

Monday Evening, June 3, 1929.

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor the Council met in special session at the Fire Department, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of effecting its organization for the forthcoming fiscal year. There were present Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne and Ware. Councilman Rogers was absent because of serious illness.

The Mayor stated that at the recent municipal election, Councilmen Adams, Iverson and Rogers had been reelected and Certificates of Election had been issued to them. He thereupon administered the oath of office to Messrs. Adams and Iverson and subsequent to the meeting administered the oath of office to Mr. Rogers at the latter's residence, the three members thereby qualifying for the performance of their duties.

The Mayor thereupon called for nominations to fill the following offices: Town Clerk and Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Work, Chief Police Officer, Special Police Officers, Electrical Inspector, and Building Inspector, and Health Officer.

Mr. Adams, for the Finance Committee, recommended the reappointment of Mr. Bryan Davis as Clerk and Treasurer; no other names being presented, the appointment of Mr. Davis was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Remsen, for the Street Committee, recommended the reappointment of Major William F. Fischer as Superintendent of Public Work. No other names being presented the appointment of Major Fischer was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Remsen.

Mr. Ware, for the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, recommended the reappointment of Lewis A. Cutshaw as Chief Police Officer. No other names being presented, the appointment of Mr. Cutshaw was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Ware.

Mr. Ware, for the same Committee, recommended appointment of Town Police Officers as follows: From Volunteer Fire Department, J. Walter Dudley and Stephen LaScola; from Town employees, Major W.F. Fischer and E.E. Blodgett; from Bliss Electrical School, A.B. Joseph and G.E. Bishop; from Washington Sanitarium, David Cruze; Town at large, James R. King, Charles M. Maddox, W.H. Evans and Leo G. Moffett. The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved, and the appointments made, on motion of Mr. Ware.

The Mayor called attention to an Act of the recent General Assembly of Maryland authorizing the Governor to appoint, upon recommendation of the Mayor and Council, a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Takoma Park, to have concurrent jurisdiction within said Town, in civil and criminal cases, with the Police Justices of Montgomery and Prince Georges County. This matter had been referred to the Committee on Or-

Ordinance and Judiciary to canvass the situation and submit a recommendation. Mr. Sherburne, for the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee reported that after careful consideration the Committee desired to submit to the Council for recommendation to the Governor for the position of Justice of the Peace, the name of Mr. Albert E. Bryan. The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Sherburne.

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Colonel William A. Kroll, representative of the Council, in the Montgomery County Civic Federation, a position Colonel Kroll had filled with signal fidelity, and suggested that the Council name a successor to Colonel Kroll, if now prepared to do so. Mr. Adams, for the Civic Improvement Committee, recommended the appointment of Mr. Lisle Morrison to this position. The recommendation was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Iverson, for the Health Committee, recommended the reappointment of Dr. D. H. Kress as Health Officer. No other names being presented the appointment of Dr. Kress was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Iverson.

Mr. Adams, from the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee after informal meeting with the Mayor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Work and members of the Council, desired to submit the following Ordinance approving the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1929-30:

Ordinance No. 498

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the amended Charter. (Chapter 169, Acts of 1929) the following Budget is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1929:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:		ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS:			
From general taxes	48,500.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	1,800.00	Towns share, completed Street paving	18,000.00
Road corporation and securities tax refunds, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties	3,000.00	Supt. of Public Work	2,250.00	Interest special improvement bonds	2,667.50
Permits, interest and other miscellaneous sources	1,250.00	Chief Police Officer	1,200.00	Garbage and trash collections	3,000.00
Surplus, fiscal year 1928-29	3,000.00	Justice of the Peace	600.00	Playgrounds	1,000.00
	55,750.00	Electrical Inspector	300.00	Volunteer Fire Department	1,200.00
		Building Inspector	300.00	Rentals	300.00
		Street Work: General	8,400.00	Parks	500.00
		Park Avenue repairs	2,000.00	Printing, postage, etc	300.00
		Sligo bridge	1,000.00	Miscellaneous	557.50
		Street lighting	480.00	Reserve, 10% of estimated receipts	5,575.00
				Total	55,750.00

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, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne and Ware; voting nay, none.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from the Takoma Horticultural Club protesting against the use of the Municipal Playgrounds by

the Volunteer Fire Department for a Carnival during the week of July 1st as such use would likely do great damage to the new sod forming from recent seeding. Discussing the communication Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, stated that the Fire Department has already contracted and proceeded with many arrangements for the Carnival and that any change of plans at this time would be disastrous to the enterprise. In the absence of any motion to revoke the permission already granted the Mayor stated that the status of the matter is unchanged.

