

Monday Evening, April 20, 1931

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

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

Balance, last report	24,407.20	Trash collection	43.20	4	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>		
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		Street lighting	547.37		Balance on hand last report		770.00
From general taxes	5342.06	Volunteer Fire Department	100.00		Refund during month		10.00
" building permits	19.00	Police Department	4.70		Balance on hand		<u>760.00</u>
" electric "	15.00	Court Room	29.05		<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>		
" excavation "	5.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	166.66		Balance last report		83.63
Miscellaneous	211.71	Building Inspector	25.00		Receipts during month		<u>97.53</u>
	5592.77	Supt. Public Work	200.00		Disbursements during month		<u>86.36</u>
	29,999.97	Electrical Inspector	25.00		Balance on hand		<u>94.80</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		Chief Police Officer	100.00		<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>		
Street Work: labor	375.60	Justice of the Peace	50.00	566.66	Balance on hand last report		28,930.09
material	233.00	Miscellaneous	201.52	2662.11	Receipts during month		<u>6,246.97</u>
machinery and tools	346.61	Balance on hand	27337.86		Balance on hand		<u>35,177.06</u>
General Expenses: telephone	6.40						
rentals	25.00						
Garbage collections	183.00						

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee which had examined and approved the above report moved that it be received and filed. Carried and so ordered.

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

From Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bernard, 700 Erie Avenue, requesting cement sidewalks on Albemarle and Erie Aves., abutting their property. Referred to Street Committee.

From Thos. G. Cunningham and others, residing in vicinity of Garland and Maple Aves., requesting remedy of unhealthy conditions due to overflowing septic tanks from houses 905 and 907 Maple Avenue. Although the houses complained of are outside the Town limits and jurisdiction the Mayor referred the petition to the Health Committee with request for investigation and report to the County Health Officer.

From Daniel W. Carpenter, 6513 Eastern Avenue, relative to bad condition of that street. Referred to the Street Committee for necessary attention and action.

From Mr. C. C. Waters, 3 Pine Ave, accepting, with appreciation, appointment as Alternate Delegate for the Town, to the Montgomery County Civic Federation.

From Dr. Llewellyn Jordan relative to conditions along the stream at the Lake property and contamination of the wading pool. To the Health Committee.

Dr. Jordan addressed the Council relative to the recent announcement of a new U.S. Postoffice for Silver Spring and proceeded to inform the Council of the procedure necessary to acquire U.S. postoffice buildings. Proceeding, he requested that the Clerk read certain letters he had addressed to the Mayor and Council relative to the open-

ing of Brashers Avenue. The Mayor informed Dr. Jordan that he considered the letter referred to as discourteous and had directed the Clerk not to present it. Continuing his talk Dr. Jordan thereupon launched a verbal attack of insinuation and abuse and was directed by the Mayor to take his seat. The Mayor inquired of the Council if it desired Dr. Jordan to proceed along the line of talk he was indulging. Mr. Ware moved that Dr. Jordan be declared out of order and denied the further privilege of the floor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. L.R. Grabill, 16 New York Ave, addressing the Council, referred to the desirability of a bus service for North Takoma and urged the assistance of the Council in securing it. Mr. Grabill stated that he had little hope of getting the Capital Traction bus line into that territory but thought some encouragement might be obtained from the bus line operating in the Silver Spring section. The Mayor stated that he was sure the Council would be glad to take the matter up and give it all possible consideration in connection with pending efforts for an extension of bus service through the several sections of the Town.

Mr. W.M. Peacock, 108 Baltimore Avenue, addressed the Council concerning playing of games in the public streets, especially those games requiring the use of a ball. Mr. Peacock referred to serious injury to his son resulting from a hard driven golf ball.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$261.03, and on his motion payment was di-

[rected.

