

Monday Evening, June 15, 1931.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne and Ware. The Mayor stated that Councilman Rogers is still seriously ill but that latest advices indicate his gradual but continued improvement and ultimate recovery.

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

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Councilmen-elect Adams and Iverson for their new term of two years from June 1, 1931.

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

Balance last report		26190.27	rentals	25.00	101.37	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			Garbage collection	180.00		Balance last report	760.00
From general taxes	102.29		Trash collection	53.40		Receipts	20.00
" building permits	13.00		Street lighting	554.76		Balance on hand	780.00
" electric "	19.00		Volunteer Fire Dept.	100.00		<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>	
" excavation "	9.00	41.00	Police Department	4.15		Balance last report	87.94
" miscellaneous	28.00	171.29	Court room	29.15		No receipts or disbursements.	
		26361.56	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr.	166.66		<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			Building Inspector	25.00		Balance last report	44380.72
Street Work: labor	496.80		Supt. Public Work	200.00		Receipts during month	1528.15
material	118.61		Electric Inspector	25.00		Balance on hand	45908.87
machinery and tools	118.92	734.33	Chief Police Officer	100.00		No disbursements.	
General Expenses: telephone	5.15		Justice of the Peace	50.00	566.66		
printing and advertising	37.50		Miscellaneous	180.00	2503.82		
postage	33.72		Balance		23857.74		

Mr. Adams moved that the report be approved and filed. Motion adopted and so ordered.

Dr. Lewellyn Jordan addressed the Council again urging that efforts be made at next meeting of the Legislature to secure an allocation of part of the State gasoline tax to the incorporated towns and volunteering his services in connection therewith. He also expressed regret at the financial condition of the Fire Department as outlined in a recent newspaper article and advocated park area extensions and a municipal swimming pool.

Mr. Adams, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined by the Committee and approved for payment amounting to \$268.74 and on his motion payment thereof by the Treasurer was authorized.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported that the cess pool at Elm and Woodland Avenue is being eliminated and that gradually other health menaces of like nature are being disposed of through property connections with the public sewers. Conditions in the rear of store areas are being carefully watched and

are at present much improved. General health conditions throughout the Town are excellent. Mr. Iverson reported that he and Councilman Adams had, at the request of the Mayor, represented the Town at the County Health Conference at the Manor Club, where plans were discussed and formulated with respect to the county health program. He reported also that the Park and Planning Commission will be asked to have the water in the wading pool on the North Takoma Park, changed frequently.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, reported as to detailed street work during the past month, including the oiling of certain dirt streets for dust prevention. He called attention to the practice of some citizens who are, perhaps thoughtlessly, dumping lawn and hedge trimmings into the streets in violation of law. This practice not only litters the streets but in case of rains fills the drainage manholes and diverts the surface water to the detriment of adjoining properties.

Mr. Remsen submitted a tentative plat of the extension of Cockerille Avenue from Second Street to Elm Avenue for further consideration when the Town shall have acquired a tax title right to certain lots in block 16 over which the proposed street will pass. He recommended that such title be acquired as soon as practicable which recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Ware.

With respect to Brashears Avenue Mr. Remsen reported that so far no feasible plan for the extension of this unused dead end street to Chestnut Avenue has been devised. He recommended that the matter be laid upon the table pending further study with estimates of cost, etc. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Iverson. The Committee suggested also that inquiry be made as to the Town's authority to close this street and dispose of the ground. The Mayor stated that he would take this phase of the matter up with the Corporation Counsel and would report results as soon as practicable.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, brought to the Council's attention the financial condition of the Volunteer Fire Department to which he had referred at prior meetings; he felt that the apparent lack of community interest in supporting the Department's efforts to raise funds required for its maintenance, could only result in meeting such requirements from town taxation. After some discussion the Mayor suggested that a conference be arranged between the Executive Committee of the Fire Department and the Mayor and Council at which the detailed condition of the Department's finances can be considered and some possible plan be evolved to solve the existing problems. Mr. Sherburne thereupon moved that the Mayor and Council meet with the Executive Committee of the Fire Department at such time agreeable with both, as may be arranged, for a general consideration of the financial condition of the Fire Department and of means to improve it. The motion was carried. Mr. Ware presented a request from the General Committee of the Community Fourth of July celebration for granting of the necessary permits for parade, fireworks display, etc., for the Fourth of July celebration. On motion of Mr. Adams the desired permits were granted and authority was granted to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee to cooperate with the General Committee and to act for the Mayor and Council on any further requests.

