

the lines of his property in case it is disputed with respect to the lines of Dogwood Avenue.

With respect to the remarks of Dr. Jordan concerning the possible improvement and care of certain Town parks by the Parking and Zoning Commission the Mayor stated that this matter is now under consideration and that as soon as definite conclusions are reached the matter will be submitted to the Council for its action. The Mayor stated that while the Council is pleased to give ear to any and all constructive suggestions offered or presented it does not necessarily follow that affirmative action will be taken thereon. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to act on such suggestions in their own time and judgment and the community interests.

No further business being submitted the Council, at 9:40 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, January 15, 1930

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Mayor's Office, convening at 8:00 o'clock.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware.

The Mayor informed the Council that in accordance with its suggestion he had been in conference with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission principally through Mr. Root, its Chief Engineer and Mr. J. Bond Smith, its General Counsel, with respect to the possibility of the Commission assuming control of certain park areas within the Town for the purposes of improvement and maintenance. This, the Mayor explained could well be done within the provisions of law creating the Park and Planning Commission without surrendering any of the public's rights to the use of these park spaces—rather indeed conserving and expanding those rights in rendering such park spaces more available and accessible for public rest and recreation. The Commission has specific funds available for improvement and upkeep of parks over which it may assume jurisdiction from a levy of 7 cents per \$100 on the assessable property within the Metropolitan District. The Mayor stated that in the afternoon of this date the entire membership of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Messrs. Hilton, Cissel and Hauer,

together with Messrs Root and himself, had visited and made a thorough survey of the park area in North Takoma bordering and contiguous to the Baltimore and Ohio right of way, Takoma, Albany and Buffalo Avenues, and embracing between 10 and 12 acres of land. It was evident, said the Mayor, that the members of the Commission were impressed with the extent of these park areas and their possibilities for improvement, especially with the fact that they are contiguous to the additional park development contemplated in the early construction of the Ferry Street underpass. The Mayor stated that in his judgment there was opportunity for constructive evidence of accomplishment on the part of the Park and Planning Commission and opportunity for the Town to acquire some return of its contribution to park development by the creation of an attractive park area in an established residential section. Concluding his remarks the Mayor presented Messrs. Root and Smith to the members of the Council and suggested an informal consideration of the matter under discussion.

Mr. Root stated that while no formal plans would be prepared for improvement of the Park area in North Takoma prior to its authorization by the Commission he thought that tentatively a screen of evergreens and shrubbery would effectively shut off the railway right of way and that the presence of the tracks would be realized only when trains were passing. The liberal area of the rest of the tract would doubtless provide for some recreational features such as lawn tennis, croquet and so forth and that the general contour of the land would be well adapted for landscape planting.

Mr. Smith explained the provisions of the law providing for financing park improvement and acquisition of park land, all being provided for out of the 10¢ per \$100 levy and that the contemplated improvement and maintenance of the North Takoma parks will not increase existing taxes either in the Town or the County.

Mr. Iverson called attention to Spring Park at Elm and Poplar Aves., and asked if it is contemplated to include it in the list of parks to be cared for by the Commission. Mr. Root replied that the Commission's policy has been contrary to acceptance or improvement of comparatively small and isolated parks and it was improbable that an exception would be made in favor of Spring Park.

Upon conclusion of the informal discussion Mr. Adams moved that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission be requested, under the provisions of existing law, to assume jurisdiction of the park areas in North Takoma contiguous to Chicago, Takoma, Albany and Buffalo Avenues and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad right of way, as designated on the plat of the Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision, for the purpose of improvement and maintenance as public parks;

and that, in event of favorable action the Commission be requested to formulate plans for such improvement and to proceed in the execution thereof at such early date as may be found convenient and practicable. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Upon request of the Mayor, Mr. Root submitted to the Council in brief outline the proposed plans for improvement of the Sliqo Valley, particularly that portion thereof lying within the corporate limits of the Town. Mr. Root expressed the belief that actual work upon this project will begin within the present year. He expressed the hope of the Commission that much of the land needed for this development may be dedicated and the Commission's funds thus conserved for roads and recreational features, which are essential parts of modern park development.

