

Monday Evening August 20, 1928.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Remsen, Rogers and Ware

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

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

Balance last report	\$ 5115.91	printing and adv.	12.50						<u>TAX REDEMPTIONS</u>		
RECEIPTS:		rentals	25.00	43.70					Receipts for month		832.24
From general taxes	22678.15	Interest on bonds		360.00					Disbursements for month		603.88
Building permits	19.00	Garbage collection		160.00					Balance on hand		228.36
" electric "	11.00	Street lighting		336.77					<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>		
" excavation "	3.00	Miscellaneous		1188.40					Balance on hand		740.00
Miscellaneous	225.30	Salaries - Clk + Treas	150.00						<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>		
	22936.45	Supt. Public Work	187.50						Balance last report		23306.48
	28052.36	Electrical Inspector	25.00						Receipts for month		2281.49
DISBURSEMENTS:		Building "	40.00								25587.97
Street Work: labor	815.25	Chief Police Officer	100.00						Disbursements: Concrete sts.	2299.36	
material	2017.38	Justice of the Peace	50.00	552.50	6333.65				Certs. of Indebtedness	12000.00	14299.36
machinery and tools	224.65	Bal. on hand			21718.81				Balance on hand		11288.61
miscellaneous	334.90										
Bridges	300.00										
General Exp-Telephone	6.20										

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

The Mayor announced that in accordance with public notice duly advertised as required by law this evening had been designated for a public hearing on the petition of certain property owners for construction of a cement sidewalk on the northeast side of Westmoreland Ave, between Elm Ave. and Second Street.

The petition was read by the Clerk and the Mayor called for remarks from any persons interested.

Mr. Milton Bollman favored construction of the walk, citing the considerable automobile traffic and the necessity of keeping pedestrians off the street as a matter of safety. Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Crouch strongly urged the walk and hoped it could be 4 feet in width and expressed willingness to dedicate a foot of their ground for this purpose. Mr. H.C. Coyle, while not immediately affected, favored construction of the walk as a general improvement of the street.

In opposition to the walk the Mayor presented a letter from Mr. Fred Van Dalsen who stated therein that there was insufficient space between the street and the houses for a sidewalk and that a walk would serve no real purpose as nine out of ten people would use the one on the other side of the street. A petition signed by seven property owners in opposition to the proposed walk was also presented. Messrs. Allen and Gunnell verbally opposed the work.

All persons desiring to be heard having spoken the Mayor declared the hearing closed and stated that the matter would be taken under advisement.

Mr. Harry Y. Dawkins read to the Council a letter addressed to Dr. Llewellyn Jordan relative to progress being made regarding plans for the proposed Fern Street viaduct over the B. and O. Railway tracks. Mr. Dawkins referred also to the recent removal of the unloading platform on the Town property adjacent to the B. and O. right of way in North Takoma.

Mr. Milton Bollman called the Council's attention to the dangerous traffic conditions at the corner of Elm, Ash and Westmoreland Avenues. The matter was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights for consideration and report.

Mr. J. M. R. Adams presented a numerously signed petition for the completion of the sidewalk on the east side of Spruce Ave. from the end of the existing walk to Park Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Mr. C. Y. Latimer called the Council's attention to the rubbish being dumped on Holly Avenue just off Philadelphia Avenue. Superintendent Fischer stated that he had given permission to Walter Reed Hospital officials to deposit this material at the point mentioned where a considerable fill will be required to bring Holly Avenue to grade; but that owing to the nature of the material he had revoked the permission and will cover the debris already dumped, with earth.

Mr. H. C. Coyle referred to the bad condition of Eastern Avenue which is causing like conditions on Second Street at Westmoreland. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for investigation.

Mr. Dann Faber expressed appreciation of the recent street improvements on Takoma and Boston Aves, in vicinity of his residence. He asked the Council to consider the possibility of constructing curb and gutter on the Takoma Avenue frontage. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. E. M. Burrell again urged the Council to repair the driveway at his residence which was made impassable by grading of Poplar Avenue. The Mayor referred the request to the Superintendent of Public Work to do such reasonable amount of work as will permit access to Mr. Burrell's property.

