

Monday Evening, October 15, 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 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		22,700.83		rentals	25.00	30.80		receipts during month	45.69
RECEIPTS:				Garbage collection		160.00			256.70
From general taxes	2106.05			Street lighting		353.12		Disbursements during month	256.70
building permits	21.00			Miscellaneous		23.29		Balance	0.00
electric permits	7.00			Salaries: Clk. and Treasr.	150.00			SPECIAL DEPOSITS:	
excavation permits	3.00	31.00	2137.05	Supt. Public Work	187.50			Balance last report	740.00
			24837.88	Electrical Inspector	25.00			Refunds during month	10.00
DISBURSEMENTS:				Building "	25.00			Balance	730.00
Street work: labor	407.35			Chief Police Officer	100.00			SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS:	
material	93.50			Justice of the Peace	50.00	537.50	2159.19	Balance last report	14089.66
machinery and tools	208.63							Receipts for month	3940.66
repairing sidewalks	345.00	1054.48		Balance on hand		22678.69		Balance	18030.32
Genl. Expenses: telephone	5.80			TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:					
				Balance last report		211.01			

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

The Mayor stated that in accordance with notice legally given this evening had been designated for a public hearing with respect to a proposed cement sidewalk on Spruce Avenue abutting lots 14 and 15, block 7, L and E. Subdivision, and called for an expression of views from interested citizens or property owners.

Mr. J. Wilson Dodd, on behalf of Mr. W. F. Flippin, opposed the proposed walk as being unnecessary and involving a considerable expense upon Mr. Flippin, not only for the cost of over 100 feet of walk but for a retaining wall along his entire frontage. Mr. Phoebus, whose property would also be assessed for some 30 feet of walk spoke in opposition to the work. Mrs. Harris, Mrs. MacFarlane and the Misses Gladys and Mildred Phoebus opposed the walk as unnecessary.

Mr. J. M. R. Adams urged that the proposed walk be constructed as a matter of public safety and convenience, citing existing trees and shrubbery on the parking as obstructing the view of motorists and to the danger to many school children using Spruce Avenue as a short cut to the Takoma schools.

Upon conclusion of the hearing the Mayor stated that the matter would be taken under advisement.

The Clerk laid before the Council two communications from the North Takoma Improvement Club, one requesting completion of the sidewalks on ^{Chestnut Ave to} Philadelphia Ave. and the other citing certain vacant properties in the North Takoma section which because of growth of weeds or underbrush are either a menace to traffic con-

ditions or to the public health, or to both. Dr. Uewelly Jordan addressed the Council with respect to these communications, urging prompt action as to both. The Mayor stated that the Chestnut Ave. sidewalks could be laid as soon as the necessary funds are found available, should the Council so decide, as the necessary legal requirements have already been complied with. As to cleaning up the properties referred to the Mayor stated that he was having a general survey made covering the Town and with the information obtained upon completion thereof would be in a position to take such action as may be deemed advisable.

Dr. Jordan informed the Council as to the status of the proposed Fern Street bridge over the B. and O. Railroad, for which three plans are now under consideration. At the conclusion of his remarks he suggested that a letter from the Mayor to the District Commissioners expressing the interest of himself and the Council in the expedition of this project might be of help in its construction. On motion of Mr. Adams the Mayor was authorized to forward such a letter.

A verbal request by Dr. Jordan for a street light on Takoma Ave. between Chestnut and Baltimore Aves. was referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

Communications from Bessie N. and Perry L. Keefer and from P. S. Rodeheaver objecting to the "End of Street" sign recently erected on Holly Avenue near their properties, was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and such action as the Committee deemed proper.

A communication from Professor Louis D. Bliss, of the Bliss Electrical School citing several serious accidents at Takoma and New York Aves., and renewing his request for Stop signs on the New York Ave. sides of the intersection was referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

A letter from Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge informing the Council of a controversy concerning the distance on Cedar Ave. between Philadelphia and Dogwood Aves., and the County Surveyors' lines showing the fence on the south line to be ten feet on the Town's right of way, was referred to the Street Committee for investigation and report.

