

Mr. E. Y. Dawkins urged the Council to appoint a Special Committee to consider the Fern Street overpass, but was informed by the Mayor that the matter pertained distinctly to the Civic Improvement Committee which would undoubtedly keep in close contact with all matters pertaining to this very important local improvement.

Mr. Rufus Shenk, of Elm Avenue requested that efforts be made to protect his property from water flowing over it from the adjoining property and street. Referred to the Superintendent of Public Work to see what can be done in Mr. Shenk's behalf.

Mr. Daniel M. Lewis, for the citizens living on Cherry Avenue requested that something be done to improve that street which is at present impassable. The Mayor suggested to Mr. Lewis that the residents and property owners present a petition for grading and surfacing the street; in the meantime the request to be referred to the Street Committee for possible temporary relief.

Mr. Dann Faber addressed the Council relative to drainage conditions on Boston and Takoma Avenues. Referred to the Street Committee.

Messrs Bolden and Burrell called the Council's attention to the condition of their properties resulting from the heavy grading on Poplar Ave. in front thereof, which has cut off entirely access to their homes. Referred to the Superintendent of Public Work for such assistance as his force can render.

Dr. Dudley made inquiry concerning status of the Carroll Ave. paving. He was informed by the Mayor that the contractor was counting on putting down the unfinished Poplar Avenue pavement within the next week and that upon its completion the paving of Carroll Avenue from the Sliqo Bridge to Flower Avenue will follow, after which it is thought the paving on the west side of the bridge may be undertaken. The Mayor stated that every effort was being made by the Town, the State Road Commission, the Sanitary Commission, the Gas Company and the Contractor to prosecute this work with all possible despatch.

Mr. Martin Iverson made inquiry concerning the carload of cinders which had been given to the Town by the B. and O. Railroad and which he would like to have used on the bad streets on the Wildwood section. The Mayor informed Mr. Iverson that the cinders were at present on the North Takoma siding and would not be unloaded by the Town as long as they remained there; that the Railroad Company had been requested to transfer the car to Vine Street and that when this is done the unloading of the car and disposition of the cinders will have prompt consideration.

Mr. Robert Doleman entered complaint relative to sanitary conditions adjacent to his property on Cherry Avenue. Referred to the Health Committee.

A communication from the Takoma Park Citizens Association, by Herbert Walton Rutledge, Secretary, requested the placing of signs at the hill on Chestnut Ave. to prevent speeding and requesting sidewalk repairs on same street adjacent to property of Mr. Ben Morrison. To the Street Committee.

A communication from The North Takoma Improvement Club requesting erection of a suitable steel and iron post fence along the Parkway between the B. and O. right of way and Takoma Avenue, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A communication was presented from Mrs. Catherine Austin referring to a suit in equity, Spear vs. Austin, in which the Town Building Inspector was a witness, ^{in which she} requested "the Council to make a statement defining just what the building inspectors knowledge in the premises must be." The Mayor informed Mrs. Austin that the Town Clerk would be instructed to furnish her an official copy of the Town Building Regulations relating to the duties of the Building Inspector upon her application therefor.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee submitted bills amounting to \$482.94 which had been examined and approved for payment by the Committee and on his motion payment of the bills was directed.

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

Ordinance No. 484.

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

Section 1. That the revised assessment of real property as submitted by the duly authorized and appointed Board of Assessors for the purpose of municipal taxation covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1928, 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 Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay, none.

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, submitted also the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 485.

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

Section 1. That a general tax of One Dollar and Ten Cents (\$1.10) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied and approved for the purpose of meeting any and all general and special expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1928.

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.

Mr. Rogers moved that the members of the Board of Assessors be compensated \$25.00 each for their services and that \$75.00 be appropriated for this purpose. The motion was carried.

Captain Johnson, from the Street Committee, submitted a report relative to the progress of work on paving of Carroll Avenue. He stated that practically all desired dedications had been obtained for required widenings and street radii, only those of the Citizens Bank property and the McKenney property being refused; the prosecution of the work is now in the hands of the State Roads Commission.

Captain Johnson submitted also an exhaustive report of the Street work accomplished during the two years of his Chairmanship of the Street Committee which included the Town's most ambitious concrete street program; he commented on the problem of surface water drainage and disposal as one requiring immediate careful thought and study, and urged the necessity of all surveyors filing with the Town Clerk a plat of all surveys made by them, submitting the draft of a proposed Ordinance to accomplish this purpose. Captain Johnson highly commended Major Fischer, Superintendent of Public Work, for the efficient and economical manner in which he conducted the public work of the Town.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, reported relative to a survey of the health conditions in the colored community on Cherry and Jackson Avenues. These conditions he reported as needful of improvement but further investigation will be required to submit feasible recommendations therefor.

