

MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO WINNETKA COUNCIL

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ance of \$19,523. In other words, we have finished the year's work with \$32,000 more in the General Fund than was contemplated a year ago.

The following tabular statement shows in summary form the income and expenditures of the General Fund, by departments, with a comparison with the budget estimates:

| Item | Receipts | | Pct. of Budget |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 1927-28 Budget | 1927-28 Receipts | |
| Gen. Taxation | \$148,000 | \$148,284 | 100.1% |
| Other Income | 90,955 | 111,093 | 122.0% |
| Elec. Dividend | 42,700 | 42,731 | 100.1% |
| Total | \$281,655 | \$302,108 | 107.2% |
| Less Tax Transfers | 7,450 | 7,600 | 102.0% |
| Net Receipts | \$274,205 | \$294,508 | 107.2% |
| Item | Expenditures | | Pct. of Budget |
| | 1927-28 Budget | 1927-28 Expend. | |
| Public Affairs | \$ 63,633 | \$ 53,497 | 84.0% |
| Gen. Administ'n | 21,085 | 19,583 | 92.9% |
| Health Dept. | 8,340 | 7,822 | 93.8% |
| Pub. Wks. Dept. | 104,625 | 100,963 | 95.6% |
| Police Dept. | 49,725 | 49,812 | 100.2% |
| Fire Dept. | 29,495 | 27,174 | 92.1% |
| Pens. Fd. P'mts. | | 12,677 | |
| Total | \$276,903 | \$271,528 | 98.1% |

It will be interesting to point out some of the important items of General Fund income:

1. Receipts from general taxation were \$148,284 or within .1% of the budget estimate. This tax income, which is 96% of the amount levied for Village purposes, includes \$7,600 assignable to retirement of filtration plant bonds and interest, making the net tax income for corporate purposes \$138,684, as compared with \$129,681 last year.

The foregoing tax revenue was based on the 1926 valuation, which was \$6,958,447 and a tax rate for Village purposes of 1.97% of the assessed valuation. The total tax rate for 1926 was 12.14%, which shows that the Village received last year only 17% of the total taxes collected in Winnetka. The average family in Winnetka pays approximately \$5 per month in taxes for municipal service, such as police protection, fire protection, health service, street lighting, street cleaning and numerous other activities.

2. Interest received on bank deposits and on securities owned by the Village amounted to \$6,700, as compared with the budget estimate of \$4,000.

3. Justice fines, largely for violations of motor vehicle and liquor laws, were \$2,100, as compared with the budget estimate of \$3,000.

4. Dog licenses amounted to \$1,866, there being over 900 dogs licensed in the Village.

5. Receipts from vehicle licenses amounted to \$20,463, as compared with the budget estimate of \$18,000. There were 3,004 motor vehicles licensed during the year, an increase of 214 for the year.

6. Receipts from building permits amounted to \$4,860, as compared with the budget estimate of \$2,500, this year's receipts being an increase of approximately \$1,000 over the previous year, and a record figure.

7. Receipts for garbage, ash and special rubbish collections amounted to \$34,920, an increase of \$1,400 over last year.

8. The Village received \$1,604 from the tax collected by the Village on the premiums of fire insurance companies not incorporated in Illinois.

9. The Village received \$9,400 for miscellaneous work handled for contractors

and others, including street repairs, special rubbish collections, etc.

10. The amount of \$4,300 was received as rentals for the Village Hall, paid by the water and electric departments, and from rentals for storage of trucks and cars of private individuals at the service yard.

11. There was rebated to the General Fund \$5,404 from special assessment funds, which amount had been previously advanced for preliminary engineering and legal expense, prior to confirmation.

12. Miscellaneous receipts of \$10,805 included \$5,700 received by the Village from the sale of real estate and from a street vacation.

13. Total receipts other than general taxes amounted to \$111,093 or 22% more than the budget estimate. To this income is added the dividend from the electric department of \$42,731, making a total income of \$302,108. From this must be deducted the amount of general taxes collected for retirement of filtration plant bonds and interest, amounting to \$7,600, making the net total income of the General Fund \$294,508 or an increase of 7.2% over the budget estimate.

The expenditures of the General Fund as shown by the foregoing tabular statement, namely \$271,528, were 1.9% less than the budget, and may be commented on as follows:

1. Public affairs expenditures amounted to \$53,497 or 84% of the budget, this difference of approximately \$10,000 being due to a deferred reimbursement of the special assessment fund for widening Linden Avenue (now Center Street), between Elm and Oak Street, in front of the new Village Hall, for the purpose of making up a deficit in this fund. The reimbursement of this fund was included in last year's budget, but was not made until after the end of the present fiscal year, and will show in next year's operation.

2. Public affairs expenditures include an item of \$2,930 for completing the fire station, including grading, seeding and landscaping, construction of driveways and sundry equipment. This makes the total cost of the completed fire station improvement \$40,857.