The Clerk presented a joint letter from the Parade Committees of the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department requesting permission to use Carroll Avenue from the District Line to Grant Ave., and such other portions of Carroll Avenue as may be advisable or necessary and which may be used consistent with safety, for parades on the evenings of October 29, 30 or 31, 1928. Mr. Adams moved that the desired permission be granted and that the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights be authorized to act for the Council in any details arising in connection with the forthcoming celebration and carnival on October 29, 30 and 31.

Messrs. Evans, Miller and Iverson addressed the Council relative to the desired improvement of Heather Avenue. The gentlemen were informed that all possible effort would be made to render their street passable during the winter but that it would be impossible to concrete it at this time or until a new paving

program has been formulated and financed.

Upon request of Mr. Iverson and on motion of Mr. Remsen for the Street Committee, permission was granted Mr. Iverson to construct 300 lineal feet of cement sidewalk in the Wildwood Section, at his own expense, walk to conform to Town specifications, and grades to be established by the Town.

Mrs. Jane Zimmerman, 33 Carroll Ave., called the Council's attention to bill received by her for renewal of house water service during paving of Carroll Ave. The Mayor expressed regret at the Council's inability to advise her in the matter as the Council has no jurisdiction over work by the Sanitary Commission.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved by the Finance Committee, amounting to \$325.71 and on his motion the bills were approved and payment directed.

Mr. Ware, Acting Chairman of the Health Committee, stated that beginning with November and continuing during the winter months one weekly collection of garbage and one weekly collection of ashes will be made and that there will be one monthly collection of rubbish.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted a detailed report of street work during the past month, including completion of sidewalks and incident work in connection with the Carroll Avenue repaving which project is now virtually completed, and general street upkeep and repairs.

Mr. Ware, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, recommended the appointment of Mr. G. E. Bishop, of the Bliss Electrical School, as a Deputy Bailiff and upon his motion Mr. Bishop was so elected. This action was taken at the request of the Bliss School authorities.

Mr. Ware reported that the Committee had under consideration a general scheme of traffic control but was not yet ready to submit a report thereon.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, submitted a written report embracing the following: Near completion of grading of the municipal playgrounds, which has transformed an unsafe and unsightly lot into a safe playground for the children, an attractive place to look at and an asset to this community. The Committee recommends extension of the culvert through the grounds on past Park Ave, using broken sidewalk slabs with a concrete slab over the top if approved by the Street Committee; The Spring in the Town Park, corner Elm and Prince George Aves., has been improved by a concrete block spring house with roof and padlocked door. A specimen of water from this Spring has been analyzed and pronounced as near pure as any water examined at the bacteriological laboratory of the Veterans Bureau Hospital. Some trees in this Park have been killed by standing water. The Committee recommends removal of these trees by Mr. R. Shenk who will do so for the wood. A Parent-Teachers Association has been organized at the Chillum-Takoma School and is endeavoring to have Woodland Ave. extended by the County for the benefit of the Takoma children in attendance. The Committee recommends covering of the unsightly rubbish dumped on Philadelphia Ave. at intersection of Holly Ave.

Now that leaves are falling the Committee hopes none will be burned on the concrete streets but in containers on the lots and asks cooperation of the Police, Fire and Lights Committee in enforcing the law against burning leaves or trash in the street.

The report of the Committee and its recommendations were approved on motion of Mr. Ware.

Mr. Adams referred to the vacancy in the Council due to the resignation of Professor Salisbury and as the selection of his successor devolved upon the Council moved that Mr. Martin Iverson be elected to succeed Professor Salisbury and to serve until the next annual election. Nominations having been closed on motion of Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Iverson was thereupon unanimously elected. The Mayor requested Mr. Iverson, who was present in the audience, to come forward and take the oath of office, but, as the action of the Council was unexpected by him he asked to have the oath deferred until he might consider acceptance.