Mr. Arthur Gibbs asked the Council if it was the intention to surface Sliquo Avenue with crushed concrete from Carroll Avenue southward and was informed by the Mayor that this was his understanding. [was approved.

Mr. Rogers from the **Finance** Committee submitted bills examined and approved for payment, amounting to \$787.06 and on his motion payment thereof

In the absence of Mr. Salisbury no report was submitted by the Health Committee. Under this head the Mayor reported that the matter of sewer connections for all houses along the lines of public sewers was being vigorously pushed and that only a few had now failed to comply with the re-

quirements. The Mayor stated that this was required in the interests of the public health and that the law must be complied with by all properties.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted a detailed report of Street Work accomplished during the past month, together with the following recommendations: That estimates be obtained for repair and repaving of sidewalk areas in front of Takoma Feed Store and Sterling Dry Goods Store on Carroll Ave., paving to be done as soon as street is open for traffic; that the Street Committee be authorized to patch and repair sidewalks damaged in connection with the Carroll Avenue repaving. Recommendations approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

With reference to the letter of Mr. Dann Faber for construction of a curb at Boston and Takoma Aves, Mr. Remsen reported that certain detailed information would have to be secured prior to the submission of a report.

Mr. Remsen reported that a petition of residents living on Tulip Ave. between Spruce and Carroll Avenues, which had been referred to the Street Committee by the Mayor, and which requested repair of the street which had been crushed by the heavily loaded trucks used in the Carroll Ave. work, would be given the promptest possible consideration with a view to remedy of the situation justly complained of.

The Mayor submitted to the Street Committee a request from Mrs. Ida E. Davis McCandlish for permission to construct, at her own expense a 4-foot cement sidewalk adjoining her property on Philadelphia Avenue, with request for early consideration and report.

Mr. Ware, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, returning the letter of Mr. H. W. Warner for an additional street light on Holly Avenue, recommended relocation of the light on pole 7303 to pole 7304, which he thought would give the desired illumination. He also recommended either a "Road End" sign or a painted barricade at the end of Holly Avenue. The recommendations were approved.

Mr. Ware, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, recommended installation of additional street lights as follows: 1 250-c.p. light on pole just west of the Takoma Park Bank building near Carroll and Eastern Aves.; 1 250-c.p. light on pole in front of the Park Lunch, 21 Laurel Ave.; 1 standard light on pole No. 75099, at corner of Elm and Prince George Aves.; on Philadelphia Ave, in the vicinity of No 11, approximately 250 feet east of Chicago Ave, provided no extra charge is involved for erecting a new pole; if there is then location of the light on pole 75561 is recommended. The recommendations were approved.

Concerning the complaint of Mr. B. L. Wehmhoff that the light in front of his premises No. 7 Woodland Ave, is blinding to persons sitting on the porch, Mr. Ware recommended that the Electric Light Co. be requested to place a shade on the rear of the light. Recommendation approved.

In the absence of Mr. Adams of the Civic Improvement Committee, the Mayor announced that the new Prince Georges County school has been complet-

ed and will be ready for pupils on the opening day, September 12th. The new addition to the elementary school and the new gymnasium addition to the High School, in the Montgomery Co. section of the Town are incomplete and will not be ready by school opening date.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Thursday evening, August 30, 1928.

At request of the Street Committee a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Clerk's office, convening at 8:00 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Remsen, Rogers and Ware. The Mayor stated there were certain urgent matters which the Street Committee desired to present and which Mr. Remsen, for the Committee, submitted as follows:

1. Repairing of sidewalk spaces along Carroll Ave from Elm to intersection of Laurel. This work is estimated to cost \$345⁰⁰ and will be constructed at the expense of the Town. On motion of Mr. Adams the Committee was authorized to proceed with this work.
2. Construction of cement sidewalk on easterly side of Westmoreland Avenue. The Committee recommends construction of this work as soon as funds are available, the walk to be as near four feet in width as possible without condemnation of land and after the street and property lines have been surveyed and definitely located, the cost thereof to be included in the cost of the sidewalk which shall be assessed to the property. Recommendation approved and preparation of required Ordinance directed on motion of Mr. Ware.
3. Construction of cement sidewalk on Elm Ave. This walk has been authorized but Committee deems it advisable to withhold the work until settlement is made for Carroll Ave paving and funds are found available. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.
4. Request of Mr. Capp Finn for exemption in assessment against his property for concrete street adjacent thereto. This matter has already been given careful consideration by the Finance Committee and Council and decided adversely. The Committee recommends that the former decision of the Council be adhered to. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.
5. Petition for construction of cement sidewalk on Spruce Avenue. Committee recommends passage of Ordinance providing for a public

hearing at the October meeting. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Ware.