Business having been completed the Mayor stated that this meeting practically completed the work of the existing Council and that he desired to commend and appreciate the services during the past two years of the three retiring members. The technical services of Captain Johnson, himself a Road Engineer of practical and theoretical ability, as Chairman of the Street Committee, have been invaluable and the Town has been particularly fortunate in having him upon its governing body. There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:05 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, June 4, 1928.

Upon call of the Mayor, a special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8:00. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Finch, Johnson, Crittenden and Rogers. Councilmen Adams and Salisbury were unavoidably absent.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting in order to clear up any matters outstanding prior to the new term of the incoming Council.

Mr. Johnson for the Street Committee, stated that the repaving of Carroll Avenue was now in the hands of the State Road Commission and that he would be glad to confer at any time with the new Chairman of the Street Committee on any street matters that are still pending, and in which his advice might be desired.

Mr. Finch, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, stated that the new lighting for Carroll Ave. had been necessarily delayed because of the torn-up condition of the street incident to the new pavement, but that the installation would be made coincident with the completion of the new pavement. With this exception the matters pertaining to his Committee were to date.

No other Committees or members desiring to report further the Council thereupon adjourned sine die.

Immediately upon adjournment of the old Council the new Council was called together by the Mayor, the following members responding to roll-call: the Mayor Councilman Rogers and Councilmen-elect Remsen, Sherburne and Ware. Councilmen Adams and Salisbury were unavoidably absent.

The Mayor stated that he had duly qualified by taking the required oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Rockville, on Saturday, June 2nd.

The Mayor thereupon administered the oath of office to Councilmen-elect Remsen, Sherburne and Ware who entered upon their duties.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Standing Committees, for 1928-29 as follows:

FINANCE: Mr. Rogers, Chairman; Mr. Adams, Vice Chairman; Mr. Remsen.

STREETS: Mr. Remsen, Chairman; Mr. Rogers, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ware.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Mr. Adams, Chairman; Mr. Salisbury, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Sherburne.

POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHTS: Mr. Ware, Chairman; Mr. Sherburne, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Salisbury.

HEALTH: Mr. Salisbury, Chairman; Mr. Ware, Vice Chairman; Mr. Adams.

ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY: Mr. Sherburne, Chairman; Mr. Remsen, Vice President; Mr. Rogers.

[beginning July 1, 1928

The Mayor suggested that if the Council were so disposed it might be well to proceed at this time to the election of officers for the ensuing fiscal year begin-

Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Bryan Davis be elected as Clerk and Treasurer. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Remsen moved that Major Wm. F. Fischer be elected as Superintendent of Public Work. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Sherburne moved that Mr. J. Bond Smith be elected as Corporation Council. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ware moved that Mr. E. E. Blodgett be elected as Building Inspector. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Sherburne moved that Mr. C. Huff be elected as Electrical Inspector. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

The Mayor laid before the Council the application of Mr. W. Leonard Carey for appointment as Chief Police Office. On motion of Mr. Ware the application was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, for consideration, and the Committee instructed to submit its recommendation for appointment of Chief Police Officer and Bailiffs at the regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening, June 18th.

Mr. Remsen informed the Council that Captain Johnson, retiring Councilman and Chairman of the Street Committee, had expressed a willingness to serve the Town in the capacity of Associate Engineer, without compensation, and moved that Captain Johnson be so appointed with expression of the Council's appreciation. The motion was unanimously carried.

In connection with Major Fischer and Captain Johnson the Council considered informally and at some length town problems of immediate concern and interest, mostly with respect to pending and contemplated street work, drainage, playgrounds, etc. The Mayor expressed a desire that the several Com-