The Mayor recalled to the Council's attention that the driveway known as Sliqo Avenue and which extends along the stream, is a dedicated street of the Town and can be readily transferred to the Parking Commission, thus providing land required for at least one park driveway through this most attractive region. He stated also that the Town has acquired title to certain marginal lots lying between Sliqo Avenue and the stream as well as to a considerable area along Brashears Branch adjoining the Sliqo Valley which could be made an attractive addition to Sliqo Park and suggested that these holdings be offered to the Park and Planning Commission as parts of the pending project.

Mr. Rogers thereupon moved that the Parking and Planning Commission be informed of the desire of the Mayor and Council, for the Town of Ta Kona Park, to transfer to the jurisdiction of the Commission the roadway known as Sliqo Avenue for improvement and maintenance as a park driveway and to dedicate to the purposes and area of the proposed Sliqo Park certain marginal lots and a tract of land contiguous to Brashears Branch and Sliqo Creek, to which the Town possesses title, such transfers to be made effective whenever the Commission is ready to begin improvement of the proposed park area. Mr. Rogers motion was unanimously adopted.

The Mayor expressed the thanks of himself and the Council to Messrs. Root and Smith for their courtesy in attending the conference and the information furnished by them and stated that the action of the Council would be officially conveyed to the Park and Planning Commission quite promptly.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:15 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, January 20, 1930

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of January 13, were read by the Clerk and without correction, were approved.

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

Balance last report	21490.72	Rubbish collection	32.40	<b>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		Street lighting	394.70	Balance last report	740.00
From general taxes	3092.77	Interest account	825.00	Receipts for month	10.00
building permits	3.00	Vol. Fire Department	100.00	Balance on hand	750.00
electric permits	11.00 14.00	Police Department	4.20		
miscellaneous	104.80	Court Room	4.05	<b>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</b>	
	24702.29	Salaries: Clk. & Treasr	150.00	Balance, last report	18957.78
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		Supt. Public Work	187.50	Receipts:	
Street work: labor	338.40	Electrical Inspector	25.00	From outstanding accounts	4391.28
material	172.50	Building "	25.00	" interest on bank deposits	845.20
machinery and tools	72.30	Justice of the Peace	50.00		24194.26
miscellaneous	13.85	Chief Police Officer	100.00	Disbursements:	
General Expenses: telephone	5.05	Miscellaneous	254.00	Cement walks	29.76
printing	10.50	Balance on hand	3524.26	Curb and gutter	19627
rentals	25.00		21178.03	Semi-annual interest	2565.00
Playgrounds	500.00	<b>TAX REDEMPTIONS:</b>		Balance on hand	2791.03
Garbage collection	234.81	Balance on hand	79.25		21403.23

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications as follows, which were read and acted upon as indicated:

From Mr. John D. Fall, 4 Sycamore Ave., advising that the street sign at the corner of Sycamore and Ethan Allen Avenues, had been carried away, much to the detriment of traffic and requesting its replacement. Referred to the Street Committee for necessary action. In connection therewith the Mayor requested the Committee to investigate the possibility of installing a more satisfactory system of street signs with an estimate of the cost thereof.

From Mrs. I. M. Evans, President of the Civic and School Association of Takoma Park, Prince Georges Co., Md., inviting the Mayor and Council to be present at the February 4th meeting of the Association, at which time Mr. Irving C. Root, chief engineer of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will be present to explain his master map for new highways in Maryland, particularly in the metropolitan area. On motion of Mr. Sherburne the invitation was accepted.

From Dr. Uwellyn Jordan, commending the action taken by the Mayor and Council with reference to improvement and maintenance of certain park areas in

the Town through the jurisdiction of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, To the Civic Improvement Committee.