6. Request of Mrs. Ida Davis McCandlish for permission to lay sidewalk in front of her property on Philadelphia Ave. In view of the difficulty of adjusting proper sidewalk grades on unpaved streets, the Committee recommends that Mrs. McCandlish be granted permission to lay a temporary cinder or gravel walk in front of her property, at her own expense.

7. Request of Mr. Dann Faber for cement curb and gutter in front of his property at Takoma and Boston Aves. The Committee does not find this feasible at this time and recommends that Mr. Faber be so advised. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

In accordance with the Committee's recommendations the following Ordinances were presented.

Ordinance No. 490.

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

Section 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, after notice and hearing as provided by law, are of the opinion that the public health, comfort and convenience require the construction of the public work set forth in Ordinance No. 481, passed and approved, April 3, 1928 and Ordinance No. 486, passed and approved June 18, 1928.

Section 2. The total cost of the sidewalks provided for in said Ordinances, including exemptions and intersections, shall be assessed against the benefitted abutting property.

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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 Councilmen Adams, Remsen, Rogers and Ware. Voting nay, none.

Ordinance No. 491.

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

Section 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 in contemplation the following proposed public work: Construction of a 4-foot cement concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Spruce Avenue, extending from the end of the present existing cement walk to Park Avenue and abutting lots 14 block 1, Hill Crest Subdivision and lot 15, block 7, Lipscomb and Earnest, Trustees, Subdivision, which lots will be assessed for the total cost of said walk estimated at \$2.00 per lineal foot, which cost shall include all or any intersections and exemptions.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on Monday evening, October 15, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the Presbyterian church, will hear all persons interested in the proposed work.

Mr. Ware 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 thereupon at 9:50 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Munday Evening, September 10, 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 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Sherburne, Remsen and Ware.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting at the request of the Finance Committee of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department who desired to confer with the Council concerning such financing as may seem desirable to assist the Fire Department in completing its new building. He thereupon presented Messrs. Voigt, Votaw and Miller, the Finance Committee of the Fire Department.

Major Voigt, speaking for the Committee, read to the Council correspondence between the Fire Department and the Takoma Park Bank relative to a proposed loan of \$20,000 to enable the Department to complete its building. From this correspondence it appeared that the Fire Department had informed the Bank of an understanding between the Department and the Council for the latter to lease the Departments building for certain Town purposes at an annual rental of \$1200⁰⁰ which amount would be sufficient to pay interest at 6% on the proposed loan. From other sources the Department was counting on a reduction of at least \$1000.00 per annum on the principal of the loan. The Banks reply to this letter expressed a desire to make the proposed loan without charging any commission but for the protection of its depositors' money desired that the Council guarantee payment of interest and principal of the proposed loan as well as of the loans already made and secured by certain notes and pledges to the Department for its building fund.

The Mayor explained to the Committee that after consultation with Mr. J. Bond Smith, Corporation Counsel, the Mayor and Council are convinced that they are without authority to guarantee payment of either principal or interest on any proposed or existing indebtedness of the Fire Department; but because of their intense interest in the success of the Department they are willing to enter into a lease for a period of 5 years from July 1, 1929, for certain uses of the building, at the rate of \$1200 per annum. The matter was further discussed informally at some length at the conclusion of which Mr. Ware, for the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, submitted the following motion:

Moved, that in lieu of the recent contributions of \$1000.00 annually to the general purposes of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with the Fire Department for the use by the Council of the Departments new building for such Town purposes as may be determined, including a central headquarters for police purposes, for meetings of the Council, for public Town meetings and for municipal elections; said lease to be for a period of 5 years from July 1, 1929, at an annual rental of \$1200⁰⁰, payable as may be determined, with the right of the Council to renew said lease for an additional like period at the same annual rental.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams and upon vote was adopted unanimously

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted an itemized proposal from the Cranford Company of Washington, D.C, for the repair of Tulip Avenue from the new work on Carroll Avenue west to Spruce Ave, including a Bessonite asphalt surface for the sum of \$1178.65. Of this amount the Cranford Company agreed to assume \$253.05 for damage done by their trucks, leaving the net cost of the work as \$925.60.