The Mayor laid before the Council draft of the proposed Budget for the next fiscal year which he had prepared after consultation with the Town Treasurer, members of the Finance Committee and Chairmen of Committees. Under new business the proposed Budget was thoroughly discussed and embodied in the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 520

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the amended Chapter (Chapter 169, Acts of 1929) the following Budget is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931:

<u>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:</u>		<u>ALLOTMENTS FOR ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			
From general taxes	\$ 50,000.00	Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00	Interest on improvement bonds	825.00
" road tax, securities and bank tax re-funds from Montgomery and Prince Geo Counties	4,000.00	Supt. of Public Work	2,400.00	Towns share concrete streets	17,000.00
" Permits, interest on bank deposits and miscellaneous	1,000.00	Electrical Inspector	300.00	Garbage and trash collections	3,000.00
" dog licenses	500.00	Building Inspector	300.00	Parks	500.00
" Surplus for year ending June 30, 1931	3,500.00	Police Dept: Salary Chief Officer	1,200.00	Officer rental and furniture	500.00
		Full or part time officers	1,200.00	Printing and postage	200.00
		Automobile and upkeep	800.00	Fire Department: rental contribution	1200.00 - 2,400.00
		Telephone and miscellaneous	100.00	Miscellaneous	775.00
		Police Judge - Towns share of salary	600.00	Reserve - 10% of receipts	5,900.00
		General Street work	12,000.00		
		Street lighting	7,000.00		
Total	\$ 59,000.00			Total	\$ 59,000.00

Section 2. - Salaries herein provided may be paid monthly or semi-monthly as the recipient may desire. Rentals shall be paid at the end of each month. Expenditures for street work shall be made as far as possible in equal quarterly amounts. Contribution to the Fire Department shall be made in equal quarterly payments.

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.

Proceeding to the election of officers for the ensuing fiscal year Mr. Adams moved that the present Town officials, namely: Bryan Davis, Clerk and Treasurer, Major William F. Fischer, Superintendent of Public Work, E. E. Blodgett, Chief Police Officer, C. Huff, Electrical Inspector, J. Bond Smith, Corporation Attorney, and E. E. Blodgett, Building Inspector, be reelected to their present positions for a term of one year beginning July 1, 1931. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ware moved appointment of special Police Officers as follows: J. W. Dudley, O. W. Scherger and H. W. Scherger, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department; A. B. Joseph, Bliss Electrical School; David Cruse, Washington Sanitarium; Warren Lawson, Takoma Park Bank; Will Thomas, Prince George County section of Town; Steve La Scola, H. W. Evans and Leo Moffatt for general duty. The motion was carried and the appointments duly ordered and made.

The Mayor suggested that the Police, Fire and Lights Committee meet and consider as early as possible the best method of using the additional \$1200.00 appropriated in the 1931-32 budget for police service.

The Mayor announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the Fiscal Year 1931-32:

FINANCE: Mr. Rogers, Chairman; Mr. Adams, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Remsen.

STREETS: Mr. Remsen, Chairman; Mr. Iverson, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ware.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Mr. Adams, Chairman; Mr. Rogers, 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.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor.

Bryan Davis

clerk.

Monday Evening, July 20, 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 from the city, likewise Mr. Rogers who has gone to the Maine coast to recuperate from his recent severe illness. The Mayor reported Mr. Rogers as having taken his oath of office for his new term as Councilman and was glad to report very marked improvement in Mr. Rogers' condition which it is hoped will continue to full recovery.