Under this head of business the Mayor reported that the Board of Assessors has submitted its report which is now in the hands of the Town Clerk; that notices will be sent to all parties whose assessments have been increased or decreased and that the Council, at its regular meeting on May 18th will hear all complaints that may be presented with respect to said assessments.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported that the semi-annual general "Clean-up" of trash, has been practically completed leaving most premises in good condition. In spite of all efforts trash continues to be dumped, mostly under cover of darkness, and by persons from outside the Town, on vacant lots and along the stream valleys. He reported further that the Committee is continuing its efforts in requiring connection of all properties along sewer lines with the sewers and this is being gradually accomplished. Mr. Iverson referred also to continued efforts to keep clean the properties adjacent to the several store districts; he presented a letter from Mr. H.L. Thornton who has stated his intention to put a man to cleaning up the refuse in rear of the Laurel Avenue stores. The Committee reported that construction of the sewer mains throughout the Carroll Subdivision will begin this week.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, reported that a new grade has been established by the Committee for Jefferson Avenue and has been tentatively approved by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. If approved by the Council the Committee recommends that Mr. H.J. Killen be permitted to construct

at his own expense a sidewalk in conformity thereto fronting his property. On motion of Mr. Iverson the new grade as approved by the Street Committee and the Park and Planning Commission, was approved by the Council and permission granted Mr. Killen to construct a cement sidewalk under Town specifications, abutting his property.

Mr. Remsen reported also establishment of grades on the upper section of Baltimore Avenue, which have been tentatively approved by the Park and Planning Commission. He moved that these grades be approved, which motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Remsen reported that the grade of Cockerille Avenue has been established and approved by the Park and Planning Commission as far as First Street. Extension of the street from First to Elm Avenue is now under study and when completed the entire grade will be submitted for approval.

Referring to the request of Professor Blue for the proper street line of his lot, Mr. Remsen reported that a survey by Mr. Wynne indicated an error in the boundary lines of block 53; the Committee therefore recommends that the proper parties be notified to file a new and proper plat, showing reestablished lines, properly executed. Until this is done the Committee wishes to refrain from giving any lines or grades in that section and adjoining properties.

Mr. Remsen reported that a survey has been made of Brashears Avenue and is now being plotted. Regarding elimination of surface drainage conditions on the Scott property, an easement covering the right of way has been drawn by the Corporation Attorney; when this is properly executed, Mr. Remsen reported, the Superintendent of Public Work will proceed at once with the work.

Relative to the request of Mr. R. Shenk for extension of drain pipes under Elm Ave. about 20 feet onto his property, Mr. Remsen for the Street Committee reported the cost as about \$100.00 and recommended denial of the request. The recommendation of the Committee was approved.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee reported usual generally excellent condition of public order. The Committee is of opinion that the increasing practice of children playing in the public streets is becoming a serious menace not only to the children but to motorists as well. The Committee is hopeful, too, that some plan of police patrol may be evolved at an early date affording a closer police supervision of all sections of the Town.

Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following proposed Ordinance providing for the annual Town election:

Ordinance No. 514.

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Town Charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 4, 1931. Said election will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Firemen's building, Garrall and Denwood Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for three persons as Councilmen to serve for a term of two years beginning the first Monday in June, 1931.

Section 2. The polls for said election shall be opened at 6 o'clock a.m., and shall be closed at 7 o'clock p.m.

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.

On motion of Mr. Sherburne Messrs. H.W. Scherger, F.D.B. Austin and A.E. Bryan were appointed Judges of Election and Mrs. Bertha B. Foulk, Clerk.

Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following proposed Ordinance for the Councils consideration:

Ordinance No. 515

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

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to play base ball, foot ball, golf or any other game requiring the use of or using a ball in or upon any of the streets, alleys, or avenues within the said Town of Takoma Park, Maryland. Nor shall a ball be driven over, along or across any street, avenue, park, parking or other public space except upon and within public playgrounds therefor provided.

Section 2. No golf shall be played in or upon any playground, park or other public land within the said Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, except where special provision is made therefor.

Section 3. No game by which a ball, stone, or similar other article, is propelled by a club, cane, stick or other device, shall be played in or upon any street, alley or avenue within the said Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Section 4. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5.00

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its passage.

After due consideration Mr. Remsen moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Rogers and Ware; voting nay, none.

Mr. Sherburne, from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee, returned the claims of Mr. F. J. Hutchinson for \$22.00 loss of 6 chickens and of Mr. Fred S. Bartlett for \$15.00, loss of 10 chickens, killed by dogs, with report that there is no provision of Town law authorizing payment of claims of this nature and recommending that the claims be disallowed. The committee is of opinion that redress should be secured from the owner or owners of the dogs who are undoubtedly responsible for the depredations. On motion of Mr. Rogers the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

A number of citizens being present from Chestnut and Baltimore Avenues the Mayor requested an expression of opinion as to opening ^{the latter} Brashears Ave from Baltimore to Chestnut Avenue. Messrs. H.E. Allanson, ~~Mr.~~ W.O. Hazard, H.W. Rutledge, W.D. Hall and Mr. Ryerson, speaking for Mr. Ben Morrison, expressed themselves as opposed to such action. Mr. Lloyd Biddle stated that while not opposed to opening a street thro' he was most concerned in having the present dead end street kept clean and sanitary.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 12 minutes past 10 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

referred by No. 1067 (2/1/17)

Monday Evening, May 4, 1931

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening, convening at 8:00 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Judges of Election. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Rogers, Adams, Iverson and Ware.