committees take up for study and consideration the respective Town matters coming within their jurisdiction, as early as possible. He stated further that he hoped to be able to submit a tentative budget for consideration of the Finance Committee at its next meeting on June 18th.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, June 18, 1928.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware; Councilman Salisbury was out of the city. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 4 were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance, last report		14453.42	General Expenses: telephone	6.20		Balance on hand	3602.97
RECEIPTS:			Printing and advertising	16.00		TAX REDEMPTIONS:	10931.02
From general taxes	32.07		Rentals	25.00	47.20	Receipts for month	517.08
building permits	20.00		Interest account		1017.50	Disbursements for month	178.31
electrical "	7.00		Garbage collection		160.00	Balance on hand	338.77
excavation "	1.00	28.00	Street lighting		335.21	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:	
miscel - fines	18.50	78.57	Miscellaneous		127.62	Balance on hand last report	740.00
		14533.99	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	150.00		SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
DISBURSEMENTS:			Supt. Public Works	187.50		Balance last report	57561.39
Street work: labor	804.35		Electrical Inspector	25.00		Receipts for month	2059.59
machinery and tools	208.45		Building "	10.00		Disbursements, Carroll Ave	66.00
miscel: grade sheets	121.65	1134.45	Chief Police Officer	100.00		Balance on hand	59554.98
Playgrounds	258.49		Justice of the Peace	50.00	522.50		

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

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

From the North Takoma Improvement Club requesting grading and seeding of the triangular park at Albany and Baltimore Aves., and that authority be granted to the Club to employ a landscape gardener to supervise the work of planting such shrubbery as may be specified by him as suitable, this labor and shrubbery to be donated by nearby residents. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

A communication from the Takoma Park Citizens Association suggesting that Eastern Ave., between Ash and Second Street be treated with oil, to lay the dust, as soon as practicable, was referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. Louis A. Alberli, 409 Takoma Ave., for construction of a sidewalk in front of his property, was referred to the Street Committee.

A communication from Messrs. Alex. Sterling and A. Glickman applying for permission to erect a gasoline filling station at the corner of Carroll and Tulip Aves, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee to take up with the Maryland National ^{Capital} Park and Planning Commission.

A petition of interested property owners for the construction of a cement sidewalk on the east side of Westmoreland Ave., between Elm Ave. and Second St. was referred to the Street Committee for report and recommendation.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council relative to the necessity of cleaning up vacant lots throughout the Town which ~~were~~^{are} a menace to public health and safety. Upon being informed that the Council had been unable to formulate an Ordinance to satisfactorily meet the situation, Dr. Jordan offered his services and promised to submit draft of a proposed Ordinance to meet the conditions. The Doctor also reported that he was working on proposed legislation to make more effective the collection of delinquent taxes; and that he had assurance of inclusion in the next District budget of an item for plans, etc., for the proposed Fern Street overpass at the Baltimore and Ohio right of way.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick again requested some action to provide him access from Park Ave., to his property. Mr. Remsen, Chairman of the Street Committee, agreed to meet Mr. Fitzpatrick on the ground and to study the situation with a view, if possible, to solve his difficulty.

Mr. H. Y. Dawkins addressed the Council with respect to the Fern Street Bridge and invited the members of the Civic Improvement Committee to attend the meeting on Saturday evening of the North Takoma Improvement Club, where the matter will be further considered.

Mr. Dann Faber called the Council's attention to bad street conditions in the vicinity of Takoma and Boston Aves. The complaint was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and such action as the Committee may deem proper.

Mr. Martin Iverson inquired if the Council is contemplating construction of a sidewalk through the Fire Department lot to Carroll Ave., which would be an accommodation to residents south of Carroll Avenue. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Iverson consult with the Chairmen of the Streets and of the Police, Fire and Lights Committees who will be directed to investigate and report upon the matter.

Mr. N. D. Gurrier, Allegheny Ave., referring to the recent completion of the sidewalk on upper Allegheny Ave. and the abandonment of certain ground

in the rear thereof, asked upon what conditions the use of this ground will be granted to the abutting property owners. The Mayor informed Mr. Guerrier that the Council will no doubt permit the property referred to, to be used by the abutting property owners but it has not yet been decided in just what manner this privilege will be granted. The matter will have the Council's early attention.

Mr. O.W. Youngblood called the Council's attention to dangerous conditions resulting from parking on both sides of Tulip and Maple Avenues at their intersection. He was informed that this danger is now having attention of the Police, Fire and Lights Committee and will be worked out satisfactorily, it is hoped, at an early day. The Committee is also considering general traffic conditions throughout the Town.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following proposed Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1928:

<u>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:</u>			Police Officer	1200.00		Play Grounds	x	1000.00
General Taxes	48,000.00		Justice of the Peace	600.00		Vol. Fire Department	x	1000.00
County Refunds	2,700.00		Electrical Inspector	300.00		Rentals	x	425.00
Permits, Fines and Miscel	1,250.00		Building Inspector	x 300.00	6450.00	Parks		500.00
Surplus, 1927-28	5000.00	57000.00	Street Work	x	12000.00	Postage, etc.	x	350.00
			Street lighting	x	4500.00	Sliqo bridge, P.G. Co.	x	300.00
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>			Towns share Special Work	x	19850.00	Miscellaneous.	x	3580.00
Salaries; Clerk	1800.00		Int. " " " "	x	4045.00			57000.00
Supt. Public Work	2250.00		Garbage Collection.	x	3000.00			

After explaining in detail the items of the proposed Budget and the distribution of the items thereof in accordance with the Town's requirements Mr. Rogers moved that the Budget be adopted as submitted and that the expenditures of the Town for the fiscal year 1928 be made as nearly as possible in accordance therewith. The motion was carried.