From Mr. Fred F. Harris relative to the condition of Jackson Avenue adjacent to his property. To the Street Committee.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Mayor and Council at length in expression of his disappointment over the failure of the Civic Improvement Committee and the Mayor to approve his efforts for the Town of Takoma Park to ~~initiate~~ the organization of a State League of Mayors and Municipal Officers for the State of Maryland.

Dr. Jordan concluded his address by announcing that he would be a candidate for Mayor at the forthcoming Town election.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills, amounting to \$253.61, examined and approved by the Committee, and on his motion payment was directed. [ ed.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported completion of the sewer main on Lincoln and Cherry Avenues and that several of the residents have already installed plumbing and made the necessary connections. The Committee expects the remaining residents to do likewise in the Spring.

Mr. Iverson reported an improvement in conditions in the rear of the Laurel Avenue stores and the cooperation of the store tenants in cleaning up trash and garbage. The Mayor stated that in a conversation with Mr. Thornton, just prior to the latter's departure for Florida, assurance had been given by Mr. Thornton that the property in this section under his control would be cleaned up and kept so, and that he would be glad to cooperate with the Town authorities to this end.

Mr. Rensen, from the Street Committee, reported, relative to Mr. Harris' letter as to conditions on Jackson Avenue, that nothing effective toward relief could be done at this season but that the complaint will have attention as soon as practicable. Mr. Rensen reported detailed street work during the past month, including removal of snow. He also stated that he was requested by Mr. Warner, to thank the Council for the additional street light installed on Holly Avenue.

Mr. Ware, for the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights reported matters of public order as very satisfactory; the County Commissioners have appointed Theodore Raines a special officer for part time duty thus giving Takoma Park all night police service.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, laid before the Council the following correspondence between the Mayor and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as representing action taken to date with reference to care and maintenance of certain Park areas within the Town:

*The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,  
County Building, Silver Spring, Maryland.*

*Office of the Mayor, Town of Takoma Park Md., January 14, 1930.*

*Gentlemen: - With reference to recent informal conferences between Mr. Root and Mr. Smith, of the Park and Planning Commission, and myself, on behalf of the Town of Takoma Park, Md., having in mind the improvement and maintenance of certain park areas within the corporate limits of the Town, I now have the pleasure to bring the matter officially to your attention. Under the provisions of existing law your Commission is empowered to improve and maintain such park areas as in its judgment may be in the public interests. In the residential section of Takoma Park known as North Takoma, lying between the Baltimore and Ohio right of way, Takoma, Albany and Buffalo Avenues, are park areas aggregating between ten and twelve acres, which have been dedicated to public use as parks and which are sus-*

ceptible, at comparatively small expense, to such improvement as will adapt them most admirably for community park purposes. These park areas are immediately adjacent to the pending construction of the Fern Street Baltimore and Ohio underpass where an additional parking area will be created fitting in appropriately and becoming a part of the general system herein referred to.

The park area above described covers the section visited and viewed by the full membership of your Commission on Monday last and is therefore well within your mind and understanding. As you doubtless noticed during your visit these parks will serve a largely populated contiguous residential neighborhood.

It was my pleasure on Monday evening last to lay this matter fully before the Town Council, with all members present, which meeting was also attended, upon my invitation, by Messrs. Root and Smith of the Commission. After a very complete discussion the Council unanimously voted to request the Park and Planning Commission to assume jurisdiction over this park area for purposes of improvement and maintenance. I am pleased therefore by direction of the Council, to submit this request for your consideration in the feeling that it will appeal favorably as a concrete accomplishment of one of the purposes of the Commission. If approved by you, definite plans for early development and improvement of the area, will be deeply appreciated by our Town government and our townspeople.

At the same meeting of the Town Council above referred to we discussed at length with Messrs. Root and Smith the contemplated park improvement of the Sliquo Valley extending through our municipality. Along the Sliquo stream the roadway known as Sliquo Avenue is a dedicated street of the Town and will afford, when improved, a picturesque drive through this naturally beautiful region.