Mr. Henry W. Scherger, Chairman of the Board of Election Judges, delivered to the Clerk the ballot box and all papers in connection with the election, together with the following report, which was read by the Clerk:

Takoma Park, Md., May 4, 1931.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL,
TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report with respect to the Annual Town Election, held this date in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building.

Having taken the oath of office before the Mayor the Board organized by the selection of Mr. H. W. Scherger as Chairman, Mrs. Bertha B. Foulk, appointed by the Council as Clerk of Election, qualified by taking the required oath of office before the Mayor.

The polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock A.M. and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock P.M.

The following persons, duly nominated in accordance with law, appeared upon the official ballot and were voted for as Members of the Town Council, receiving respectively the number of votes indicated:

JOHN R. ADAMS ----- 375 MARTIN IVERSON ----- 292 MRS. J. A. ROBERTSON, -- 210 H. EDSON ROGERS --- 346

The total number of votes cast was 443, 208 of which were cast by women and 234 were cast by men. 8 ballots were defective and not counted.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and were duly elected to serve as Members of the Town Council for a term of two years from June 1, 1931: John R. Adams, Martin Iverson, H. Edson Rogers.

Certificates of Election in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith inclosed for delivery to the Councilmen-elect.

ATTEST:

BERTHA B. FOULK,
Clerk.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SCHERGER, Chairman

F. D. B. AUSTIN

ALBERT E. BRYAN, Judges of Election.

Mr. Ware moved that the Report of the Election Judges be received, and be turned over to the Town Clerk to be filed with the official records and that the result of the election be declared in accordance with the report of the Judges. The motion was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Rogers an appropriation of \$40.00 was authorized to compensate the Judges and Clerk of Election.

On motion of Mr. Adams the Council thereupon at 8:15 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.

Monday Evening, May 18, 1931

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen and Ware. The Mayor stated that Mr. Sherburne was absent because of an unavoidable engagement and that Mr. Rogers absence was due to his very serious illness; the Mayor was glad to report an improvement in Mr. Rogers' condition and expressed the hope of his early and complete restoration to health.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of May 4th were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance last report	\$ 27,337.86	Garbage Collection	181.50	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>	
RECEIPTS:		Trash "	67.40	Balance last report	\$ 760.00
From general taxes	2233.36	Street lighting	547.37	(No receipts nor disbursements)	
" building permits	54.00	Volunteer Fire Dept	100.00	<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>	
" electric "	6.00	Police Department	4.20	Balance last report	94.80
" excavation "	4.00	Court Room	144.00	Receipts for month	85.20
Miscellaneous	25.50	Salaries: Clk. and Treasr.	166.67		180.01
	2322.86	Building Inspector	25.00	Disbursements for month	92.07
	29660.72	Supt. Public Work	200.00	Balance on hand	87.94
DISBURSEMENTS:		Electrical Inspector	25.00		
Street Work: labor	350.80	Chief Police Officer	100.00	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
machinery and tools	133.65	Justice of the Peace	50.00	Balance last report	35177.06
miscel-Lee Ave. sewer	600.00	Miscellaneous	573.61	Receipts during month	9203.66
Genl. Expenses: telephone	6.00		3470.45		44380.72
printing and adv.	170.25	Balance on hand	26190.27		
rentals	25.00				
	201.25				

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

The Mayor stated that in accordance with public notice legally given, this evening has been designated for the Council to sit as a Board of Review to hear and determine any complaints with reference to assessments presented by the Board of Assessors. Sitting as a Board of Review the Council hereupon proceeded to consideration of objections as follows: A letter from Mrs. A.C. Tinsley requesting reduction in the assessment of \$1800 on a house at 6505 Eastern Avenue (lot 3, block 14, Pine Crest Subdivision). A letter from Mr. A.H. Jennings requesting reduction in the assessment of \$1000 on the house on lot 9, block 53, Kennebec Avenue. After giving full consideration to these objections and the reasons advanced therefor, the Board of Review, on motion of Mr. Ware, disapproved the requests.