The Mayor announced appointment of Standing Committees for the ensuing year 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. Iverson, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Sherburne,

Police, Fire and Lights: Mr. Ware, Chairman; Mr. Sherburne, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Iverson.

Health: Mr. Iverson, Chairman; Mr. Ware, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Adams.

Ordinance and Judiciary: Mr. Sherburne, Chairman; Mr. Remsen, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Rogers.

On recommendation of the Police, Fire and Lights Committee and on motion of Mr. Ware it was ordered that immediate steps should be taken to have the cells in the municipal building placed in proper condition and to have electric fixtures installed and current connections made.

Prior to adjournment the Mayor made the following statement for the press and for the community:

In making a selection to recommend to the Governor for appointment as local Justice of the Peace with police powers, under provisions of an Act passed by the last General Assembly and effective June 1st, the Mayor and Council gave consideration to seven citizens whose qualifications were impressive for this important local position. The choice was finally narrowed to two, neither of whom were candidates for the position, namely, Mr. Albany D. Grubb and Mr. Albert E. Bryan. Both of these gentlemen possessed a qualification deemed necessary for the appointment, namely, presence in Town during the business hours of the day. The final decision favorable to Mr. Bryan was due to the fact that he is not actively in business and would be more available for the duties of the position than Mr. Grubb who has a growing and expanding business to demand his personal attention.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 8:35 o'clock, adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, June 17, 1929.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen and Ware. Mr. Rogers was absent because of illness and Mr. Sherburne because of the Bliss School Reunion which required his presence.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of June 3rd 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	23,288.19	Genl. Expenses; telephone	15.03	Balance on hand	22,509.57
Receipts		Printing and advertising	53.55	<u>Special Deposits:</u>	
From general taxes	224.67	Postage	2.40	Balance last report	730.00
building permits	27.50	Rentals	25.00	No receipts or disbursements.	
electric "	26.00	Parks	25.00	<u>Tax Sale Redemptions:</u>	
excavation "	12.00	Garbage collection	860.00	Balance last report	159.32
Miscel. fines	29.00	Rubbish "	109.35	Receipts during month	461.61
refunds, Montq Co	2635.32	Street lighting	372.24		620.93
	2664.32	Miscellaneous	598.17	Disbursements during month	525.39
	2954.49	Salaries; CLK and Treasr	150.00	Balance on hand	95.59
Total	26242.68	Supt. Public Work	187.50	<u>Special Improvement Fund</u>	
Disbursements:		Electrical Inspector	25.00	Balance last report	51090.33
Street Work: labor	343.45	Building "	25.00	Receipts during month	1572.27
material	134.25	Chief Police Officer	100.00	Balance on hand	52662.60
machinery and tools	138.23	Justice of Peace	50.00		
miscellaneous	18.14		537.50		
Playgrounds	500.00		3733.11		

On motion of Mr. Adams the report was approved and filed.

The Mayor stated that in accordance with public notice this evening had been designated for a hearing on proposed cement sidewalks on portions of Philadelphia and Chestnut Avenues, and stated that any persons interested would now be heard. Messrs. A.F. Gordon and I.R. Miller spoke in favor of the walk on Philadelphia Avenue; no one spoke in opposition thereto. Mr. A. Minkin spoke in opposition to the proposed walk on Chestnut Avenue. Mr. Minkin said that he had a large frontage of land on that street which was not marketable at this time and that he could ill afford the large assessment an abutting sidewalk would involve. Moreover, he stated that a considerable fill would be required before a walk could be laid which would appreciably increase the cost. No one further desiring to speak the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Mr. Thomas Manley inquired the status of the proposed sidewalk on Elm Avenue between Poplar and Hickory Avenues and was informed that this work had been ordered and would be included in the next contract for sidewalk construction.

Mr. A. F. Gordon called attention to the very dusty condition of Philadelphia Avenue and asked that it be oiled. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. J. A. Miller spoke of the heavy motor traffic on Philadelphia Avenue and suggested erection of a slow or stop sign near the High School Building. Referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

Mr. C. M. Jenkins complained to the Council of the premature explosion of fireworks in his vicinity in anticipation of the Fourth of July, and hoped the law against this practice would be enforced. The Mayor gave assurance that all possible effort would be made to do so but that with one or two police officers available it would be impossible to prevent it entirely as long as children were permitted to and could buy fire crackers and fireworks outside the Town.