There are also a number of marginal lots lying between Sliquo Avenue and Sliquo stream to which the Town has acquired title. Along the Brashears branch, which empties into Sliquo stream near the Washington Sanitarium, is a considerable tract of land owned by the Town of Takoma Park and which would add appreciably to the Sliquo Park area. After consideration the Council unanimously approved my recommendation that these Town holdings be properly transferred to the jurisdiction of the Park and Planning Commission in connection with the Sliquo Park development. Such action as your Commission deems proper to accomplish this purpose will be taken whenever desired.

I take this opportunity to assure the Park and Planning Commission of our hearty commendation of the work it has already accomplished in the metropolitan district and to offer our continued cooperation in the realization of its purposes and plans.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours very sincerely,

BEN G. DAVIS, MAYOR.

Hon. BEN G. DAVIS, Mayor.

Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

The Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission.

Bethesda, Maryland, January 16, 1930.

My Dear Mayor Davis: - At the Commission meeting held last evening, I was requested to acknowledge your letter of January 14th and to transmit to you a copy of the resolution which was passed, and which I quote below:

"RESOLVED: That the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission hereby directs its Chief Engineer to make a study of the suggested park areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and particularly of the Triangle Park and that portion of land adjacent to the Bliss Electrical School, in order to determine what should be done to improve the same and what the cost of making such improvements would be, and

"Further, That said Engineer make a survey of the various properties lying between Sliquo Avenue and Sliquo stream and other properties emptying into Sliquo Creek to which said properties the Town of Takoma Park has acquired title and is desirous of transferring said title to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and render a report of his findings to this Commission at the earliest opportunity."

Sincerely Yours,

THOS. HAMPTON,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Under new business the Mayor, referring to the remarks of Dr. Llewellyn Jordan earlier in the evening concerning the organization of a State League of Mayors, asked if the Council desired to take any action in the matter. The Mayor stated that he recalled no discussion of the matter with Dr. Jordan except a very brief conversation over the telephone and that the Council well knows that the subject has not been brought before it through any report from the Civic Improvement Committee. While there is doubtless merit in an organization such as proposed the Mayor felt that it should be sponsored by some one of the larger municipalities in the State. After informal discussion, an motion of Mr. Remsen, the entire matter was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

The Mayor brought to the Councils attention the suggestion of Mr. Wm. A. Mellen that Circle Avenue in the Wildwood section be changed to Elm Avenue. Investigation the Mayor stated showed that the extension of Elm Avenue through the Glaize tract connects with Circle Avenue and that the latter is a logical continuation of the former. As there is another street in the Pine Crest section designated as Circle Avenue the desired change of name will also avoid confusion. If the Council desires to make the change the Mayor recommended that it be done at this time in order that the name may be designated on a new map of the Town now approaching completion. Mr. Rogers moved that the recommendation of the Mayor be approved as provided in the following Ordinance:

*Ordinance No. 503*

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

*Section 1. That the name of the street now designated as Circle Avenue, located in the Wildwood Section and contiguous to Section 1, Wildwood Sub-division and blocks 32 and 33, of B.F. Gilbert's subdivision, be and the same is hereby changed to Elm Avenue, and will be hereafter so designated and noted on the official records of the Town.*

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, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware. Voting nay, none.

The Mayor informed the Council that the new map of the Town on which he has been working for some months is approaching completion and suggested that he be authorized to have it lithographed when completed; the cost, he thought, would not exceed \$100.00 and would furnish sufficient copies for official use. Mr. Rogers moved the desired authorization and appropriation be granted, which motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Adams called attention to the great desirability of an improved roadway from Takoma Park to College Park, citing the fact of its convenience to the number of local students attending the State University at the latter place. He suggested that improvement of the Coal Spring Road from the junction of the Metzgeroff Road and Riggs Road to College Park would accomplish this. On his motion the Mayor was requested to bring the matter to the attention of the County Commissioners.

There being no further business the Council at 9:35 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

*Bruce Davis*

Mayor.

*Bryan Davis*

Clerk.

Monday Evening, February 17, 1930.

The Council met at 8 o'clock; there were present the Mayor and Councilman Iverson, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and, without correction or objection, were approved.