No further objections being offered or presented the Council closed the hearing and proceeded with its usual order of business.

Communications were presented and read by the Clerk and action taken thereon as indicated, as follows: From Dr. Llewellyn Jordan suggesting a thorough and com-

plete audit of the financial conditions of the Town; referred to the Finance Committee. From Dr. Jordan relative to procedure required to secure a Federal postoffice building within the Town; referred to a special committee, Mr. Adams, Mr. Ware, Mr. Iverson. From Mr. E.S. Pardoe, Supt. of Bus Operations, Capital Traction Co., calling attention to operation of local taxicabs along the route of their Carrall Avenue Bus Line, contrary to Rule 9 of Order #12184 of the Public Service Commission of Maryland. Writer to be informed, on motion of Mr. Ware, that Town will cooperate as far as possible but that complaint should be made to the Public Service Commission. From Mr. J. Dann Faber, Chairman of local Committee, Social Service League of Montgomery County, requesting a Town appropriation toward the \$8000 fund being raised by popular subscription for the needs of the League. On motion of Mr. Adams, while in full sympathy with the Social Service League and its estimable work, the Council deems it an unwise precedent to appropriate public money of the Town for the purposes of the League. A petition from a number of citizens of Columbia, Sycamore and Poplar Avenues, for improvement of that part of Columbia Avenue lying between Sycamore and Poplar Avenues. In addition to the petition Messrs. S.D. Grove and Wm. B. Mauget, two of the signers addressed the Council relative thereto. Referred to the Street Committee. A communication from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission requesting a conference between the Town authorities, the Park and Planning Commission and the Sanitary Commission relative to establishment of grade for Sheridan Avenue. Referred to Street Committee to comply with request as promptly as possible.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council, expressing regret at hearing of the illness of Mr. Rogers and congratulating the recently elected members of the Council. Dr. Jordan referred also to purchases of the several properties within the triangle adjoining the proposed B. and O. underpass at Fern Street, which purchases he has been informed, have been made. He repeated remarks previously made relating to a league of Maryland municipalities and division of the state gasoline tax.

Mr. Charles Y. Latimer called attention to continued dumping of trash by unauthorized persons on the former municipal dump adjoining Philadelphia Ave. In view of his understanding that there is no Town Ordinance regulating these matters he submitted draft of an Ordinance which he was glad to submit to the Council for its consideration. Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Louis J. Carusillo, 203 Baltimore Avenue, referred to the condition of the dead end street known as Brashears Avenue which he requested be given attention. Referred to the Street Committee. Messrs. Lisle Morrison and W. Q. Hazard maintained that the Chestnut Ave. lots adjoining this street are in excellent ^{sanitary condition} sanitary condition.

Mr. Charles Thomas, Boyd Avenue, inquired as to progress made in obtaining dedication of Boyd Avenue extended. He was informed by the Mayor that repeated efforts have been made to persuade the Beale estate to file an approved plat of the subdivision, which includes Boyd Avenue, but with out success. The Mayor stated that the Town is reluctant to condemn this street as to do so would still leave the subdivision unapproved. He suggested that the interested property

owners confer with the Beale heirs, from whom the property was purchased, and endeavor to have them get the subdivision approved and filed.

Mr. C.C. Waters called attention to the concerts rendered by the Review and Herald Band last summer and expressed the hope that the Council might arrange some compensation for the band leader to keep him here during the present summer. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mr. Adams, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$278.03 and on his motion payment thereof was directed.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, stated that the Committee is concerned about the difficulty of finding adequate and suitable places for public dumping of trash gathered during the monthly trash collections, and about the reckless and promiscuous dumping of trash on private and public properties by unauthorized parties. He reported that the few septic tanks still existing are gradually disappearing and connections being made with the public sewers, three such connections having been made during the past month. General health conditions continue to be excellent.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee reported relative to detailed street work during the month. Further report on Brashears Avenue deferred until drafting of survey. Proposed extension of Cockerille Avenue to Elm awaiting status of certain lots. Committee recommends that estimates be secured for construction of two culverts on Baltimore Avenue and one on Holly Avenue in anticipation of using dirt from the Fern Street underpass for necessary fills. Committee is expecting to consult with a competent engineer as to probable expense of engineering services in connection with 1932 street paving so as to include such expense in forthcoming budget. The Committee submitted results of a survey as to sidewalk needs throughout the Town and recommended that these be included in an Ordinance and a public hearing held thereon at the regular July meeting. Recommendations above submitted approved on motion of Mr. Iverson.