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

This date having been designated for a public hearing on certain proposed sidewalk construction the Council, on motion of Mr. Ware, deferred the regular order of business and proceeded at once to hear all persons so desiring whether favoring or opposing the contemplated public work. The hearing proceeded with reference to the following streets and in the order specified:

Albany Avenue: objection by Mr. Cap Finn. Albemarle Avenue, no objection, approved by Mr. Barnard. Buffalo Avenue, no objections. Carroll Avenue, opposed by Mr. Kitwell. Cedar Avenue, approved by Mr. J.A. LeClerc; opposed by Mr. H.E. Dodge and Mr. Wilson Petty. Cockerille Avenue, favored by Mr. R.A. Gibbs.

Eric Avenue, no objection; favored by Mr. Barnard. Ethan Allen Avenue, opposed by Mr. Fred L. Glaize and by a petition of the owners of lots 24 to 33. Flower Avenue, none opposed. Hancock Avenue, opposed by Mrs. Ira Leaman, Thomas Stewart, Wm. Beaman; favored by Messrs. Somers and O'Loughlin and Mrs. Neal. Hodges Lane, favored by Mr. Latimer; opposed by Mr. Judd. Holly Avenue, opposed by Mr. Judd. Houston Avenue, no objections. Kennebec Avenue, no objection. Lincoln Avenue, objection on behalf of Charles Rey. New York Avenue, objection by Mrs. Kirby. Park Ave. Extended, approved by Mr. Fitzpatrick, opposed by Mrs. Alfred Ray. Roanoke Avenue, no objections. Sherman Avenue, objections by Mr. Jos. Griffith and Mrs. Chas. Leaman. Sheridan Avenue, no objection.

The hearing being thus concluded the Mayor announced that all objections would be taken into consideration and determined at an early date.

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

Balance last report	\$ 23,857.75	Trash collection	59.20	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		Street lighting	552.02	Balance last report	780.00
From general taxes	24.26	Interest on bonds	825.00	(No receipts nor disbursements.)	
" building permits	14.00	Volunteer Fire Dept.	100.00	<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>	
" electric permits	22.00	Police Department	4.20	Balance last report	87.94
" excavation permits	8.00	Court room	4.10	Receipts during month	164.18
" miscellaneous	2677.39	Salaries: Clerk and Treas.	166.68		252.12
	2745.65	Building Inspector	25.00	Disbursements during month	161.18
	26603.40	Supt. Public Work	200.00	Balance on hand	90.94
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		Electric Inspector	25.00	<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
Street Work: labor	351.20	Chief Police Officer	100.00	Balance last report	45908.87
material	136.88	Justice of the Peace	50.00	Receipts: from outstanding accounts	933.64
machinery and tools	94.62	Miscellaneous	7.17	Interest on bank deposits	940.00
General Expenses: phone	5.15	Towns share special im-		Towns share impvts.	19004.00
advertising	45.00	provement fund	19000.00	Balance on hand	20873.64
postage	16.86	Balance on hand	3802.32		66782.51
rentals	25.00				
Garbage collection	1008.00				

On motion of Mr. Adams the report was approved and ordered filed. The Treasurer submitted also his annual report for the fiscal year 1930-31 as follows:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		driveway construction	20.80	Securities tax, Montq. Co	736.31
Balance on hand July 1, 1930	4605.73	Street repairs (Gas Co.)	135.79	Bank tax, " "	155.67
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		Fines	52.00		5320.22
From general taxes	50,205.29	Business tax refunds	39.75		56038.01
" building permits	259.50	Garbage fees - stores	74.00	<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
" electric "	175.00	Int. on bank deposits	218.34	Street work: labor	4788.05
" excavation "	78.00	Dog tags	517.00	material	1647.92
" Miscellaneous:		Road tax, Prince Geo. Co.	1467.05	machinery and tools	1996.39
Garbage sales	244.00	" " Montq. Co.	1659.51	Miscel - sidewalks	1942.00
				removing trees	45.75