After consideration of the matter and upon favorable recommendation of the Street Committee Mr. Remsen moved that the proposition of the Cranford Company be accepted. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Munday Evening, September 17, 1928

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of August 30 and September 10th 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	\$ 2178.81	Genl. Exp: telephone	5.90			TAX REDEMPTIONS:		
RECEIPTS:		Pty. and advertising	96.00			Balance last report	\$ 228.36	
From general taxes	3579.63	Postage	22.21			Receipts for month	206.99	
building permits	4.00	Rentals	134.50	258.61			435.35	
electric "	4.00	Garbage Collections	160.00			Disbursements for month	224.34	
excavation "	5.00	Street lighting	336.77			Balance	211.01	
Miscellaneous	46.00	Salaries: CLK and Treasr	150.00			SPECIAL DEPOSITS:		
	<u>3638.63</u>	Supt. Public Work	187.50			Balance on hand	\$ 740.00	
	25357.44	Electric Inspector	25.00			SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
DISBURSEMENTS:		Building "	25.00			Balance last report	11288.61	
Street Work: labor	646.75	Chief Police Officer	100.00			Receipts for month	2801.05	
material	349.90	Justice of the Peace	50.00	537.50	2656.61	Balance	14089.66	
machinery and tools	341.16							
miscellaneous	25.92	Balance on hand			22700.83			
	1363.73							

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

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

From Mr. J. Bond Smith, Corporation Counsel, advising the Mayor and Council that the argument on the Motion and Demurrer in the case of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad vs The Town of Takoma Park, Md., has been set before Judge Peter at Rockville for 10 o'clock, a.m., Tuesday morning the 25th instant.

From the Bliss Electrical School calling attention to dangerous traffic conditions at intersection of New York Ave. and Takoma Ave. and suggesting a "Stop" sign on each side of Takoma Ave, on New York Ave, giving the right of way to traffic on the former. Referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

From Mrs. A. H. Johnson, 311 Spring St., relative to surface conditions of drainage at and in vicinity of her residence. Referred to the Street Committee.

From Mr. H. W. Warner, 229 Holly Ave, requesting that a pathway be provided from end of Holly Ave, to the Elementary School on Philadelphia Avenue for the convenience of pupils attending that school. Referred to the Street Committee.

From Mr. Joseph E. Williams relative to surface drainage conditions at and in the vicinity of his residence on Spring Street and requesting diversion of the surface waters as to relieve his property from future damage and the necessity of having the water flow under it. To the Street Committee.

A petition from property owners on Heather Avenue, Section I, Wildwood, for paving of Heather Ave from Sliquo Parkway West to Circle Ave, including the intersections at the top and bottom of the hill. To the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council relative to an editorial notice in a recent issue of The Takoma Journal which he thought was intended as a reflection upon the interest he has been able to take in municipal affairs. He assured the Council that anything he had said or done was in line with an effort to improve conditions in the community and that if he had transgressed in any manner he was willing to apologize to the Council or to any individual who considered himself aggrieved. The Mayor stated that it had become a custom of the Council, at its regular monthly meetings, to hear any matters of local import that interested citizens might care to present and that this custom had resulted generally to community advantage. He assured Dr. Jordan that not only was an apology not necessary but that appreciation was due him for his interest and constructive suggestions.

Dr. Jordan, in the course of his remarks suggested the need of extending the Chestnut Ave. sidewalks to Philadelphia Avenue as a protection to the many children attending the schools on the latter street; he called attention also to a sunken sidewalk on the Baltimore Avenue frontage of his property and expressed his willingness to pay one-half the expense of raising it. These matters were referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Albert Speare addressed the Council relative to the drainage conditions at his property, No. 1 Valley View Avenue and asked if the Council if these

were to be corrected by the Town. The Mayor informed Mr. Spear that there were many drainage conditions and problems throughout the Town resulting from construction of drains on and through private properties and over which the Town possessed no jurisdiction; if the Town should attempt to correct these conditions it would have no funds for any other purpose; owing to the Town's general topography natural watercourses must be utilized for general surface drainage and when these watercourses are obstructed by private individuals it should devolve upon them to provide adequate conduits to dispose of the waters that flow through them, over the respective properties.