Mr. Remsen submitted a revised grade sheet for Cockerille Avenue which, upon recommendation of the Street Committee, was approved. He also referred to the matter of a sidewalk right of way through the fire department lot from Carroll Avenue to Poplar Avenue which is having the Committee's consideration.

Mr. Ware, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights submitted an estimate from the Potomac Electric Power Co. amounting to \$159.60 per annum for the installation of 8 additional 100 watt street lights at various locations which estimate the Committee was requested to consider in connection with the budget for 1931-32.

Mr. Ware presented a letter addressed to him by Mr. R.W. Rogers of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission relative to garden contest to be sponsored by the Washington Bicentennial Garden Committee. The letter was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration.

Mr. Ware presented a Resolution from the Volunteer Fire Department relative to conducting a series of boxing matches in the basement of their building thereby hoping to secure considerable financial returns toward expenses and debt. The Resolution requested the Mayor and Council to have a public hearing on the matter and to consider

thereafter issue or recommendation of a license through the proper authorities for a series of boxing matches during the forthcoming year. After discussion the Resolution was referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee for consideration, report and recommendation.

Mr. Adams from the Civic Improvement Committee recommended that permission be granted the Takoma Masonic Lodge to conduct a Merry-go-round on the Thornton lot at the corner of Laurel and Eastern Avenues, during the Masonic Carnival running from May 23 to 30, Motion approved on motion of Mr. Iverson.

Mr. Adams stated that a request had been submitted for Town aid in construction of a baseball backstop on the municipal playgrounds on Philadelphia Avenue which the Committee is inclined to approve if the Council desires to authorize semi-professional base ball thereon. Discussion developed doubt that semi-professional base ball could be played upon these restricted grounds without frequent violation of the recently enacted Ordinance prohibiting driving of balls into or across public streets or places; it was also questioned whether it was good public policy to permit semi-professional base ball games on a play ground designed primarily for small children and lying within a residential zoning area. Because of these suggested objections the Civic Improvement Committee was requested to confer with the Playground Conference and report to the Council the attitude of the Conference toward the playing of semi-professional base ball on the particular playground referred to.

Mr. Adams referred to the invitation extended by the National George Washington Memorial Commission to organize a local celebration for 1932, the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, and recommended that the Council, through the Civic Improvement Committee, cooperate with the other civic associations of this community, in the proposed celebration. The recommendation, on motion of Mr. Ware, was approved.

Mr. Remsen, for the Ordinance Committee submitted the following proposed Ordinance for the Councils consideration:

Ordinance No. 516

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

Section 1. The dumping of trash, garbage and refuse on public property, except by duly authorized Town authority, is hereby declared a nuisance and is prohibited under the fines and penalties hereinafter imposed.

Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation, dumping or depositing trash, garbage or other refuse on any street, highway or public property within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$25.00 for each offense, together with all costs, and in default of paying said fine, shall be confined in the Town or County jail for a period of not more than 30 days or until such fine is paid.

Section 3. Any person, firm or corporation dumping trash, garbage or other refuse on any private property within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, without consent of the owner thereof shall, on conviction, be fined not more than \$25.00 for each offense, together with all costs, and in default of paying said fine, shall be confined in the Town or County jail for a period of not more than 30 days or until such fine is paid.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its passage.

Mr. Iverson 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 and Ware; voting nay, none.

Resolving 16, 106 / Ch. 17

Mr. Adams, for the Finance Committee presented the following Ordinance with the Committees recommendation for its adoption:

Ordinance No. 517

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

Section 1. That the assessment of real property, covering new buildings erected, repairs and alterations in existing buildings, or corrections and adjustments in assessments heretofore adopted, as reported and submitted by the duly appointed Board of Assessors for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931, be and the same is hereby adopted, the Council having sat as a Board of Review on the 18th day of May, 1931, and having decided all appeals presented.

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 and Ware; voting nay, none.