The Clerk read an invitation from the North Takoma Improvement Club requesting attendance of the Mayor and Council at a special meeting of the Club to be held in the County building at Silver Spring, Friday evening, June 21. At this meeting the Club expects to consider with the County Commissioner for this District and the Chief Engineer of the Parking and Planning Commission the approaches from the Maryland side to the proposed viaduct over the B. and O. Railroad tracks. On motion of Mr. Adams the invitation was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Adams, for the Finance Committee, in the absence of Mr. Rogers submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$359.23 and on Mr. Adams' motion payment of the bills was authorized and directed.

Reporting on the application of Mr. Jas. C. Bruce, 216 Albany Ave., for an adjustment of the assessment for concrete streets adjacent to his property which has an excessive frontage the Finance Committee recommended that Mr. Bruce's assessment be adjusted to a full charge for 50 feet thereof and for one-half of the remainder, the balance being exempt. The Committee submitted a similar recommendation on the application of Mr. Chas. S. Longacre, corner of Park and Carroll Avenues. The recommendations of the Committee were approved.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported a general improvement in health conditions throughout the Town, particularly in the rear of the stores on Laurel Avenue which had caused considerable complaint. Efforts are being made to cover exposed cans and rubbish at several points in the Town.

Mr. Iverson referred to the request of the ^{two} garbage collectors for an increase in their compensation now \$80.00 per month each. In consideration of the satisfactory service they have been giving the Health Committee recommends an increase of compensation to \$90.00 per month each. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Iverson.

Mr. Reimsen, from the Street Committee, reported in detail routine street work performed during the past month; he referred also to the considerable damage resulting from recent heavy rains, which the Superintendent is endeavoring to repair. The Committee recommended ~~that~~ that proposals be asked for surfacing of Park Avenue with amisite, which recommendation was approved. The Committee recommended also that sidewalks be laid on the west side of Philadelphia Avenue between Takama and Chicago Aves., and on Elm Ave, between Woodland and Prince George Avenues, and on Chestnut Ave. from present walks to Philadelphia Ave, if found practicable. Recommendation approved.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, recommended the appointment of R.W. Brown and E.H. Burdine as special police officers of the Town. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Ware. The Committee also recommended the purchase and erection of ten maximum speed signs to be placed at each entrance to the Town which recommendation was approved. With respect to traffic conditions in the immediate vicinity of the Fire Department Mr. Ware suggested that a 250 candle power light replace the present light on pole 7025, Denwood and Carroll Avenues and that "no parking" signs be placed in front of the Fire Department building. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee submitted the following Memorial on the late Colonel William A. Kroll and on his motion it was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Council:

Memorial

The Mayor and Council regret to chronicle the death of COLONEL WILLIAM A. KROLL which occurred at his home in this city on April 29th last. Colonel Kroll served faithfully as a Member of the Town Council from June 5, 1922, to June 7, 1926. His services were characterized by energy and fidelity. As Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee and of the first municipal Zoning Commission he took an active part in the important initiative zoning problems of the community. At the time of his death he was a School Trustee and a representative of the Town Council in the Montgomery County Civic Federation. He faithfully upheld the Town's interests in the deliberations of the Federation.

Colonel Kroll was a good citizen and a staunch friend. He was faithful to his convictions and fearless in the expression of them. His death is a community loss.

The Council direct the inclusion of this Memorial in the record of their proceedings and the sending of a copy thereof to the family of Colonel Kroll.

^{Reimsen} Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee recommended the reappointment of Mr. J. Bond Smith as Corporation Council and on Mr. ^{Ware's} Sherburne's motion Mr. Smith was unanimously reelected.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Street Committee, following the public hearing on certain proposed sidewalk construction, Mr. ^{Rem-} ~~Sher-~~ ^{Sen} ~~burne~~ from the Ordinance Committee, submitted the following Ordinance directing said work:

Ordinance No. 499.

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Town Charter (Chapter 169, Acts of 1929, the Mayor and Council, after due notice and hearing, are of the opinion that the public health, comfort and convenience require the construction of the public work set forth in Ordinance No. 497, passed and approved May 20, 1929, and the construction of said work, or so much thereof as may be found practicable is hereby directed.