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

Balance last report	21178.03	Rubbish collection	54.00	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		Street lighting	403.72	Balance last report	750.00
From general taxes	1822.20	Volunteer Fire Dept	100.00	Refunds during month	10.00
" building permits	12.50	Police Department	4.20	Balance on hand	740.00
" electric permits	15.00 27.50	Court Room	10.23	<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>	
" miscellaneous	34.50 1884.20	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	150.00	Balance last report	79.25
	23062.23	Supt. Public Work	187.50	Receipts during month	1.75
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		Electrical Inspector	25.00		81.00
Street Work: labor	375.00	Justice of the Peace	50.00	Disbursements during month	1.75
material	78.75	Building Inspector	25.00	Balance on hand	79.25
machinery and tools	54.21 507.96	Chief Police Officer	100.00 537.50	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
General expenses, telephone	5.25	Miscellaneous	10.50 1952.68	Balance last report	21403.23
printing	4.50	Balance on hand	21109.55	Receipts during month	2444.30
rentals	25.00 34.75				23847.53
Garbage collection	289.82			Disbursed Grading, Heather Ave.	22.00
				Balance on hand	23825.53

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. H. L. Thornton relative to conditions in the rear of his stores on Laurel Avenue; Mr. Thornton stated therein that the tenants of his properties should be held responsible for any violations of the health regulations by them and that he had so notified them. As soon as the weather permits, Mr. Thornton stated, he intends to have his lot cleaned up which was formerly occupied by the Fire Department, and gave assurance of his desire to cooperate with the Town authorities in every manner in maintaining healthful and sanitary conditions. Referred to the Health Committee.

From Mr. Frank B. Newman submitted a proposition to dispose of the garbage, ashes and trash of the Town. Referred to the Health Committee for consideration [and report

Dr. Uwellyn Jordan called the Council's attention to a bill introduced in the House of Representatives which provides that the District Commissioners may enter into arrangements with communities in the Maryland metropolitan area to dispose of trash, etc., of the latter through use of the public incinerators authorized to be erected in the District of Columbia and suggested that the purposes of the bill be approved by the Council. The Mayor suggested that the Council approve the bill so that in case



it might be found possible to economically utilize the District incinerators, passage of the bill would make this more ready of accomplishment. On motion of Mr. Rogers the purposes of the bill were indorsed and the bill itself approved. Dr. Jordan also spoke of his efforts to effect early settlement of the B. and O. suit and of certain provisions of the state general tax law with respect to tax sales.

Mr. Dann Faber made inquiry concerning set-back requirements for dwellings, calling attention to the house just started by Mr. J. A. Ridgeway on Takoma Avenue and the side of which approaches within eight feet of Boston Avenue. The Mayor informed Mr. Faber that the Zoning Regulations require a setback of 25 feet and that Mr. Ridgeway will have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals to ~~require~~ <sup>secure</sup> any modification in the Zoning Regulations.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills approved for payment amounting to \$177.97, and on his motion payment thereof was approved.

Mr. Rogers submitted also a report from the Finance Committee recommending that an allowance of \$25.00 per month be made to the Police Judge of the Town for expenses in connection with his office, to be effective during the six months from January 1 to June 30, 1930. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

The Finance Committee, through Mr. Rogers, recommended the appointment of Messrs. John D. Miller, Bernard R. Holmes and Fred D. B. Austin as a Board of Assessors for the purpose of making such changes or corrections in the present assessment as may be deemed just and proper, <sup>and</sup> by adding thereto any property subject to taxation not appearing therein. On motion of Mr. Iversen the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

Mr. Iversen, from the Health Committee, reported general health conditions as excellent throughout the Town; the conditions in the rear of the Laurel Avenue stores are still subject to improvement. The letter of Mr. Thonstan presented earlier in the evening offers promise of something tangible being done and the Committee withholds further comment until results thereof are ascertained.