Fencing for bridge	20.60		Chief Police Officer	1200.00			<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>	
Trash receptacles	21.30		Justice of the Peace	600.00			Balance on hand July 1, 1930	75.57
Street signs	44.00		Miscel. Vol. Fire Dept.	1000.00			Receipts during year	678.73
Lee Avenue sewer	600.00	11106.11	Tax refunds	471.34				754.30
Flower Ave. bridge		3290.41	Bond premium	25.00			Disbursements during year	663.36
General expenses: telephone	65.67		Tax sale costs	164.50			Balance on hand	90.94
Printing	28.50		Dog tags	25.82			<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>	
Advertising	271.95		Dog tax enforcement	99.50			Balance on hand July 1, 1930	57075.64
Postage	72.79		Flag poles for school	31.50			<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
Rentals	300.00	738.91	Civic Federation dues	15.00			From outstanding accounts	32403.87
Parks		231.68	Taxes on town lots	73.46			" interest on bank balances	1560.00
Garbage Collection		3001.50	Police badges	30.00			" Towns share impvt. work	19000.00
Trash Collection		578.80	Registration and election	65.00				52963.87
Street lighting		6099.79	Board of Assessors	75.00				110039.51
Interest on bonds		1650.00	Sundries	4042	2116.54		<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Vol. Fire Department		1200.00	Town share, special impvts.	19000.00	56841.42		Cement sidewalks	2982.00
Playgrounds		500.00	Balance on hand		3802.32		Payment of bonds	36000.00
Police Department		83.53	<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>				Interest on bonds	4275.00
Police Justice Dept.		444.15	Balance July 1, 1930	750.00			Balance on hand	43257.00
Salaries: CLK. and Treasr	2000.00		Deposits during year	50.00	800.00			
Building Inspector	300.00		Disbursements during year		20.00			
Supt. Public Work	2400.00		Balance on hand		780.00			
Electrical Inspector	300.00							

On motion of Mr. Adams the report was approved and publication directed for benefit of the citizens and taxpayers.

A petition signed by Ernest E. Herrell and five other citizens residing in the vicinity of Brashears Avenue setting forth certain procedure in case of the closing of that street, was referred to the Street Committee, which has the matter under consideration. Dr. Llewellyn Jordan and Mr. Louis J. Carusillo, two of the signers of said petition, addressed the Council in connection with its subject matter.

A petition, signed by forty residents of Chestnut Avenue was presented to the Council by Mr. Lisle Morrison. The petition had reference to a suggested widening of that street to a width of 60 feet the entire 20 feet additional being taken from the property on the west side, which, in the opinion of the petitioners would ruin the property for residential purposes. The petitioners suggested, in lieu of the widening of the street that Chestnut and Baltimore Avenues be made one way streets from Takoma Avenue to the proposed new 80-foot boulevard extension of Chestnut Avenue. The petition was referred to the Street Committee.

Corporation Counsel J. Bond Smith who is also General Counsel of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, upon request of the Mayor informed the Council and the citizens present as to the purpose of the surveys now being made along the Brashears Branch between Maple and Chestnut Aves.

by the engineering forces of the Park and Planning Commission. Mr. Smith stated that the survey was to determine the feasibility of a park drive along the Brashears Branch to connect the North Takoma Parks and the Fern Street underpass with Sliqo Park. Any definite determination, Mr. Smith stated, would necessarily await the result of the survey and the desire of the citizens for such a connecting parkway. At the suggestion of the Mayor Mr. Smith also recited briefly the examination of proposed sites for an Eastern Suburban District High School and expressed the opinion that either of the two sites proposed by the Takoma Park Committee were superior from every necessary standpoint to any other of the submitted sites.

Mr. H. E. Dodge suggested to the Council that steps be taken to secure an officer with authority to serve legal writs. He was informed by the Mayor that this was already being arranged for and will doubtless be completed within a few days.

Messrs. Lloyd Biddle, Lisle Morrison and H. E. Allanson expressed their opinions with respect to the condition of Brashears Avenue.

Mr. Ford called attention to the need of repairs on Erie Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee for the necessary attention.

