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APPROPRIATION BILL ADOPTED

Calls for Village Expenditures of \$357,492 for Current Fiscal Year

Calling for \$35,000 less than that of last year, the annual Village Appropriation bill, adopted at the regular meeting of the Village board Tuesday night, entails an estimated expenditure of \$357,492 for the current fiscal year. The total expenditure provided for in last year's annual appropriation bill was \$392,900.

In accordance with a general economy program, the expenses of conducting the Village's affairs have been cut to the lowest possible figure, but not so much as to interfere with the proper development of Wilmette.

The largest single item on the appropriation bill for the current fiscal year is \$50,955 for the operation of the Police department and payment of salaries to its members.

Summary of Expenditures

This year's appropriation bill may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. For construction, repair, opening, extending and cleaning of streets, alleys, sidewalks and crosswalks, \$40,400.
 2. For care, maintenance and repair of trees, \$1,450. (The total figure for these first two items was \$90,000 in last year's budget).
 3. For opening, maintenance and repairing of sewers and drains, and the cleaning of catch basins, \$3,500.
 4. For maintenance and operation of a storm sewer pumping station, \$5,700.
 5. For operation and maintenance of automobiles and motor equipment, and for the cost of automobiles, gas, oil and garage expense, \$13,525.
 6. For heating and lighting Village offices and for the maintenance and operation of the Village hall, \$6,000.
 7. For paying the salaries of officers, clerks and employees of the Village, not otherwise provided for, \$23,000. (The figure on this item in last year's appropriation bill was \$40,000.)
 8. For the expenses of the Board of Trustees, including stationery and office supplies, court expenses and costs, and special legal fees and expenses, for election expenses and for other necessary and incidental expenses of the administration of the Village, \$29,920.
 9. For expenses of the office of Village clerk and payment of salaries therein, \$850.
 10. For expenses of the office of Village treasurer and for payment of salaries therein, \$1,750.
 11. For expenses of the legal department and the payment of salaries therein, \$6,200.
 12. For expenses of the Health department and payment of salaries therein, \$5,850.
 13. For supplies for and expenses of
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Take Bids on Trimming Public Parkway Trees

At the regular meeting of the Kenilworth Village board Monday night bids were taken for the trimming of trees in the public parkways in Kenilworth. The seven bidders were: the United Tree Expert company, the Davey Tree Expert company, L. J. Thalmann, Thomas J. Lynch, the Bartlett Tree Expert company, Thornhill Brothers and the Landscape Improvement company. The bids were referred to the forestry committee of the board. Henry G. Zander is chairman of this committee.

Village Engineer Appointment Made at Board Meeting

Boyne H. Platt of Northfield was appointed Village engineer of Wilmette by Village President Carbon P. Dubbs at the regular meeting of the Wilmette Village board Tuesday night following the adoption of an ordinance providing for the creation of the office of Village engineer. The appointment was approved by the board.

Since March, 1924, Mr. Platt has been connected with Consoer, Older and Quinlan, consulting engineers, Chicago. He has served successively with that firm as assistant engineer, resident engineer, construction engineer, and assistant office engineer, on surveys, design and construction of all types of municipal improvements in the Chicago area.

Mr. Platt will move to Wilmette in the near future, it is stated. He comes here highly recommended. He is a graduate of the civil engineering school at Iowa State Teachers' college, Ames, Ia.

Wilmette has not had a full-time salaried Village engineer heretofore. The office was created by the new Village administration.

The engineer will work directly under the Village manager. The compensation he receives will be subject to change at any time.

Want Park Kept Open for Heat Sufferers

The Wilmette Chamber of Commerce, under date of July 3, addressed a letter to the Wilmette Park district stating that a number of complaints relative to the closing of Washington park at 10:30 p. m. during the extremely hot weather had come to the Chamber's attention.

The communication asked that the park be kept open until midnight for the benefit of villagers seeking relief from intense heat whenever it occurs.