In the absence of Mr. Remsen, Chairman, the Street Committee submitted no report.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, submitted a letter from Mr. C. C. Waters, President, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, relative to construction of a driveway at the North end of the Fire Department Building, which, he understood, the Town was willing to provide and which would furnish parking space badly needed by tenants of the building. Mr. Ware stated that this matter will be taken care of by the Superintendent of Public Work as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Ware presented also a letter from Dr. J. W. Dudley, former Chief of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department in reference to the letter of Mr. Robert B. Marse, Chief Engineer of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, of December 9th last, in which Mr. Marse complained of lack of cooperation on the part of the Fire Department. Mr. Dudley stated that the hydrant on Park Ave., to which Mr. Marse referred, was not out of order but was one of old type with 2½ inch coupling and that the firemen,

instead of stopping, proceeded to the next hydrant which was one of the new type. Dr. Dudley stated that Mr. Marse's letter is entirely unjustified in its statement that the Fire Company does not cooperate with the Sanitary Commission for it has always endeavored to do so. The Mayor stated that he would be quite happy to convey the contents of Dr. Dudley's letter to Mr. Marse which disposition of the matter was approved on Mr. Ware's motion.

On motion of Mr. Iverson the attention of the Sanitary Commission is to be called to the old type hydrant on Park Avenue and another on Willow Avenue near house No. 119 with request for their replacement by hydrants of modern type. The recommendation of the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, that light on Pole No. 7144 be moved to pole No. 7445, Ethan Allen Avenue, was approved.

In the absence of Mr. Adams, Mr. Iverson, for the Civic Improvement Committee, reported on the hearing in Major Davidson's office in Washington, on the proposal to permit the near-by localities in Maryland to use the trash disposal incinerators authorized for the District of Columbia. There was no opposition voiced to the proposition and a bill introduced in Congress to permit this will have the support of the District Commissioners. On recommendation and motion of Mr. Iverson the proposed bill was heartily and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, laid before the Council a proposal to adopt the County Building Regulations as the Town regulations. The proposal was informally considered at some length without definite conclusion. On suggestion of the Mayor the matter was deferred for consideration at a special meeting which the Mayor stated he would call at an early convenient date.

The Mayor stated that complaint had been made to him as to the condition of the walk section of the Carroll Avenue bridge across the Sligo and suggested to the Street Committee and the Superintendent of Public Work that this be given immediate attention and any required repairs made without delay.

The Mayor informed the Council that owing to the illness of Chief Police Officer, E. E. Blodgett, he had appointed and sworn in for a period of 30 days of Officer Theodore Raines, of the County Police Force, to look after Mr. Blodgett's duties and suggested that the appointment be continued. On motion of Mr. Ware, Mr. Raines was appointed a police officer of the Town.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis  
clerk

Monday Evening, March 10, 1930

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, Rogers, Sherburne, Iverson and Ware; Mr. Remsen was unavoidably absent. The Mayor stated that he had been informed that the Maryland Parking and Planning Commission were ready to proceed with the improvement of the North Takoma Parks in accordance with action taken by the Commission and with plans prepared therefor; that before doing so it was desired that some formal action be taken to transfer the jurisdiction of the parks to the Parking and Planning Commission.

Mr. Adams, for the Civic Improvement Committee, recommended that the necessary action be taken by Resolution of the Council and submitted the following:

*WHEREAS: certain areas within the Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company's Subdivision of Takoma Park have for many years been dedicated and accepted as parks, being known as the North Takoma Parks; and*  
*WHEREAS: under date of January 14, 1930, the Mayor, acting in accordance with the direction of the Council addressed a letter to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission requesting the said Commission to assume jurisdiction over the said parks for the purposes of improvement and maintenance; and*  
*WHEREAS: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has indicated its readiness to proceed with the improvement of these said park areas in accordance with a general design plan prepared by Irving G. Root, Chief Engineer of said Commission, and by Roland W. Rogers, Landscape Architect of the said Commission, which said plan is by this reference made a part of this resolution; therefore, be it*  
*RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park hereby transfers and cedes to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission the jurisdiction which has up to this time been exercised by the Town of Takoma Park over the park areas shown on the said general design plan mentioned herein and made a part of this Resolution.*

Mr. Rogers moved that the Resolution be approved and adopted; seconded by Mr. Sherburne and unanimously carried.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission submitting for the Council's recommendation an application from Mr. A. Minkin for rezoning from Residential A to Commercial D of certain land owned by him at the corner of Chestnut and Philadelphia Avenues. After full consideration, an motion of Mr. Sherburne the application was disapproved and the Clerk instructed to so inform the Commission with return of all papers.