Mr. Austin, 22 Carroll Ave, addressed the Council, supporting Mr. Spear's contention that the Town should remedy the conditions Mr. Spear complains of.

Mr. W. A. Mellen addressed the Council on the petition of property owners for the paving of Heather Avenue, urging that this be done immediately under the contract with the Cranford Paving Company. The Mayor informed Mr. Mellen that however much the Council might desire to pave Heather Ave., it seemed an impossibility at this time under the 5-year payment plan. The contract with the Cranford Company has been completed and a new contract would have to be advertised and awarded; this would be useless as the existing budget makes no provision for concrete streets additional to those already completed; the desired work can only be considered in connection with a new street paving plan which has not yet been considered.

Messrs. Evans and Jack, owners of Wildwood property, joined Mr. Mellen in urging that Heather Avenue be paved.

Messrs. R. D. Rush and H. W. Elmslie residing on Carroll Ave, asked to what extent the Council would conduct repairs owing to lowering of the street grade in front of their properties. The Mayor stated that unless the Council departed from long established precedent and custom its repair work would be limited to the street area - that the sidewalks would be relaid at public expense but that adjustment of driveways, steps, lead walks, walls, hedges, etc., on private property, would have to be done at the property owners expense.

Mr. H. C. Heffner called the Council's attention to the inadequate capacity of the street drains adjacent to the Presbyterian Church resulting in flooding of the basement on occasions of heavy rains. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration.

Mr. Frank Pritchard suggested a direct approach from the line of Albany Avenue to the bridge over the P. and O. tracks at North Takoma; Mr. Hopkins asked certain questions as to the financing of this bridge, which were answered by the Mayor. Mr. Pritchard's suggestion was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Dann Faber referred to the intention of the County to concrete Takoma Avenue eastward from the Corporation line and expressed the hope that the existing pavement on that street may be carried on past his property at its present width to connect with the county pavement. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick addressed the Council respecting extension of the culvert from the Playground site across Park Avenue. The Mayor suggested to Mr. Fitzpatrick that he take this matter up with the Street Committee as the location of Park Ave, Extended, has not been definitely determined.

Mr. E. M. Burrell thanked the Council for removal of dirt deposited on his property during excavation of Poplar Ave, and hoped it might be found possible to put his driveway in such condition as will make access to his property possible.

Mr. W. A. Mellen made inquiry concerning status of Elm Avenue through the Glaize property from Ethan Allen Ave. to Wildwood. He was informed by the Mayor that no dedication of said Street has been made and consequently no acceptance; the Mayor stated that it was also likely that a dedication for street purposes through the Glaize property would have to be in accordance with a duly-made subdivision approved by the Parking and Planning Commission.

Mr. Milton Bollman called attention to violations of the Ordinance regulating the height of hedge fences at street intersections and was informed by the Mayor that the Police Officer would be instructed to enforce the Ordinance relating to this matter.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$302.13 and payment was directed on his [motion.

Mr. Ware, Acting Chairman of the Health Committee, stated that a pond due to construction of a concrete dam on the Lake property, Buffalo Ave, is causing conditions inimical to health as well as forming an obstruction to the Street drain under Buffalo Ave. The Committee hopes to remedy these conditions through some understanding with Mr. LaKe although not much progress has been made in this direction so far.

For the Health Committee Mr. Ware moved that the week beginning October 1st be designated and set apart as "Clean-up Week" during which time all trash will be removed from private properties under the usual conditions. The motion was carried and the Clerk instructed to give the usual notice. On further recommendation of the Health Committee and on motion of Mr. Ware the Superintendent of Public Work was instructed to establish a monthly trash collection beginning in November.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted a detailed report of street work during the past month. He reported near completion of repairs to Tulip Avenue, between Spruce and Carroll Avenues under the contract with the Granford Paving Co. The Committee recommended approval of the request of Mr. H. W. Warner for pathway from end of Holly Avenue through to the school on Philadelphia Avenue and this was ordered on motion of Mr. Adams.