[was directed.]

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills, examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$377.43, and on his motion payment thereat

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, called attention to conditions at the Sliqo Bridge and in connection with reconstruction of the roadway, recommended that the Superintendent of Public Work erect forms to protect the sidewalk. On motion of Mr. Adams the recommendation was approved.

Mr. Remsen moved that the Superintendent of Public Work be directed to place signs on the temporary bridge across the Sliqo at the foot of Flower Ave warning the non-passage thereover of vehicles or loads in excess of three tons. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Remsen reported briefly status of the Carroll Avenue repaving work which has been delayed because of weather conditions. The contractor is ready to proceed with paving as soon as weather permits. The sub-grading is progressing rapidly.

Mr. Ware, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, reported that the Committee is co-operating with the General Committee of the Community Fourth of July Celebration. On suggestion of the Mayor and on motion of Mr. Ware, general authority was granted the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights and the Civic Improvement Committee, to grant any desired permits and to make any arrangements as to traffic, or such other matters within their respective jurisdictions, as will permit full and complete co-operation of the Town, in the success of the forthcoming Independence Day celebration.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, recommended that Louis A. Cotshaw be reappointed Chief Police Officer and that the following appointments be made: Chief Bailiff, Major W. F. Fischer; Deputy-Bailiffs: William A. Dowling, Jack King, Joseph Griffith, J. Walter Dudley, Wm. A. Thomas, J. B. Joseph, W. F. Cruze, E. E. Blodgett, Jos. F. Wynn, C. Huff, and Martin Iverson; and that the Mayor, the Town Clerk and the Members of the Council be appointed as Bailiffs. The recommendation of the Committee, on motion of Mr. Ware, was approved.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Civic Improvement, referring to the request of the North Takoma Improvement Club for grading and seeding of the triangular park at Baltimore and Albany Aves., moved that grading and seeding be authorized and that permission be granted the North Takoma Improvement Club to landscape and plant the park with suitable shrubbery, the incident expense thereof to be borne by the Club.

On recommendation of the Street Committee the following Ordinance was presented with reference to contemplated public work:

Ordinance No. 486.

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

Sec. 1. That under authority granted by Section 12 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922. (Chapter 542, Session of 1922) the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of the following public work:

Cement Sidewalks, 4 feet in width, on Takoma Avenue, abutting lots 13 and 14, block 72, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co. Subdivision; on Westmoreland Avenue, between Elm Ave. and Second Street, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 15; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 18; Pine Crest Subdivision. Lot 22 block 16, of B. F. Gilberts Subdivision. Said walks to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$1.60 per lineal foot, the said total cost, including intersections and exemptions, if any, to be assessed against the abutting property herein designated.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening, August 20, 1928, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, will hear all interested persons desiring to be heard in relation to the special work herein contemplated.

Mr. Remsen moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilman Adams, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:18 o'clock adjourned.

Approved: *Bruce Davis*

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, July 16, 1928

(the city)

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Remsen, Rogers and Ware; Councilmen Salisbury and Sherburne were out of

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

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

Balance last report	\$ 10931.02	Street lighting	336.77	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
RECEIPTS:		Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	150.00	Balance, last report	59554.98
From building permits	30.00	Supt. Public Work	187.50	RECEIPTS:	
" electric "	9.00	Electric Inspector	25.00	From special accounts	1709.50
" excavation "	1.00	Chief Police Officer	100.00	" Town's share	1400.54
" miscel: fines	17.75	Justice of the Peace	50.00	" Interest on deposits	1057.11
	40.00	Town share, street improvement	1400.54		4167.15
	57.75	Balance on hand	5115.91		6372.13
	10988.77	<u>TAX REDEMPTIONS:</u>		DISBURSEMENTS:	
DISBURSEMENTS:		Balance, last report	338.77	Purchase of Certificates	36000.00
Street work: labor	1154.70	Receipts for month	284.65	Interest on "	4275.00
Material	102.36	Disbursements for month	623.42	Canall Ave. paving	140.65
Machinery and tools	195.07			Balance on hand	40415.65
Miscellaneous	1030.30				23306.78
Playgrounds	8.50	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>			
General Expenses: telephone	6.20	Balance last report	740.00		
Printing and advertising	71.50	No receipts or			
Postage	44.42	disbursements.			
Rentals	25.00				
Interest account	825.00				
Garbage collection	160.00				