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Sec. 2. The total cost of the said sidewalk construction as provided in paragraph C, Section 12 of the Charter shall be assessed to the benefited abutting property; said cost shall be due and payable within ninety days from approval by the Council of the assessment for said work; provided however that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual payments, the first due and payable within ninety days from approval of said assessment and each subsequent payment due and payable likewise in each succeeding year, until paid; provided further that payments in any amount can be made between the said annual payments if so desired. Payments past due shall be subject to interest at 6% per annum after maturity.

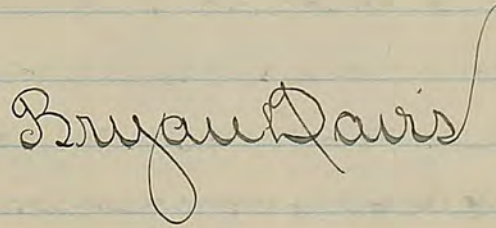
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^{Remsen} Mr. Sherburn moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, ~~Sherburn~~ and Ware. Voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

Mayor



Clerk

Monday Evening, July 1, 1929.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware.

The Mayor stated that there were several urgent matters requiring prompt attention which necessitated the present meeting, two of them being the repair of Park Avenue and the recommendation to the Governor of an appointee for Police Justice within the Town.

The Mayor thereupon laid before the Council copy of Judge Bryan's letter of resignation to Governor Ritchie of the position of Justice of the Peace to which he had recently been appointed. The Mayor said that he had talked the matter over with Judge Bryan very seriously but that the latter felt it would be impossible for him to proceed with the duties of the position, and in consequence it would be necessary for the Council to submit a new recommendation. After an extended informal discussion of several citizens deemed capable and worthy of the position, Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance and Judiciary

Committee, stated that the Committee was prepared to unanimously recommend to the Council for this position Mr. Alfred L. Wilson. Mr. Wilson has been a long time resident of the Town, living at 15 Sycamore Avenue, is a property owner, a lawyer by profession, and, being in Takoma Park thro- out the day, will be available in emergencies requiring services of a Justice. Mr. Rogers moved that the recommendation of the Committee be ap- proved and that the Mayor be authorized to present to the Governor, for the Council, the name of Mr. Wilson, with recommendation for his appoint- ment as Police Justice for the Town of Takoma Park. The motion was unanimously adopted.

With respect to the improvement of the damaged pavement on Park Ave., the Mayor stated that he had conferred with Mr. Cranford of the Cranford Pavement Co., who, after an examination of Park Ave., was of the opinion that to attempt to repair the street with a coating of amisite, would be expen- sive and ineffective. He suggested that all soft places be thoroughly tamped and broken stone rolled in and then lay 2" of 1 1/2" binder stone penetrating same with 3/4 of a gallon of hot tarvia, over which limestone screenings should be spread and thoroughly rolled. At the Mayor's suggestion Mr. Cranford submitted a written proposal to do this work as specified for Seventy Cents per square yard. In Mr. Cranford's opinion this treatment of the street would prove more satisfactory and effective than any other, short of repaving, and ought to maintain the street for from three to five years. After due consideration and on motion of Mr. Rem- sen the proposal of Mr. Cranford was accepted and the Clerk directed to so notify him.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, brought to the Council's attention the very bad condition of Second Street, from Eastern to Westmoreland Ave. On motion of Mr. Rogers the Committee was authorized to proceed promptly to put the section of street referred to in passable condition.

On recommendation of the Civic Improvement Committee and on motion of Mr. Adams permission was granted to Mr. ^{L.} ²⁰⁵ Wm. Smith, Spruce Ave., to con- struct an 8-foot addition on the front of his garage on the premises noted.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Remsen, extension of the Playgrounds culvert across Park Ave., Extended, was authorized.

Referring to reconstruction of the culvert across Takoma Avenue Mr. Remsen stated that he was taking this matter up with County Commissioner Shaw.