Mr. Adams, Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$597.57, and on his motion payment [thereof was directed.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported general health conditions as excellent. He stated that the Sanitary Commission intends to complete the sewer system in Hancock and Sheridan Avenues as soon as the permanent grade of the latter street is determined.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee submitted report relative to routine work on streets during the past month. He stated that the plan of detailing one man to street cleaning is being effective in much improved street appearance. Business streets are cleaned daily and residence streets at least once a week. Dirt streets are being graded as rapidly as the weather permits.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee commended the increased interest in the weekly band concerts given at various points throughout the Town through the courtesy of the Review and Herald band. The concerts are becoming very popular and are increasingly well attended.

Mr. Ware, from the Police, Fire and Lights Committee, referred to the recommendation of his Committee in May last (which recommendation was deferred until the present fiscal year) for the installation of eight additional street lights of 100 c.p. on Cockerille Avenue (1), Kennebec Avenue (2) Erie Avenue, (2), Columbra Ave, (1) and Houston Avenue (2) at an additional annual expense of \$159.60. The Committee recommends that these lights be now installed. On motion of Mr. Ware the Committee's recommendation was approved.

Mr. Ware reported that during the month the Committee had conferred with the Mayor and reached the conclusion that the \$1200 additional provided in the budget

for improving the police service could best be expended by the full time employment of an additional man. On recommendation of the Committee the Mayor appointed Frank Lane temporarily at a salary of \$100 per month pending approval of the Council. The committee recommends that the appointment be approved for a period of one year; recommendation unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Iverson. Mr. Ware reported further that upon request of the Committee the County Commissioners had appointed Mr. Lane as a Constable thus giving the Town an officer authorized to serve all legal papers.

For the Committee Mr. Ware recommended the appointment of Howard Drew as a special Town Police Officer for duty at the Washington Sanitarium. Recommendation approved. Mr. Ware reported the detail by the County Commissioners of county officers Sergeant Snyder and Private Nolte for duty at the Takoma Park substation. These officers have assumed charge and police conditions are greatly improved. On motion of Mr. Ware Sergeant Snyder and Private Nolte were appointed Town Police Officers to confer them with jurisdiction within the full Town limits.

On motion of Mr. Remsen the petition of certain citizens to make one way streets of Chestnut and Baltimore Avenues upon completion of the extension of Chestnut Avenue to Blair Road was tentatively approved and the Clerk directed to so notify the County Commissioners.

✓ The Mayor informed the Council that as a member of the General Committee of the Eastern Suburban District Communities interested in the selection of an appropriate site for a consolidated ^{high} school, he had accompanied the Committee on an inspection of the 12 sites presented. Upon conclusion of the inspection the Mayor stated that he was convinced that the two sites presented by the Takoma Park delegation were superior to any other site presented. He submitted two memoranda prepared by Mr. L. R. Grabill setting forth the advantages of these two sites in detail and recommended that the Council urge the County Commissioners to select one of them for the purpose indicated. The Mayor's recommendation was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Remsen.

There being no further business the Council thereupon at 10:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Takoma Park, Md. Tuesday Evening Aug. 3, 1931

A special meeting of the Council was held at the Office of the Clerk this date, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen and Ware. The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting at the instance of the Street Committee to consider the sidewalk construction program indicated in Ordinance No. 519 in the light of the public hearing held at the last regular meeting of the Council.

Prior to consideration of the program the Council gave hearing to Messrs. Bruce and Ware owners, respectively of lots 21 and 23, block 75, Albany Avenue, who requested permission to have sidewalks constructed abutting their properties at their own expense and under Town specifications and inspection. In view of similar permission granted Mr. Bruce on his adjoining property the desired permission, on motion of Mr. Ware, was granted.

The Council proceeded to consideration of the objections presented to the proposed walks and to the public interests affected thereby, the conclusions being reached as set forth in the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 521.