3. General administration expense, which includes salaries of officers, office expense and operation of the municipal building, amounted to \$19,583 or 92.9% of the budget. This item shows some reduction from the previous fiscal year.

A more detailed discussion of departmental expenditures will be given later under the heading of each department. For the information of the Council, a comparison is given here of the past year's financial operations with the Five Year Program, adopted more than a year ago:

| Item | Comparison of 1927-28 General Fund Operation With Five-Year Program | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| | 1927-28 Operations | Five-Year Program |
| (a) Bal. in Gen. Fund | | |
| Proper, 1st of yr. | \$ 16,198 | \$ 8,219* |
| Receipts—Taxation | 148,284 | 147,000 |
| Other Income | 111,093 | 90,000 |
| Total | \$259,377 | \$237,000 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Normal Operation | | |
| Public Affairs | 10,016 | 10,500 |
| Library | 12,012 | 12,000 |
| Gen. Administration | 19,583 | 22,200 |
| Health Department | 7,822 | 7,820 |
| Pub. Wks. Dept. | 100,963 | 110,000 |
| Police Dept. | 49,812 | 50,000 |
| Fire Department | 27,174 | 27,000 |
| Tot. Normal Oper'n | \$227,382 | \$239,520 |
| Special | | |
| Pub. Benefits (portion) | 13,350 | 13,350 |
| Bonds and Int. | 7,600 | 7,450 |
| Pens. Fd. Trans. | 12,677 | |
| Tot. Expend. | \$261,009 | \$260,320 |
| Bal. in Gen. Fd. | | |

| Item | Comparison of 1927-28 General Fund Operation With Five-Year Program | |
|---|---|-------------------|
| | 1927-28 Operations | Five-Year Program |
| (b) Betterment Fd., | | |
| 1st of year | \$ 12,613 | \$ 12,613 |
| Receipts—Elec. Div. | 42,731 | 43,500 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Ex. Pub. Benefits | 14,663 | 20,974 |
| Grade Separation | 55 | 500 |
| Other Improvements | 3,401 | 5,000 |
| Tot. Expend. | \$ 18,119 | \$ 26,474 |
| Betterment Fund, end of year | 37,225 | 29,639 |
| Bal. Gen. & Betterment Fd., combined, end of year | \$ 51,781 | \$ 1,900* |

* (Deficit)

For the purpose of making a distinction between the ordinary tax and other revenue of the General Fund, used for defraying the cost of the usual municipal activities, and special revenue derived from the dividend of the electric department and intended for public improvements, the foregoing statement shows a Betterment Fund, separate from the General Fund proper, to which is credited the electric department dividend and against which is charged the expense of public improvements which could not otherwise be made by the Village without incurring bonded indebtedness.

The foregoing statement shows that the Village started the year with a balance in the General Fund proper of \$16,198, as compared with a deficit of \$8,219 contemplated in the Five-Year Program, April 1, 1927.

Total expenditures from the General Fund proper for the year were \$261,009 or very close to the Five-Year Program, with considerable variation in individual items.

The balance in the General Fund proper at the end of the year, as of March 31, 1928, is shown as \$14,566, or about \$45,000 more than the Five-Year Program contemplated. This, to a considerable extent, is due to the increase in General Fund income other than taxation, which amounted to \$21,000 more than the estimate for the Five-Year Program.

The foregoing statement shows that, during the past fiscal year, the Village operated its ordinary municipal functions practically within its income, the receipts being \$259,377 and the expenditures \$261,009.

With reference to the Betterment Fund,

the expenditures were somewhat less than the Five-Year Program, principally for public benefits, this being due to the delay in proceeding with the Center Street improvement from Elm to Tower. The result is that the Betterment Fund shows a surplus of \$37,225, or about \$8,000 more than the Five-Year Program contemplated, and both funds combined show a surplus of about \$53,000 more than the program figures, for March 31, 1928.

RETURNS FROM EAST

Mrs. Donald MacPherson of 644 Pine street returned last Saturday after a two weeks' trip to the East. She spent a great deal of her time in Boston visiting her mother, Mrs. Frederick West, who has been ill for several months. She also visited several of her friends, and spent some of her time in various places in the East other than Boston. Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson plan to put their children in camp for the summer, and go up to Canada in August.

Mrs. E. A. Meyers and her three sons returned to their home at 812 Foxdale avenue last Monday after an absence of about four months. They have spent most of the time in Miami Beach, Fla., but when Mr. Meyers joined them during the month of March they also visited Palm Beach and Havana.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Austin, 681 Greenwood avenue, and their daughter, Barbara, spent last week-end at Wausaukee club, which is located at Athelstane, Wis.

Mrs. Alfred W. Sexsmith, 470 Sunset road, and her sister, Miss Hilliker, entertained at luncheon and bridge at the Lake Shore Athletic club on Friday, May 11.

Mrs. John White of Oxford road, Kenilworth is to give a luncheon and bridge party Tuesday afternoon, May 22.

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