The following Ordinance adopting the assessment for construction of concrete streets on Carroll Ave, was presented for the Councils consideration:

Ordinance No. 492

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

Section 1. That the special assessment submitted by the Town Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of concrete pavement as set forth in Ordinance No. 474, passed and approved September 1, 1927, be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The assessment hereby approved bears date of October 1, 1928 and is due and payable within 90 days therefrom; provided that, if so desired said assessments may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within 90 days from October 1, 1928 and each subsequent payment due and payable at the same period of each succeeding year until paid; provided further that payments of one-fifth or more may be made at any time within any of the payment periods. Deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

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, Sherburne and Ware; voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Thursday Evening, November 1, 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, Councilmen Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware, and Councilman Elect Martin Iverson. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Iverson by the Mayor and he thereupon assumed the duties of the position.

The Mayor informed the Council that since its last meeting it had come to his attention that a suit in equity was about to be filed against the Town by several citizens who were dissatisfied with the assessments covering the concrete paving program of 1927. Desiring to learn the full nature of the complaint the Mayor stated that he had arranged a conference between the gentlemen concerned in the suit, the Corporation Council and himself. At this Conference it developed that objection was based upon two things: First, that having included interest on the Certificates of Indebtedness, ^{as part of the cost of the work} additional interest on deferred payments to those accepting the five-year payment plan should not be charged. With regard to this objection the Corporation Counsel expressed the view that there could be no valid legal reason ^{against} including interest on the Certificates of Indebtedness as a part of the cost of the work as this question has already been favorably decided by the Maryland Courts; but having included the interest in the cost of the work, additional interest charges, in the judgment of the Corporation Counsel, whether legal or not, would appear to be inequitable, and in this respect, open to objection. After extended discussion the Mayor stated that he had agreed to recommend to the Council that interest on deferred payments covering special assessments for the 1927 street pavement program be eliminated, which, if approved, would be a satisfactory solution to the gentlemen concerned. The second objection urged was that erroneous frontage charges had been assessed against certain lots that were in fact corner lots and entitled to part exemption. Referring to the two particular assessments involved the Corporation Counsel stated that they were undoubtedly made in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and that the Council did not appear to be given discretionary power. He suggested that relief might be obtained in these and similar cases by an amendment to the Charter giving the Council power, in cases of irregular shaped lots to make such exemptions where frontages were excessive that would avoid discrimination and hardship to the property owner, a power similar to that possessed by the Suburban Sanitary Commission. The gentlemen agreed that such action would be a satisfactory solution of their complaints. In accordance with the agreements thus tentatively reached at the Conference the Mayor laid before the Council for its consideration and determination the following motions with his recommendation that they be approved:

Moved: In consideration of the fact that interest on the Certificates of Indebtedness issued to cover the street paving program of 1927 was included in

the cost of said work on which the assessments therefor were based and levied, it is hereby Ordered, that the provisions of those Ordinances passed in approval of such assessments which provide for the payment of interest at 6 per cent per annum on all deferred payments on said assessments be and are hereby revoked and set aside with respect to said assessments; and that the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund any payments of interest made on accounts of said assessments where said accounts have been paid in full; and to credit on the principal of all accounts of said assessments not paid in full such interest payments as may have been made thereon.

After full and complete discussion on motion of Mr. Rogers to approve and adopt the motion and recommendation submitted by the Mayor, Mr. Rogers motion was adopted by an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Iverson, Remsen, Rogers and Ware, Councilman Sherburne not voting. ^{Voting nay, none,} The second motion submitted by the Mayor was as follows:

Moved: That with further reference to the applications of Messrs. Cap. Finn and R. G. Sherburne for exemption allowances on the assessments against their properties at the intersection of Baltimore and Albany Avenues, for the construction of concrete pavements and curb, the Council hereby approves the understanding reached at a recent conference between the Mayor, the Corporation Council and Mr. Finn, representing himself and Mr. Sherburne, in substance as follows: That in opinion of the Corporation Counsel that the assessments against the properties of Messrs. Finn and Sherburne is in accordance with the provisions of existing law is agreed to; it is understood however that the Legislature, at its next session, will be requested to amend existing law to give discretionary power to the Mayor and Council to make exemptions on frontages of irregularly shaped lots where such frontages are excessive and to assess for the full amount thereof would discriminate against and work hardship to the property owner; said amendment to be applicable to cases pending at the time of its enactment.