No further business being presented the Council at 10 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis, Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, July 15, 1929

Work -

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the Special meeting of July 1st, 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		22509.57	postage		30.00	SPECIAL DEPOSITS: Balance last report		730.00
RECEIPTS:			rentals		100.00	Refunds		10.00
From general taxes		111.70	Interest account		825.00	Balance		720.00
" building permits	22.50		Garbage Collection		170.00	TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:		
" electric permits	20.00		Rubbish Collection		86.40	Balance last report		95.54
" excavation permits	2.00	44.50	Street lighting		372.24	Receipts for month		996.41
" miscellaneous		149.10	Miscellaneous		20.50			1091.95
		305.30	Salaries: CLK. and Treasr		150.00	Disbursements for month		1012.70
		22814.87	Supt. Public Work		187.50	Balance		79.25
DISBURSEMENTS:			Electrical Inspector		25.00	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
Street work: labor	255.60		Building Inspector		25.00	Balance last report		52,662.60
material	69.44		Chief Police Officer		100.00	Receipts: outstanding accounts		1224.00
machinery and tools	147.71		Special Impvt. Town share		17000.00	Town share for year		17000.00
miscellaneous	140.00	612.75	Balance on hand		3092.50	Interest on bank deposits		1059.57
Genl. Expenses: telephone	11.98					Balance		19283.57
printing and adv.	6.00							71946.17

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

The Treasurer submitted also his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, as follows:

Balance July 1, 1928		\$ 5115.91	DISBURSEMENTS:		Interest account		4045.00	
RECEIPTS:			Street Work: labor		4549.90	Garbage collections		2630.00
From general taxes		48,116.11	material		5061.08	Trash collections		581.15
" building permits	252.00		machinery and tools		2479.69	Street lighting		4304.55
" electric permits	148.00		miscellaneous:			Miscellaneous:		
" excavation "	44.00	444.00	Paving repairs		3016.27	Volunteer Fire Department		1000.00 -
Miscellaneous: Fines	148.75		Surveying, etc.		190.06	Bond premium		25.00
Interest on deposits	405.81		Grading		204.50	Tax sale costs		155.50
Wash Gas Co - St repairs	295.45		Bridges		300.00	Tax refunds		169.22
Road refund P.G. Co	1543.34		Playgrounds		1500.00	Recording fees		13.50
" " Mantq. Co	1711.56		Genl. Expenses: telephones		85.91	Mantq. Co. Civic Fedn dues		15.00
Securities tax " "	768.53		Printing and advertising		337.53	American City-subscription		4.00
Bank tax " "	155.23		Postage		87.68	Hyattsville Indpt "		2.00
Driveway construction	20.60	5049.27	Rentals		497.00	Automobile tags		24.48
		53609.38	Parks		25.80	Typing, specifications, etc		58.50
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office supplies	14.23		Towns share special impts	17,000.00	55632.79	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
Equipment for offices	502.00		Balance on hand		3092.50	Balance on hand July 1, 1928	23,306.48
Expenses, assault case	37.45					RECEIPTS:	
Board of Assessors	75.00		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>			From accounts outstanding	47,787.82
Auto, Police Dept	153.44		Balance July 1, 1928		740.00	" interest on deposits	15,899.46
Registration and election	40.00		Receipts during year		40.00	" Town's share	17,000.00
Photostats	1.80				780.00		66,377.28
Docket Book, J. of P.	15.25		Refunds during year		60.00	DISBURSEMENTS:	
Police Badges	15.30	2321.67	Balance on hand		720.00	Concrete streets	2299.36
Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	1800.00					Interest refunds	18.23
Supt. Public Work	2250.00		<u>TAX REDEMPTIONS:</u>			Certificates of Indebtedness paid	12000.00
Electrical Inspector	300.00		Receipts during year		4787.07	Interest	3420.00
Building Inspector	345.00		Disbursements " "		4707.82	Balance on hand	17,737.59
Chief Police Officer	1200.00		Balance on hand		79.25		71946.17
Justice of the Peace	550.00	6415.00					

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved and ordered to be published in the local papers.

The Mayor announced that this evening had been designated for the reception of bids for the construction of certain cement sidewalks and called upon the Clerk to present such bids as may have been received. The Clerk reported receipt of one bid only which, upon being opened was that of F.T. Taylor, of Takoma Park, who bid as follows: One course plain cement concrete sidewalks, \$2.10 per square yard; excavation in excess of one foot average, \$1.50 per cubic yard. The bid was referred to the Street Committee for examination and recommendation.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. Russell S. Cyphers, Chestnut Ave., calling attention to depressions in the pavement on that street and requesting that repairs be made. He referred also to advisability of protecting the street near the stream where the dirt is fast disappearing. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mrs. Joseph Ball, 247 Willow Ave., addressed the Council with reference to the caving-in of a drainage conduit extending through her property, which she requested the Council to repair. Referred to the Street Committee.