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

Section 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 and legal notice and public hearing, are of the opinion that the public health, comfort and convenience require the construction of so much of the cement sidewalk as set forth in Ordinance No. 519, passed and approved May 18, 1931, as herein stated, namely; on Albany Avenue abutting lots 3 and 19, block 75; on Alhambra Avenue, abutting lot 29, block 53; on Baltimore Avenue, abutting lot 12, block 75; on Cedar Avenue, abutting lots 14, 15 and 16, block 5; on Cockerille Avenue, abutting lots 11 to 20, block 16, Pine Crest Subdivision, lot 11, block 10, and lots 1, 19, 20, 21 and 22, block 11, Gibbs and Kossack Subdivision; on Flower Ave, abutting lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 47 and lot 8, block 48; on New York Avenue, abutting lots 7 and 11, block 75; and the construction of such sidewalks is hereby authorized and directed.

Section 2. It is likewise deemed necessary in the interest of the public health, comfort and convenience that cement sidewalks be constructed on Houston Avenue, abutting lots 1, 20, 31, 32, 33 and 34, block 54; on Kennebec Avenue, abutting lots 16 and 17, block 53 and on Roanoke Avenue, abutting lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 54, and the construction of such sidewalks is hereby authorized and directed provided however that said walks shall be constructed only when they conform to a permanently established grade of the streets in this section enumerated.

Section 3. The total cost of the said sidewalk construction as provided in paragraph C. Section 12 of the Charter shall be assessed to the benefitted abutting property. Said cost shall be due and payable within 90 days from approval by the Council of the assessment for said walks; provided however that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within 90 days from date of 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 may be made between the said annual payments if so desired. Payments past due shall be subject to interest at 6 per cent per annum from date of maturity.

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 at 10:00 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved;

Bruce Davis
Mayor

Bryan Davis
Clerk

Clerk

Monday Evening, August 17, 1931

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne and Ware. The Mayor announced that Mr. Rogers is still absent because of illness but that a recent communication from him spoke of his continued and satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of August 3 were read by the Clerk and without objection or correction were approved.

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

Balance last report		\$ 3802.32	Parks	23.55		<u>SPECIAL DEPOSITS:</u>		
RECEIPTS:			Street lighting	552.02		Balance last report		\$ 780.00
From general taxes	23665.35		Garbage Collection	180.00		(No receipts or disbursements)		
building permits	28.00		Trash Collection	53.40		<u>TAX SALE REDEMPTIONS:</u>		
electric permits	11.00		Volunteer Fire Dept.	100.00		Balance last report	90.94	
excavation "	3.00	42.00	Police Department	741.65		Receipts for month	407.51	498.45
Miscellaneous	71.10	23778.45	Police Court	87.50		Disbursements for month		468.06
		27580.77	Salaries: Clerk and Treas.	166.67		Balance on hand		30.39
DISBURSEMENTS:			Building Inspector	25.00		<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</u>		
Street work: labor	478.80		Supt. Public Work	200.00		Balance last report	66782.51	
material	275.62		Electrical Inspector	25.00	416.67	Receipts for month	872.85	67655.36
machinery and tools	231.65	986.07	Miscellaneous	39.23	3251.74	Disbursements: Redemption of		
General Expenses: phone	4.90		Balance on hand		24329.03	Certs. of Indebtedness and interest		37710.00
printing and adv.	41.75					Balance on hand		\$ 29945.36
rentals	25.00	71.65						

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

The Mayor stated that this evening having been designated for the receipt and opening of bids for the construction of approximately 2500 square yards of one course cement concrete sidewalks, the regular order of business would be laid aside temporarily and the bids opened. The Clerk thereupon proceeded to open such sealed bids as he had received which, upon being read and found in proper form, with required certified checks, were tabulated as follows:

NAME OF BIDDER	Sidewalk-Sq.Yd	Grading-Cu.Yd	NAME OF BIDDER	Sidewalk-Sq.Yd	Grading-Cu.Yd
Milton Ballman and Francis B. Williams	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.50	Carson & Gruman Co., Washington, D.C.	\$ 1.93	.45
C. H. Matson, Takoma Park, Md.	1.60	1.50	E. R. P. Smith, Hyattsville, Md.	1.83	.55
E. G. Gummel, Washington, D.C.	2.22	.65	F. G. Taylor, Takoma Park, Md.	1.70	1.50

On motion of Mr. Ware the bids were referred to the Street Committee for consideration to report with recommendation at a special meeting to be called by the Mayor when so notified by the Committee.