The Mayor stated that he had been in consultation with the Finance Committee concerning the tax rate for the next fiscal year. It had been hoped that the existing rate of \$1.10 per \$100.00 could be reduced to \$1.00 per \$100.00 but a review of the forthcoming obligations, including the maturity of \$66,000.00 special improvement bonds, develops too close a margin between income and expenses, to permit making the reduction. With the committee, the Mayor said, they felt it necessary to continue the present tax rate for the next fiscal year. Mr. Adams for the Finance Committee thereupon presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

Ordinance No. 518

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

Section 1. That a general tax of One Dollar and Ten Cents (\$1.10) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied and approved for the purpose of meeting any and all general and special expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931.

On an aye and nay vote the Ordinance was approved as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen and Ware; voting nay, none.

The Mayor referred to the serious illness of Mr. Rogers, for so many years a faithful and diligent member of the Council; he suggested an expression of the Council's regret for record in the permanent minutes of this meeting. Mr. Ware thereupon presented the following which received the Council's unanimous approval:

The Mayor and Council have heard with real and genuine regret of the sudden and serious illness of their esteemed associate, MR. H. E. ROGERS. They are gratified to know that his condition has improved and that he is progressing toward recovery. They trust that Mr. Rogers' convalescence may be rapid and that they may soon have the pleasure of his agreeable presence at the Council meetings and of his experienced and valued advice on Town affairs. They send him greetings and cordial best wishes.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Street Committee and approved earlier in the evening covering a survey of needs and applications for the construction of cement sidewalks throughout the Town the following Ordinance embodying the recommendations of the Street Committee was submitted for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 519

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Town Charter (Chapter 169, Laws of 1929) the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of 4-foot cement concrete sidewalks at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per lineal foot, on the streets and abutting the properties herein designated, the full cost of said work to be assessed against the benefited abutting property herein designated and described as follows:

Albany Avenue, easterly side, abutting lots 3, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, block 75, between Buffalo and Baltimore Avenues.

Albemarle Avenue, easterly side, abutting lot 29, block 53.

Baltimore Avenue, westerly side, abutting lot 12, block 75

Buffalo Avenue, westerly side, abutting lots 4, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 74, between Albany and New York Avenues.

Carroll Avenue, southerly side abutting lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 37.

Cedar Avenue, easterly side abutting lots 14, 15, 16, 39 and 40, block 5; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 86.

[Block 11, Gibbs and Kossack subdivision

Cockenille Avenue, westerly side, abutting lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 16, Pine Crest Subdivision; easterly side, abutting lots 11, block 10, and 1, 19, 20, 21 and 22,

Erie Avenue, southerly side, abutting lots 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, block 52; northerly side, abutting lot 29, block 53.

Ethan Allen Avenue, easterly side, Carroll to Elm Aves, abutting lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, block 45; lot 13, block 91; lots 1, 2 and 10, block 93; lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, block 95; unsubdivided land from lot 28, block 95, to Elm Avenue.

Flower Avenue, westerly side, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, block 47; lot 8, block 48.

Hancock Avenue, northerly side, abutting lots 1, 7 and 13, Section 4; 1, 2, 3 and 4, Section 6; 1, 7, 8 and 9, Section 7; 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Section 8, Carroll subdivision.

Hodges Lane, southerly side, abutting lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 96.

Holly Avenue, easterly side, Philadelphia Ave. to Hodges Lane, abutting lots 1, 8, 9 and 10, block 96.

Houston Avenue, south side, abutting lots 1, 20, 31, 32, 33 and 34, block 54.

Kennebec Avenue, south side, lots 16 and 17, block 53.

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Lincoln Avenue, south of Carroll Avenue, abutting lots 3, 19, 20, 21, 22, block 37; north of Carroll Avenue, abutting lots 16, 16-a, 18, 19-a, 19-b, 8-a, 8-d, 8-e, 14 and 15.

New York Avenue, westerly side, abutting lots 7 and 11, block 75.

Park Avenue, extended, abutting unsubdivided block 102.

Roanoke Avenue, east side, abutting lots 17, 18, 19, 20, block 54.

Sherman Avenue, between Hancock and Maple Avenues, easterly side abutting lots 1 and 8, Section 8, Carrolls subdivision.

Sheridan Avenue, westerly side, abutting lots 5, 7 and 12, Section 8, Carrolls subdivision.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 1931, at the Fire House, convening at 8 o'clock will hear all property owners or others interested with respect to the above contemplated work.

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

There being no further business the Council thereupon at 10:50 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

Clerk.