Mr. Rogers moved to adopt and approve the motion and the recommendation of the Mayor and after full discussion the motion was carried by aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Iverson, Remsen, Rogers and Ware; voting nay, none; Councilman Sherburne not voting.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Adams was unavoidably absent and would have voted aye on both motions had he been present.

The Mayor laid before the Council draft of a letter he had written to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at the direction of the Council in regard to the widening of Piney Branch Road and the proposed Fern Street Viaduct over the B. and O. Railroad tracks, all in the District of Columbia which draft was unanimously approved.

The Council, after explanation by the Superintendent of Public Work of the impracticability of repairing the tar-heating apparatus, authorized the purchase of the new one sent an approval at the price of \$302.00.

After informal discussion of street work, traffic regulations, etc., the Council, at 10:35 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, November 19, 1928

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of November 1st 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		22678.69	printing	5.25				<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			rentals	25.00	36.50			Balance last report	730.00
From general taxes	2754.20		Garbage collections		160.00			Receipts during month	20.00
" building permits	40.50		Rubbish "		163.00				750.00
" electric "	20.00		Street lighting		353.28			Refunds during month	20.00
" excavation "	4.00	64.50	Miscellaneous		22.71			Balance on hand	730.00
" miscel-fines	10.00	2828.70	Salaries: Clk. and Treasr.	150.00				<u>TAX REDEMPTIONS:</u>	
		25507.39	Supt. Public Work	187.50				Balance last report, Receipts.	728.18
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			Electrical Inspector	25.00				Disbursements during month	690.83
Street work: labor	365.50		Building "	25.00				Balance on hand	37.35
material	183.90		Chief Police Officer	100.00				<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
machinery and tools	136.56		Justice of the Peace	50.00	537.50	3262.70		Balance last report	18030.32
miscel-cement walks	303.75	989.71	Balance on hand			22244.69		Receipts during month	6842.97
Playgrounds	1000.00							Balance on hand	24873.29
General Expenses: Telephone	6.25								

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

The Clerk presented a communication from Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick asking that something be done about Park Ave., Extended, so as to permit him access to his property. Mr. Fitzpatrick was present and explained in detail his difficulty. His request was referred to the Street Committee with request to meet Mr. Fitzpatrick on the ground and endeavor to provide some solution to his problem.

Mr. Milton Ballman called attention to the parking of automobiles on Carroll Ave. between Hendrick Co. Garage and Elm Avenue, which he considered a dangerous parking place. Referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mrs. Jane Zimmerman asked the Council's advice with respect to a bill for water service connection presented by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The Mayor informed Mrs. Zimmerman that the matter was one subject to determination by herself and the Commission as the Mayor and Council had no jurisdiction over the Commission and did not feel free to advise her as to any action she should take.

Mr. Walter Lambert called attention to the condition of Maple and Park Aves., due to traffic of heavy trucks during repaving of Carroll Avenue. The Mayor

informed Mr. Lambert that this condition was well-known to the Council and that efforts will be made to do such repairing as may be possible with the limited available funds for that purpose. Permanent improvement of these streets cannot be effected within the present fiscal year.

Mr. W. A. Mellen renewed request for installation of a street light at Carroll and Sliquo Aves., which had been authorized several years ago but never erected. The Mayor stated that the records would be examined and appropriate action taken.