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Mrs. Grace Flaag, Willow Ave., again suggested the advisability of placing a stop sign at corner of Willow and Tulip Avenues. To the Police, Fire and Lights

Mr. George E. Robertson, 227 Willow Ave., called attention to a letter which he had written to the Council some weeks ago, and received no reply, relating to drainage conditions at his property. The Mayor informed Mr. Robertson that his letter was receiving the consideration of the Street Committee in connection with a study of the drainage problem referred to, in the hope of working out some satisfactory solution of the problem involved.

Mr. Dann Faber, Takoma Ave., expressed his appreciation of the reconstruction of the conduit under Takoma Ave, at Boston Ave, now in progress.

Mr. Edgar C. Adcock, Jackson Avenue, requested the Council to install about 30 feet of drain pipe across the corner of his property. Mr. Adcock was informed that the Council had installed drain pipe across the street to carry a natural water course but that it was contrary to its policy to do so on private property.

Mr. J. Roger Hodges requested that Holly Avenue from Philadelphia Ave. to Hodges Lane be repaired. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills approved for payment amounting to \$367.51 and on his motion payment was directed.

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, submitted request of Mr. W. A. Mellen, 649 Carroll Ave., for refund of taxes ~~from 1896~~ on lot 14, block 32, which lot was included in Section 1, Wildwood, as resubdivided, said taxes having thus been paid twice, and amount to \$15.67. The Committee recommended refund of amount stated if facts were as stated in Mr. Mellen's letter. The Committee recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Remsen.

No report was presented by the Health Committee.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, submitted a detailed report of street work during the month under direction of the Superintendent of Public Work. He reported completion of the resurfacing of Park Avenue and completion of repair of Second Street, and that work had begun on the Takoma Avenue culvert and would be pushed to completion as rapidly as practicable. Extension of the Playground culvert across Park Ave. will be started the coming week.

No report was submitted by the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, recommended that permission be granted to Mr. L. E. Froom, 209 Albany Ave., to locate a proposed double garage nearer than 5 feet to the side line of his lot, the adjoining owner, Mr. J. W. Hite, having filed written consent thereto. On motion of Mr. Adams the recommendation of the Committee was approved and the desired permission granted.

No report was submitted by the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

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Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, recommended acceptance of the proposal of F. T. Taylor for construction of cement walks as per the following

Ordinance No. 500

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

Section 1. That the proposal of F. T. Taylor, 8 Sherman Ave, Takoma Park, Md., to construct cement concrete sidewalks in the Town of Takoma Park, Md., in accordance with the specifications accompanying said proposal, at the following prices to wit: Cement concrete sidewalks, \$2.10 per square yard; excavation in excess of one-foot average, \$1.50 per cubic yard, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized, by and for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to enter into contract with the said F. T. Taylor for the work specified, in accordance with the terms of his proposal.

The Ordinance was adopted upon motion of Mr. Ware and upon aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen,

Sherburne and Ware, Voting nay, none.

The Mayor called the Councils attention to the desirability of having two flag poles erected at the Takoma-Silver Spring High School, one for the national colors and one for the State flag. The matter has been brought to the attention of the County school authorities, who, however, have no funds available for this purpose. As the Town Charter authorizes contributions for school purposes, the Mayor suggested that it would be a gracious and appreciated act on the part of the Council to donate two poles for this purpose; they can be purchased and erected for not exceeding \$75⁰⁰.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Mayor's suggestion be approved and that \$75⁰⁰ or so much thereof as may be required be appropriated for the purchase and erection of two flag poles at the Takoma-Silver Spring High School. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor stated that he had recently made a hurried inspection of a number of streets and sidewalks, particularly those that were paved some years ago and found that quite a lot of repairs were needed. He called this to the attention of the Street Committee with the suggestion that a complete survey be made with a view to having these repairs made as soon as practicable. The Mayor also suggested a systematic inspection of streets and walks throughout the Town and at frequent intervals as small repairs made quickly would be in the interest both of safety and economy. He also called attention of the Street Committee to desirability of cutting the weeds from a number of neglected street parkings as soon as it can be conveniently done.

A communication from Mr. Clarence Lawry for the Board of Trustees of the Adventist School on Columbia Avenue requesting permission to erect a wire mesh fence 6 feet in height around the school playground in order to prevent annoyance to the neighbors from balls batted into their yards, after discussion, on motion of Mr. Ware, was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee with power to authorize such action as their investigation might deem to be advisable.

No further business being presented the Council thereupon, at 9:20 o'clock, P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor.

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Clerk