The Mayor submitted to the Council a letter from Mr. E. W. Baker, Secretary pro tem, Federation of Municipal Officers of the Metropolitan District extending an invitation to him and the Town officials, or representatives, to participate in a meeting at the Mount Ranier town hall, Thursday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of creating a permanent organization of town officials from all the incorporated towns in the metropolitan district of Prince Georges County for promoting better government and general welfare. The Mayor stated that other engagements prevented his attendance but hoped that some member of the Council might find it possible to be present, and that he would so advise Mr. Baker.

A communication was presented by the Clerk from certain residents on Grant Avenue complaining of the unkempt and unsanitary conditions in the rear of the stores on Carroll Avenue between Grant and Lee Avenues. The letter and complaint were referred to the Health Committee with instructions to investigate and take such action as may be required and to invoke the applicable town ordinances in case of failure of any owner to abate the nuisance complained of.

The Council proceeded to an informal consideration of the Building Regulations of Montgomery County applicable to the metropolitan district, having in mind their possible adoption for the Town of Takoma Park. The discussion evinced the general opinion that a uniform set of building regulations would be of advantage to all concerned; there was some difference of opinion relative to adopting the county's schedule of fees, but an analysis thereof showed but little difference and it was agreed to include them in the proposed adoption. The matter of inspection, whether by the county or town inspector was left for future determination. The Ordinance Committee was instructed to present a suitable Ordinance at the next meeting of the Council, providing for adoption of the County Regulations, for final action.

The Mayor referred to the illness of Acting Chief Police Officer E. E. Blodgett which has prevented him from performing his duties since February first. At the Mayor's orders, Officer Raines has performed Mr. Blodgett's duties while off duty from his county officer duties, and has been very satisfactory. The Mayor recommended that Officer Raines be compensated at the rate of \$50.00 per month from February 1st while substituting for Mr. Blodgett. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

Adjourned 10:30

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

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Munday Evening, March 17, 1930

The Council met in regular session convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Rensen, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of March 10, 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		21109.55	Garbage collection	270.36	deposits for month	20.00
RECEIPTS:			Rubbish "	42.00		760.00
From general taxes	3248.95		Street lighting	397.59	Refunds during month	10.00
building permits	21.50		Volunteer Fire Dept	100.00	Balance on hand	750.00
electric permits	13.00		Police Department	6.75		
excavation permits	3.00	37.50	Court room	54.00		
Miscellaneous	1506.72	4793.17	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr	150.00	TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS	
		25902.72	Supt. Public Work	187.50	Balance on hand last report	79.25
DISBURSEMENTS:			Electrical Inspector	25.00	Receipts for month	609.41
Street Work: labor	298.20		Building "	25.00	Disbursements	609.41
material	2.60		Justice of Peace	50.00	Balance on hand	79.25
machinery and tools	85.01	385.81	Chief Police Officer	100.00	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
General expenses: telephone	5.75			537.50	Balance on hand last report	23825.53
postage	12.82			1837.56	Receipts for month	4413.79
rentals	25.00	43.55	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:			28239.32
			Balance last report	740.00		
				24065.16		

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

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

From Dr. Llewellyn Jordan complaining of the condition of certain lots in the vicinity of his home and requesting that his letter be referred to the Health Committee for inspection and recommendation. Referred to the Health Committee as requested, for report.