Louis K. Gillson, president of the Park district, stated this week that the Park commissioners have the matter under advisement. It was to come up for action at a special meeting of the commissioners last night (Wednesday). Mr. Gillson said that the Park district wished to accommodate Wilmette residents in the use of their parks as much as possible.

New Trier Board Defer Action on School Bonds

Announcement was made this week by the New Trier High school board of education that the board has decided to defer action for the present on receiving bids for the purchase of high school building bonds of the district in the amount of \$420,000. No bids will be received on July 9 at the high school, as previously announced. The \$420,000 bonds in question represent a portion of the \$875,000 bond issue approved by the voters in the high school district several months ago for a building and expansion program now under way.

Bids for Parking Space Paving Taken

Bids were taken by the Kenilworth Village board Monday night for the paving of the space between the recently widened Green Bay road (West Railroad avenue) in Kenilworth and the Chicago and North Western railroad tracks on both sides of Kenilworth avenue. The Kenilworth board plans to use most of this space for parking purposes, but provisions will be made for landscaping.

Representatives of the Kenilworth Garden club and the Kenilworth Park district attended the meeting of the Village board of Kenilworth and presented a plan providing for more space for landscaping and less for parking in this area. The plan will be considered before the contract is let.

The bids received were from the M. Foley Construction company of Evanston, the Highways Construction company of Highland Park, the Rock Road Construction company of Chicago and the E. A. Meyer Construction company of Highland Park. They were referred to the streets, lighting and sewerage committee of the Kenilworth Village board, of which Trustee Arthur B. Adair is chairman.



Some're Getting It . . . Some're Not!

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44,830 BATHERS USE OUR BEACH

Heat Wave Swells Crowds at Wilmette's Popular Summer Playground

Forty-four thousand eight hundred and thirty bathers used the facilities of Wilmette's bathing beach at the foot of Lake avenue during the first seventeen days of the present season, according to the records of Mrs. Margaret Hilton, beach matron. The recent heat wave swelled the total materially.

The beach opened Saturday, June 20, and the largest single day's attendance thus far this season was on Sunday, June 28, one of the extremely hot days, when the registered attendance was 6,203. On two other days the attendance passed the 5,000 mark. It was 5,417 on Monday, June 29, and 5,231 on Wednesday, July 1.

Since the beach opened, the water temperature has never been below sixty degrees, and on three days it was seventy or over. The highest water temperature, seventy-two degrees, was recorded Sunday, June 28.

2,000 Family Tickets Sold

More than 2,000 family season tickets have been sold this year to Wilmette residents for the privilege of using the beach. If the warm weather continues, this year is expected to be a record-breaker for attendance.

The Wilmette beach is one of the finest to be found anywhere on Lake Michigan. It is operated by the Wilmette Park district, of which Louis K. Gillson is president. The beach is one of the most popular summer playgrounds in the Chicago area.

The Park district endeavors to reserve the beach for the use of Wilmette residents, insofar as possible. For this reason, and to cover the operating cost, the usual fee of five dollars is charged for a season ticket. Ticket holders are expected to use reasonable discretion in the entertainment of guests.

James Renshaw is beach manager again this year and has charge of the life guards. The life guards this year are: A. B. Brown, James Kennedy, William Holmes, Charles Lauer, Roy Bennett, Robert Crawford and Walter Hulbert.

Wilmette Library's June Circulation Increases

In spite of the heat and discomfort of June the Wilmette Public library made a gain of forty-four percent over the corresponding month last year according to Miss Anne L. Whitmack, librarian. Seven thousand eight hundred fourteen books circulated from the main library and the Laurel branch. The greatest gains were in travel, biography and fine art books, although there was a decided increase in the use of periodicals. Seventy-seven new adult borrowers registered and one hundred-one children. The library has a collection of seventeen thousand books and seventy periodicals, Miss Whitmack states.

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