Rev. E. M. Burrell again requested the Council to repair his driveway due to grading of Poplar Ave. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills amounting to \$337.17 which the Committee had examined and approved for payment and on his motion payment thereof were directed.

Messrs. Iverson and Ware submitted a joint report from the Committees on Health and Police, Fire and Lights embodying the following recommendations which were acted upon as indicated: 1. Remove "No Parking to Corner" sign between 128 and 130 Maple Ave. to line between 130 and 132 Maple Ave; approved. 2. Clean up Town property at Albany, Buffalo and Takoma Ave., if funds are available; approved. 3. Install new street light on Takoma Ave., between Chestnut and Baltimore Aves., on pole 7361, if funds are available; approved. 4. That "Stop" signs be placed on New York Ave. at its intersection with Takoma Avenue; approved. 5. That owner of property N.E. Corner Lee and Hancock Aves. be given short notice to relieve situation of house sewage drainage into street; approved.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted a detailed report of street work performed during the month. He reported also completion of sidewalks on Heather and Circle Avenues at the expense of the property owners.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, reported relative to the action taken by the Montgomery^{Co} Civic Federation on indorsing a unified garbage and trash collection service within the Metropolitan area at an estimated cost of \$15⁰⁰ per house per annum. The motion as finally adopted by the Federation, excluded the Town of Takoma Park from its provisions.

Under new business the Mayor called the Councils attention to an effort being made through the Parent-Teachers Association of the Takoma-Silver Spring High School to change the name of the School to "the Carroll School" or some similar short name. The only reasons advanced for such change are the difficulties of effecting an appropriate yell for athletic events or forming a monogram commensurate with the artistic taste of some of the young folks at the School. The Mayor stated that he would deem any change in the existing appropriate name of the School as detrimental.

tal both to Takoma Park and to Silver Spring and unfortunate in other respects. He submitted the following motion for the Council's consideration:

Moved: That in view of an effort being made to change the name of the Takoma-Silver Spring High School, it seems appropriate for the Mayor and Council to place themselves on record as opposed to such effort. The present name of the School, designating, as it does, the two principal communities served by it, is in line with the long established custom of the County and there would appear to be no valid reason for departing from such custom with respect to this particular school. As the present name of the school is prescribed by law and a change of designation could be made effective only by legislative enactment the Mayor and Council hereby express their opposition to any such proposed legislation as unnecessary, unwise and undesirable and they request the County representation in the Legislature to disapprove any such suggestion. The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy hereof to the Montgomery County Senator and Representatives in the Legislature.

After discussion and upon motion of Mr. Ware the motion was adopted unanimously.

Adjourned 9:45 p.m. o'clock.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:45 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor.

Bryan Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, December 17, 1928

The Council met at 8:00 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The monthly report of the Treasurer, approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

Balance last report	22244.69	rentals	37.50	43.25	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:	
RECEIPTS:		Interest account		1017.50	Balance, last report	730.00
From general taxes	1532.84	Garbage collection		160.00	No receipts or disbursements	
building permits	30.50	Street lighting		353.28	TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:	
electric "	14.00	Miscellaneous		36.67	Balance last report	37.35
excavation "	2.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	150.00		Receipts for month	39.16
Miscellaneous	1016.00	Supt. Public Work	107.50		D	76.81
	2595.34	Electrical Inspector	25.00		Disbursements	76.81
	24840.03	Building "	25.00		SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	
DISBURSEMENTS:		Chief Police Officer	100.00		Balance last report	24873.29
Street work: labor	501.40	Justice of the Peace	50.00	537.50	Receipts during month	5474.32
material	136.24	Balance on hand		21551.26	Balance	30347.61
machinery and tools	502.93					
Genl. Exp: telephone	5.75					

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

Mr. Arthur F. Gordon, under order of Communications and Petitions, requested installation of an additional street light on Philadelphia Ave, between Takoma and

Chicago Avenues. The request was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mr. Gordon also called attention to dangerous conditions on Philadelphia Avenue due to excavation for the athletic field. This was brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Public Work with instructions to place an adequate barrier along the excavation until the plans of the school authorities can be ascertained.