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

The Treasurer submitted his annual report, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, as follows:

Balance July 1, 1927	9382.01	Road rebate, Montg. Co	1965.63	Playgrounds	1000.56
RECEIPTS:		Securities tax " "	402.72	Genl. Exp; telephone	73.38
General Taxes	47715.51	Bank tax " "	229.59	Printing	33.50
Building permits	314.50	Stone markers (Dr. J.)	9.00	Advertising	293.35
Electric "	170.00			Postage	142.16
Excavation "	49.00			Rentals	417.00
Miscellaneous - Fines	405.55	DISBURSEMENTS:		Legal Expenses	150.00
Int. on bank deposits	406.68	Street Work: Labor	6521.85	Interest paid	4405.00
Garbage collections	15.25	Material	3401.56	Garbage Collection	1878.10
Street repairs W.G.L.C.	88.00	Machinery & tools	2272.90	Rubbish "	319.25
Road rebate P.G.C.	719.10	Cement walks	493.00	Street lighting	3967.54
		Miscel-grades, etc.	1641.05		
			14330.36		

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$499.44 and on his motion payment was directed.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, reported adversely on the location of garage on rear of property of Mr. Belue, corner of Flower Ave and Chaney Drive and recommended that no permit be granted unless garage be located as approved by the Committee. Carried and so ordered.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, with respect to the triangle on Allegheny Ave, near Elm Ave, recommended as follows: That

"Permission be granted to the owners or assigns of lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 18, Pine Crest Subdivision, to include in their front lawns all that public space lying between their present front lot lines and the side lines thereof extended and a line six inches within and parallel to the present newly constructed sidewalk on Allegheny Avenue; provided, that said space shall be maintained by said owners as front lawns and in similar condition to the lawns embraced within their own lot lines; provided further, that, with respect to lot 13, driveway access shall be permitted to the garage situated on the rear of lot 19, block 16.

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

With respect to the request of Mr. Louis A. Alberti for permission to construct a sidewalk at his own expense adjacent to lots 13 and 19, block 72, Takoma Ave, the Street Committee, through Mr. Remsen, Chairman, recommended that the desired permission be granted, the walk to be constructed on grade furnished by the Town, under Town specifications and supervision, and at Mr. Alberti's expense. Recommendation approved.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted the Committee's tentative plan of work for the current year summarized as follows:

Usual maintenance and repairs of existing streets and walks; usual grading and scraping of opened but unpaved streets; concentration of repair force on paved streets which have developed defects under excessive traffic; Improvements as follows as far as funds permit: Eastern Ave - regrade, roll and oil between Ash and Second Street; Ridge Ave, between Geneva and Oswego Aves, final survey, grade to full width and resurface; Lee Ave, Carroll to Hancock, Final survey if necessary, opened, graded and surfaced. Manor Circle, final survey, graded and surfaced. Philadelphia Ave., widen shoulder where necessary for sidewalk from end of paving on west side of Chestnut Ave. to Takoma-Silver Spring High School - to cover this with cinders for school travel. Carroll Ave, lower walk on south side between Columbia and Denwood Aves. to conform to new curb. Holly Ave, fill in and grade, gutter and surface 15 feet beyond line of occupied property. Chaney Terrace, grading of street and turning area. Chestnut Ave rebuild culvert walls and iron rail; remove plank walk and broken concrete walk and relay. Cherry Ave, Realign, deepen gutters, grade and surface. Winchester Ave., final survey, grubbing stumps and grading. If funds are available bituminous surfacing of portions of Park, Maple and Chestnut Aves to preserve the concrete pavements now deteriorating.

Mr. Ware from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, stated that the Committee was making a survey of traffic conditions with a view to erecting such signs as may be deemed advisable for the better control of traffic and protection of motorists and pedestrians. On his suggestion and motion the Committee was authorized to erect such signs as seemed necessary at desirable locations, during temporary closing of Carroll Avenue.

