

Refute Statements that Deerfield Is Operating Speed Trap

Following is an open letter to the HIGHLAND PARK AND DEERFIELD PRESS from the Public Relations and Publicity Committee of the Board of Trustees of Deerfield: Editor, DEERFIELD PRESS, Dear Sir:

In recent editions of the Waukegan News-Sun and the Chicago Daily News, have appeared articles quoting interviews with Edwin M. Palmer, trustee of the Village of Deerfield. On September 20, 1939, the Public Relations Committee of the Village Board met under the chairmanship of John D. Schneider, Trustees Edward B. Crush and J. D. Cole are other members of this committee.

It was decided that in the interests of Deerfield citizens, correct and truthful information concerning the points raised by Mr. Palmer are now appropos.

Deerfield is not operating a speed trap. The reason for a marked increase in fines for speeding is directly due to the fact that last year a great majority of the arrests for speeding were "fixed" while since the new board was put in office, no such activities have been practiced. Our fines are a good deal lower than many of the leading suburbs of Chicago and all levied with the sole purpose of making Deerfield's streets safe for all motorists and the citizenry of the village. The Chicago Motor Club examined our police records several weeks ago and gave us a clean bill of health.

There is not and never has been, a quota of \$4,000 or any other figure for our police department in order to pay for an extra night officer and the squad car. The latter two additions were two items of additional cost for which Mr. Palmer voted.

We are seeking greater traffic control and as our officers have been ordered to strictly patrol the public highways to stop the flagrant violations of the state laws—not those made by Deerfield—without fear of "fixing" or being lenient with friends of Board Members, the result has been a marked increase in fines. It might be interesting to here note that in approximately two thirds of all the speeding cases, the violator was driving over sixty miles per hour.

The majority report of the Police Committee which Palmer asserts was thrown in the waste basket without being read, was indeed read in full by Village Clerk Chester Wealing during the meeting at which it was presented. The Board of Trustees, at the above meeting, heartily commended the increased activity of the Police Department and the obvious increase in safety in Deerfield for pedestrians and motorists.

The village is not bonded—nor is it taxed to the limit allowed by law as quoted by Palmer in the newspapers. While the working capital of our general fund has been in the red for some years, the prospects for bettering this condition are gradually improving. In other words, a very definite progress is being made in our financial affairs.

Every member of the Board of Trustees is definitely in favor of keeping expenditures within income, but this was not the reason for changing the chairmanships of the auditing and health committees.

These two changes were made because the majority of the Board were convinced this move was in the best interests of the village. The personnel of these committees remains unchanged. (Palmer was never on the public relations committee as quoted).

Regarding Palmer's "program of economy and retrenchment," the committee wishes to submit the following findings:

1. "Let the Sheriff's office perform the village police functions. Deerfield's department with the addition of a new squad car and night patrolman costs \$6,500 annually." Deerfield's policing cannot be

adequately handled by the Sheriff's office. Neither does Deerfield's police program contemplate any such annual expenditure as \$6,500. The budget as set up by the Finance committee calls for an expenditure of \$4,600 per year for Police Department use.

2. Reduce the Village hall yearly rental of \$1,900 by leasing cheaper, smaller quarters."

In 1942 our present lease expires. Our attorney informs us this is a binding agreement. While attempts have been made to have this rental reduced, it is impossible until the date of expiration.

3. Reduce the light bill by further curtailing the street lighting."

The Board has, for some months, been studying street lighting problems and—as Mr. Palmer knows—has hopes of soon having a plan developed to effect material savings without materially reducing our present number of lights.

4. "Employ more relief laborers instead of salaried employees." Wherever it is possible, it has been

and is the policy of the village to employ relief labor.

5. "Install a centralized system of purchasing."

Purchasing is carefully supervised by the Board and the committee chairmen involved.

6. Enforce back tax collections. Fifteen thousand dollars could be garnered. If these taxes were paid, the village's bonded indebtedness could be reduced."

This is a county responsibility in which the village can do nothing officially. Last year a committee of the various taxing bodies in Deerfield was formed and we understand they are exerting efforts to enforce tax collection.

7. Authorize an impartial and complete audit of the town's books." An impartial and complete audit of Deerfield was made, reported and approved for the fiscal year ending April 20, 1939. Further expense at this time for another audit is not only unnecessary, but would be a ridiculous financial gesture.

A majority of the Board of Trus-

tees of the village of Deerfield is perfectly willing to have interested citizens present at its meetings held on the second Tuesdays of each month. It is in order during these meetings, to present questions to the Board which will be courteously answered. Constructive suggestions will be gladly accepted.

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