Proceeding to the regular order of business Mr. Walter D. Lambert, Chairman of the Takoma Park Delegation on the General School Committee presented a petition requesting the Mayor and Council to give special consideration and official indorsement of that particular proviso of Resolutions adopted by the 90 members of the General School Committee which calls for the purchase of a High School site in Takoma Park, Md., in 1931; also recommending the Councils early selection of a site therefor and its acquisition by the County Commissioners with the least possible delay. Mr. Lambert called attention to the signing of this petition by every member of the Takoma Delegation on the General School Committee. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mr. D. F. Anqier presented a petition urging the Mayor and Council to officially indorse the proposed extension of park areas within the Town connecting the Sliqo Parkway along Maple Avenue and thro' the undeveloped Petty and Brashears Tracts to the North Takoma Parks and the proposed plaza at the Baltimore and Ohio underpass. The petition was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee. The Mayor stated that the Park and Planning Commission is now engaged in making preliminary surveys of the region mentioned in the petition and for the purposes mentioned therein and that it might be well before taking any definite action to await the results of the survey and the Park and Planning Commissions reaction thereto.

Mr. Dann Faber, in reference to the park surveys mentioned urged that the Park and Planning Commission be requested to include in their studies the wooded region along Boston Avenue from Baltimore Ave. to Takoma Avenue. Mr. Faber stated that the contour of this land renders it of specific value for park purposes as it is poorly available for improvement, with steep hillsides. He stated further that he was informed by the owners that it could be purchased at a very low figure. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan presented additional petitions favoring the development of a park area between Sliqo Creek and the North Takoma parks and spoke in behalf of this public improvement. He also presented copy of letter addressed to him by Commissioner Lacy Shaw stating that through agreement with the Mayor and Council Takoma Park projects for this year included widening and strengthening of the Carroll Ave. bridge, construction of approaches to the Piney Branch underpass, complete extension of Chestnut Avenue, and putting shoulders on Flower Avenue. The paving of Philadelphia Avenue as an extension of the East and West Highway through Takoma Park, Commissioner Shaw stated, would have to be delayed for additional funds. Dr. Jordan also suggested that the garbage collection truck be provided with cover lids to eliminate the objectionable odors.

Mr. Rufus Shenk called attention to the undermining of street and sidewalk on Elm Ave. which matter was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Adams, for the Finance Committee submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$460.29 and on his motion payment was [directed.

Mr. Iverson, from the Health Committee, reported that grades had been established for Hancock and Sheridan Avenues and that upon approval thereof the sewerage of the Carroll Tract can again proceed. He moved that these grades as submitted by Engineer Wynne be approved which motion was carried.

Mr. Remsen, from the Street Committee, returned the letter of Mr. A. D. Kiefer, 403 Takoma Avenue, relative to condition of sidewalk in front of his home, with report that walk is in bad condition and recommending that it be relaid at Town expense under present sidewalk construction contract. Recommendation approved. Referring to the letter of Wm. C. Fowler, 28 So. Lincoln Ave., requesting surfacing of that street with cinders and that the street be oiled Mr. Remsen stated that because of the steep grade of the street cinders would be useless as they would wash out with every rain; the street however has been oiled and will continue to be when needed. Concerning letter of Mrs. Alice H. Johnson, 311 Spring Street, requesting that the stream through her property be piped Mr. Remsen called attention to the consistent denial of the numerous similar requests with relation to natural water courses and recommended that similar action be taken in Mrs. Johnson's request. Recommendation approved.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, reported as to the present status of the Senior High School matter which is set forth in a set of Resolutions presented by his Committee, the adoption of which the Committee recommended. The Resolutions are as follows:

WHEREAS, the General Committee on School Matters, composed of representative citizens of the several communities constituting the Eastern Suburban District of Montgomery County, at its final meeting on Monday evening, August 3, 1931, adopted by a vote of 44 to 18, a compromise resolution presented by Major E. Brooke Lee and amended by Mayor Ben G. Davis and Corporation Counsel J. Bond Smith of Takoma Park, which amendments were agreed to by Major Lee, said resolution as adopted providing for recommendation to the County Commissioners the acquisition this year of a site for a Senior High School in Takoma Park in addition to the acquisition of a site for a Senior High School in the Silver Spring-Sliquo Valley section and at a later date the acquisition of a site for a Senior High School in Kensington; and

WHEREAS, the said Resolution as adopted provided further that the members of the 1933 State Legislature from Montgomery County, the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners be urged to provide for the erection in 1933 of a Senior High School on the site purchased therefor in the Town of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution as adopted provided that the three Senior High Schools contemplated shall be constructed as to rooms, desks and cubic contents, of a size in direct proportion to the population of the communities in which they are to be located; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Mayor and Council, the compromise Resolution adopted by the General Committee on School Matters, as above set forth, offered the only feasible solution of locating Senior High Schools for the Eastern Suburban Section that will be generally acceptable to the several communities they are intended to serve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, approve the action of the General Committee on School Matters as evidenced in the adoption of the compromise Resolution herein referred to;

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, having already approved the selection of a site for the Senior High School for the Silver Spring-Sliquo Valley Section, be and they are hereby urgently requested to promptly approve the selection of a similar site for the proposed Takoma Park Senior High School as contemplated and agreed to in Major Lee's compromise Resolution.

RESOLVED, That in the judgment of the Mayor and Council said site for the Takoma Park Senior High School should consist of not less than fifteen acres and should be located on the Hodges Tract either south of and abutting the contemplated boulevard already provided for along the present line of Saratoga Avenue, or on the southerly part of said Hodges Tract near Maple Avenue and easily accessible therefrom by short extensions of Park, Grant and Lee Avenues, both of said sites possessing all the advantages of size, elevation, accessibility, economy of grading, proximity of water and sewer facilities, gas, etc.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Board of Education and the County Commissioners of Montgomery County.

Addressing the Council briefly the Mayor set forth the general situation in regard to the proposed high schools as outlined in the above Resolutions. Owing to

the community interest and importance of the matter he suggested and invited discussion of it by those citizens and residents who were present. The Mayor's invitation was accepted by Messrs. Dr. Jordan, Dann Faber, W. L. McClennon, W. M. Peacock, T. J. Fitzpatrick, Frank Pritchard, D. F. Anquier and Mrs. Peter Remsen, all of whom expressed themselves favorably to the purport of the Resolutions. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Adams moved that the Resolutions be adopted which motion was unanimously approved.

The Mayor stated that he has received many complaints with reference to radios, some because of volume and loudness and others because of late hours. He requested the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee to investigate the regulations of the District of Columbia covering radios and to report as to the practicability of adopting similar regulations applicable to the Town.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

clerk

Wednesday Evening, August 19, 1931

At the request of the Street Committee and upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of receiving report and recommendation of the Street Committee on award of contract for construction of cement sidewalks. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne and Ware.

Mr. Remsen for the street Committee reported that a comparison of the bids received, based on the estimated quantities of sidewalk and grading showed that Mr. C. H. Matson, of Takoma Park, Md., was the lowest bidder by the slight margin of \$5.00. The Committee recommended acceptance of his proposal by Ordinance as follows:

Ordinance No. 522

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

Section 1. That the proposal of C. H. Matson for the construction of one course cement concrete sidewalk as submitted and publicly opened on Monday August 17, 1931, be and the same is hereby accepted at the following prices: One course cement sidewalk, \$1.60 per square yard; grading in excess of one foot, \$1.50 per cubic yard.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized, by and for the Town of Takoma Park, Md., to enter into contract with the said C. H. Matson for said work at the prices specified.

On motion of Mr. Remsen the Ordinance was approved as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Iverson, Remsen, Sherburne and Ware; voting nay, none.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Bryan Davis

clerk

Mayor.