From Mrs. Margaret G. Conger, 806 Jackson Ave, requesting construction of a sidewalk from Flower Avenue to and including the frontage of her lot. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

From Jesse L. Huestis, 20 Woodland Avenue requesting extension through his property of a 15-inch drain pipe which discharges street water over the lower end of his lot. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

From Mr. N.C. Nelson, 8 Jefferson Avenue, stating that in February he hauled two truck loads of cinders to fill mud holes on Jefferson Avenue and asking to be credited with \$5.00 on his next tax bill. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

From Daniel W. Carpenter, 6513 Eastern Avenue relative to the almost impassable condition of that street and suggesting that cement gutters and curbs be extended to First Street, the street surfaced with crushed stone, rolled and tarred. Referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. Lloyd Biddle, of Baltimore Avenue, addressed the Council urging improvement of the triangular park at Albany and Baltimore Avenues. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee. Mr. Biddle suggested also that the Council take under advisement the grading and improvement of Baltimore Avenue from New York Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue, said improvement being necessary for ready access to the Takoma School. Referred to the Street Committee.

Dr. Jordan addressed the Council relative to the failure of the District of Columbia Commissioners and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission to agree on the width of Piney Branch Road with the probable result of no early action on its extension; and also to the fact that no appropriation is provided in the District of Columbia appropriation bill for elimination of the Chestnut Street grade crossing. He also referred to the forthcoming general Spring clean-up and suggested that the Mayor issue a personal appeal to the citizens to make the clean-up thorough and effective.

Mr. C.M. Kyle, Philadelphia Avenue, called attention to a plat changing the location of ~~Plat~~ Cedar Avenue in its approach to Philadelphia Avenue which change added a narrow strip of land to his lot frontage, ownership of which is claimed by the owners of the original subdivision. After considerable discussion, with differences of opinion, it was thought best to refer the matter to the Corporation Attorney, which action was directed.

Mr. H.C. Heffner, for the Volunteer Fire Department, asked if the Council would have a survey made in the rear of the Fire Dept. building to ascertain if there is room thereon for a set of tennis courts. The Mayor stated that he would speak to Mr. Norman Jackson, Surveyor, and endeavor to have this done.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined by the Committee and approved for payment amounting to \$238.45 and on his motion payment was <sup>[directed.]</sup>

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, stated that conditions in the rear of the Laurel Avenue stores were much improved and that owners of the stores on Carroll Avenue between Grant and Lee Avenues had been given notice to clean up the rear of their establishments and to keep them in cleanly and sanitary condition.

Mr. Remsen, for the Street Committee, with reference to the drainage conditions complained of by Mr. Robertson, stated that Mr. Scott has now consented to grant an easement of right of way across his property and had submitted a form thereof; the Committee recommends if the form is legally proper that it be approved and that the proposed work proceed promptly. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation was approved. The Mayor stated that he would submit the form of easement to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to its sufficiency and validity.

In accordance with instructions from the Council at its special meeting of March 10th, Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, sub-

mitted draft of a proposed Ordinance adopting the Montgomery County Building Regulations as the Building Regulations for the Town of Takoma Park. After informal discussion the perfected provisions of the proposed Ordinance were submitted for the Council's action as follows:

*Ordinance No. 504*

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

*Section 1. That the Building Code adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, March 13, 1928, covering rules and regulations for the construction of buildings within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District lying within Montgomery County, be and are hereby adopted as the Building Regulations of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and shall be applicable to all buildings hereafter constructed in both the Montgomery County and Prince Georges county sections of said Town.*

*Section 2. Permits shall be granted as provided in the Building Code adopted in Section 1 hereof, except that applications therefor shall be made to the Town Clerk of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, and permits shall be issued by him upon approval of plans and applications by the Building Inspector.*

*Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized, if in his judgment it be found desirable in the interests of the Town, to make suitable arrangements with the County Commissioners for the services of the County Building Inspectors in the inspection of buildings erected within the limits of the Town.*

*Section 4. Any Ordinance or part thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, is hereby repealed.*

Mr. Sherburne 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, Rogers, Sherburne and Ware; voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:50 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

*Ben Davis*

Mayor

*Bryan Davis*

Clerk.