Mr. E. V. Crittenden stated to the Council that it was desired to survey lot 13 block 61, on Ridge Avenue but that he had been informed the roadway supposed to be Ridge Avenue, does not conform to the accurate location of the street. The Mayor stated that this was probably correct but that Ridge Avenue was one of the streets for which grades and profiles had been prepared last summer and that doubtless the surveyors marks were still in sufficient evidence to locate the street boundaries. Mr. Crittenden was requested to confer with Major Fischer who could probably locate the street lines accurately.

Mr. H. A. Axtell asked that the street surface drain extending across the Presbyterian Church property be examined and if necessary be cleaned out as it appeared to be clogged and does not carry off the water in case of rain storms. Referred to the Street Committee.

Dr. Uewellyn Jordan, on behalf of Mr. Matthews, 1022 Flower Avenue, requested a street light in the vicinity of Mr. Matthews residence. The Mayor informed Dr. Jordan that eight street lights had recently been installed on Flower Avenue, which was the extent of the lighting thereof that could be supplied under the present year's budget. Dr. Jordan further addressed the Council, urging especially the strict enforcement of the Ordinance providing for cleaning up of certain neglected lots; he referred to progress being made in the drafting of certain proposed amendments to the Town Charter and preparation of a measure to fix and determine legal titles to property sold for delinquent taxes; also to the present status of the proposed railroad by-pass at Fern Street. Dr. Jordan also called attention to the lack of public sewer facilities on parts of Takoma and Buffalo Avenues and requested that this matter be taken up with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission with a view to its correction. This the Mayor stated the Council would be glad to do.

Mr. Rogers, from the Committee on Finance submitted bills amounting to \$ 311.65, which, upon his motion were approved and ordered paid.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, stated that a house on Lee Avenue, unconnected with the public sewers, is still being occupied notwithstanding notice to the occupants that further drainage of sewage into the street would make them liable to heavy fine and their announced intention to remove from the property. The Mayor stated that unless the conditions were promptly remedied he would feel obliged to have the occupants of the property taken before Judge Kyle for violation of the Health Regulations.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, reported that only necessary routine work had been performed during the month, as was usual during the winter season; collection of ashes and trash was made in methodical manner during the month. The Committee recommended that the application of Mr. and Mrs. Norval D. Guerrier to lease the public ground between their lot line and the sidewalk on Alleghany Avenue, at the nominal rate of \$1⁰⁰ per annum, be granted for a period of ten years and on motion of Mr. Remsen the recommendation was approved.

Mr. Ware, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, stated that traffic speed signs, placed on Chestnut Avenue at the request of the residents thereof had been removed by vandals and would be replaced. Mr. Ware stated that the Committee was still making a survey of general traffic conditions but is not ready to submit a report thereon.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, submitted a report on the result of a clean-up contest under the general auspices of the North Takoma Improvement Club; this resulted in a very general improvement of conditions throughout the Town and the Club is entitled to commendation for the interest taken. With respect to the request of the Community League for spreading of ashes over the recently graded playgrounds the Committee doubted the advisability of this as the ground should first be sown with grain to establish a base for seeding; but the matter will be given further consideration by the Playground Conference.

Under new business the Mayor informed the Council that, with the Corporation Counsel, he had been drafting some proposed amendments to the Town Charter for submission to the forthcoming session of the General Assembly; these are approaching such tangible form as will permit their early submission to the Council for its consideration and he hopes to be able to call a special session at an early date for this purpose.

Mr. Rogers requested that the Street Committee give consideration to the grading of Chaney Drive in order that the Gas Company may lay mains therein; two residences on this street have recently been vacated because of failure to secure gas service. The Mayor requested the Street Committee to give the matter at-^(tention)

Mr. Collins called attention to the bad condition of Highland Ave. Referred to the Street Committee.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:45 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.