Under call of the Ordinance Committee, in the absence of its Chairman, Mr. Sherburne, the Mayor suggested amendment of the dog Ordinance so as to avoid

the necessity of issuing an annual Proclamation for the muzzling of dogs. The Ordinance suggested by the Mayor is as follows:

Ordinance No. 487.

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

Section 1. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 406, passed and approved November 7, 1924, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Between the 1st day of May and the first day of October, all dogs within the Town of Takoma Park, Md., including those running at large and those confined to any premises, shall be fitted with good and substantial muzzles, properly and securely attached so as to prevent snapping or biting. Any dog not so provided during the period herein specified, shall be killed by any police officer or bailiff of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., and the owner or harbinger of said dog shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Dollar or more than Five dollars for failure to provide a muzzle as herein required."

Section 2. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 406, passed and approved November 7, 1924, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective from the date of its passage.

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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, Remsen, Rogers and Ware; voting nay, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance prepared at his request by Dr. Llewellyn Jordan providing for the removal of weeds, undergrowth, refuse, ashes, rubbish, etc., from land within the Town. This Ordinance, the Mayor stated, was necessary to abviate conditions that were detrimental to health and to property values and which were the subject of complaints that could not be rectified without a governing Ordinance. After discussion and certain changes suggested by members of the Council and the Mayor, the proposed Ordinance was submitted as follows:

Ordinance No. 488.

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

Section 1. That on and after the first day of August, 1928, it shall be the duty of any owner, occupant or agent of any land in the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to remove from such land all weeds or undergrowth thereon of four (4) or more inches in height, and all accumulations of ashes, refuse, rubbish or debris of any kind, within ten (10) days (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) after due notice in writing from the Mayor of the said Town so to do, and upon failure to comply with such notice, said owner, occupant or agent shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each day said notice is not complied with.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant or agent of any land in the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to store, pile or maintain upon such premises, after the first day of August, 1928, unsightly piles or accumulations of ashes, rubbish, refuse or debris of any kind.

Section 3. That whenever there are upon any unoccupied land aforesaid weeds or undergrowth of four (4) or more inches in height, or accumulations of ashes, rubbish, refuse or debris, and no person can be found in the said Town of Takoma Park, Md., who either is, or claims to be the owner thereof or who either represents or claims to represent such owners, as aforesaid, the Mayor of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., shall give due notice, by publication once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said Town, requiring the removal of said weeds, undergrowth, ashes, rubbish, refuse or debris. Said notice shall specify the particular land, which shall be designated by lot and block numbers (or by brief description if unsubdivided) the character of the work to be done and the time allowed for doing the same; and if such weeds, undergrowth, ashes, rubbish, refuse or debris be not removed within the said time, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause their removal and abate the said nuisance; and the cost of such removal, including the cost of advertising, if any, shall be a lien upon and shall be assessed

as a tax against the property so described and advertised; and the said tax so assessed shall bear interest at the rate of one per cent per month until paid and shall be collected in the manner now provided for the collection of the general taxes of the said Town.

Section 4. Any Ordinance or Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions hereof, are hereby repealed.

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, Remsen, Rogers and Ware; voting nay, none.

The Ordinance Committee presented the following Ordinance with recommendation for its approval:

Ordinance No. 489.

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

Section 1. No gun, air gun, rifle, air rifle, pistol, revolver or other fire arm, cannon or torpedo, shall be discharged or set off within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, except in protection of life or property, without a special written permit therefor from the Mayor; nor within five hundred yards of any street, highway, school house, building or buildings, shed, barn, public park, playground, golf course, tennis court, picnic ground, camp ground or any place where people are accustomed to congregate, without the written consent of the owner or occupant of the premises and a special written permit from the Mayor.

Section 2. No person under the age of eighteen years shall carry or have in his or her possession, upon any street, avenue, road, alley, park or other public space in the Town of Takoma Park, Md., any gun, pistol, rifle, air gun, bean shooter, bow and arrow, sling, or other dangerous weapon of any character; and any article of the nature herein described shall be confiscated by any Bailiff or Police Officer when found in possession of any person under the age of eighteen years; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit members of duly authorized military organizations from proper use of their guns and other equipment as members of such organizations.

Section 3. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to sell within the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to any child or children under the age of eighteen years, firearms, gun powder, gun caps, or other explosives in any quantity or quantities.

Section 4. Any one violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One Dollar nor more than Fifty Dollars and in default of payment thereof may be imprisoned in the Town lockup or in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty days or until said fine is paid.

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, Remsen, Rogers and Ware; voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:32 P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryant Davis

Clerk

Repealed by No. 1467 (2/1/17)