Relative to the complaint of Mrs. A. H. Johnson regarding drainage conditions at her property Mr. Remsen reported that this was another of many similar conditions on private property which the Town ^{is} ~~was~~ powerless to prevent, and which the property owner must endeavor to solve for himself. The Town's efforts must necessarily be limited to disposal of street drainage and this of itself taxes the Town's ingenuity and resources.

Relative to a letter from Mr. Blankenship concerning an inaccessible driveway at the residence of Mrs. Harris on Columbia Ave., Mr. Remsen stated that investigation would be made and the difficulty remedied if found practicable to do so.

Mr. Ware for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, submitted report involving the following matters and recommendations: installation of a new street light on pole #74868, Holly Ave. and Hodges Lane; installation of a street light on Philadelphia Avenue on pole located at property line between houses numbered 125 and 127; investigation develops that pole #7398, carrying street light at Takoma and Boston Aves, is set within the sidewalk space and its removal to the parking space is recommended. Relative to traffic conditions at Westmoreland and Elm Aves, brought to the Council's attention by Mr. M. Bollman, Committee finds the situation relieved through the opening of Carrall Ave, but recommends that the Police Officer make a survey of all obscured street intersections and enforce the Ordinance relative to height of hedges etc, at such intersections; relative to complaints of high weeds in front of partly completed houses at Philadelphia and Chestnut Aves, and of unsanitary conditions on lot in rear of 108 Chestnut Ave, committee recommends that owners of properties referred to be advised of these complaints by the Clerk and requested to remedy them; committee recommends that Supt. of Public Work be directed to clear all public property, including sidewalk parkings, of weeds, obstructing shrubbery, etc. Recommendations approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, reported that grading of the municipal playgrounds is under way and will likely be completed by the next meeting of the Council. The Playground Conference, in charge of this work, is devising means to secure the necessary funds for the grading work.

Under new business the Mayor laid before the Council for its action the resignation of Professor E. G. Salisbury as a Member of the Council, which resignation read as follows:

To the Mayor and Council
Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Aug. 24, 1928.

Gentlemen: In as much as my work has kept me away from Takoma Park all summer and promises to do so for the remainder of my term of office with you, I beg to submit my resignation as a member of the Council.

Cordially Yours,

E. G. SALISBURY

The Mayor stated that he laid this resignation before the Council with real and genuine regret. Professor Salisbury, in the performance of his duties as Councilman, has demonstrated deep interest in local affairs; he has been intelligent and progressive and gave much attention to the work of the Committees to which he was assigned. His pleasing personality and courteous manner marked him as a most desirable personal and official associate.

Mr. Adams moved that Professor Salisbury's resignation as a Member of the Council be accepted with expressions of deep regret. The motion was carried.

The Mayor stated that under the provisions of the Charter it devolved upon the Council to elect a successor to Councilman Salisbury to serve until the next annual election and asked if the Council desired to fill the vacancy at this time. After brief informal discussion the election of a successor to Professor Salisbury was temporarily deferred.

The Mayor laid before the Council the appointment of Delegates to the Montgomery County Civic Federation to serve for the ensuing year. He recommended the reappointment of Corporation Counsel J. Bond Smith and Colonel William A. Krall and the appointment of Councilman John R. Adams, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Council, to succeed Captain Charles V. Johnson, who has removed to Omaha.

On motion of Mr. Ware the recommendation of the Mayor was approved and Messrs. Smith, Krall and Adams unanimously elected and the Treasurer authorized to pay the annual dues to the Federation.

In connection with the retirement of Captain Johnson as representative of the Mayor and Council in the Montgomery County Civic Federation, the Mayor laid before the Council resolutions passed by the Federation expressing its appreciation of Captain Johnson's tireless energy and marked efficiency as Treasurer of the Federation and as Chairman of its Committee on Roads, Streets and Bridges and expressing profound regret at his removal from the community.

The Resolutions were directed to be filed in the permanent archives of the Town.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:05 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk.