

## MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO WINNETKA COUNCIL

**Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser Presents Report and Recommendations**

Editor's Note: Appended is presented the second installment of the annual report on all branches of municipal administrative government made this week to the Winnetka Village Council by Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser. Other installments of the report will be published in subsequent issues of WINNETKA TALK.

**By H. L. Woolhiser**

### Budget for Coming Fiscal Year

A budget is submitted at the end of this report for the consideration of the Finance Committee, estimating the income and expenditures of the General Fund for the fiscal year 1928-29.

The budget as submitted may be summarized as follows:

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| Balance in General Fund, April 1, 1928       | \$ 51,781.00        |
| Estimated Revenue (Less Filtration Bond Tax) | 301,430.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$353,211.00</b> |
| Estimated Expenditures                       | 328,225.00          |

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|---|--------------|
| Balance in General Fund, March 31, 1929 | \$ 24,986.00 |
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This budget has been prepared in general compliance with the Five Year Financial program, but, as a result of the favorable surplus now in the General Fund and as a result of the fact that it will not be necessary to proceed with the construction of an incinerator plant in 1928, as originally contemplated in the Five Year program, the Village will be able to complete the coming year with the surplus shown above, whereas the Five Year program contemplated a General Fund deficit as of March 31, 1929 of \$35,951.

The following comments on the budget as submitted may be of interest:

1. General tax revenue of \$156,200 is shown as compared with \$175,000 estimated in the Five Year program; this reduction is due to a deficiency in the 1927 quadrennial assessed valuation figures of approximately \$314,000 or 2%, and also to a reduction in the tax levy of the Township Highway Commissioner for road and bridge purposes, 50% of which is received by the Village, reducing our tax revenue from this source from about \$15,000 per year, to about \$6,000 per year.

### Harbor Appropriation

2. Under public affairs expenditures, the item of \$10,000 is included as a proper share of the Village corporate in the construction of the first unit of the harbor project at the plant. This project, which has been authorized by the Council, will cost \$30,000 this year and will provide facilities for the dumping of rubbish for at least four or five years.

3. An item of \$10,000 has been included for legal and engineering expenses to be incurred in connection with the grade separation project.

4. An item of \$26,374 has been included to pay public benefits assessed against the Village and an additional item of \$26,520 to cover deficiencies in special assessments, principally the Linden Avenue widening assessment, which has a deficit of \$25,519, due to excess cost of real estate.

5. An item of \$2,000 is included for revising and printing the Municipal Code, under "Sundry Public Expense."

6. Under Health department, an item of \$600 is provided for the salary of an additional part time nurse; provision is also made for an increase of \$500 in the salary of the health officer.

7. Under Public Works department, an expenditure of \$24,100 is provided for maintenance of pavements, including \$20,000 for reconstruction of old asphaltic concrete streets.

8. The budget includes an item of

\$20,280 for salaries in the fire department, not including callmen, an increase of \$3,100 over last year. This increase provides for making the salary scale of the fire department the same as the present scale in the police department, and also provides two additional firemen on October 1, as recommended by the Fire Marshal.

Except where specifically discussed in this report under department headings the other expenditures included in the attached budget are in general line with past practice.

In considering the budget it may be of interest to the Council to have a comparison of the budget figures with the average cost of government per capita in the United States cities for 1925, the date of the last available complete report. This comparison follows:

| Item                             | BUDGET           |                | U. S. Cities 1925 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Winnetka 1928-29 | Per Capita*    |                   |
| Gen. Government                  | \$ 21,745        | \$ 1.97        | \$ 3.17           |
| Protection to Persons & Property |                  |                |                   |
| Police Dept. (Incl. Pensions..)  | 53,181           | 4.84           | 3.86              |
| Fire Dept. (Incl. Pensions..)    | 31,245           | 2.84           | 3.06              |
| All Others (Bldg. & Zon. Insp.)  | 3,750            | .34            | .61               |
| Health                           | 9,000            | .82            | .91               |
| Sanitation                       | 45,300           | 4.12           | 2.85              |
| Highways                         | 39,600           | 3.60           | 3.27              |
| Charities, Corrections & Hosp.   |                  |                | 2.19              |
| Miscellaneous                    | 13,500           | 1.22           | 1.79              |
| Libraries                        | 13,250           | 1.20           | .48               |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$230,571</b> | <b>\$20.95</b> | <b>\$22.19</b>    |

\*Based on 11,000 population

From the foregoing it will be noted that the total cost per capita for Winnetka is somewhat less than the average for all United States cities in 1925, but probably reports for 1926 and 1927 would show an increase over 1925.

The foregoing total of \$230,571 is less than the budget total because of the fact that capital expenditures and expenditures for the Winnetka Park District and others, for which the Village is reimbursed, have been eliminated.

(To be Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Massey will leave in a week or so for the East to join their sons, Loren, at Cornell, and George Massey, Jr., a Yale student. The family will then sail for France on June 9, where they will spend the summer.

Zeta Tau Alpha entertained at a dance last Saturday evening at the Shawnee Country club.

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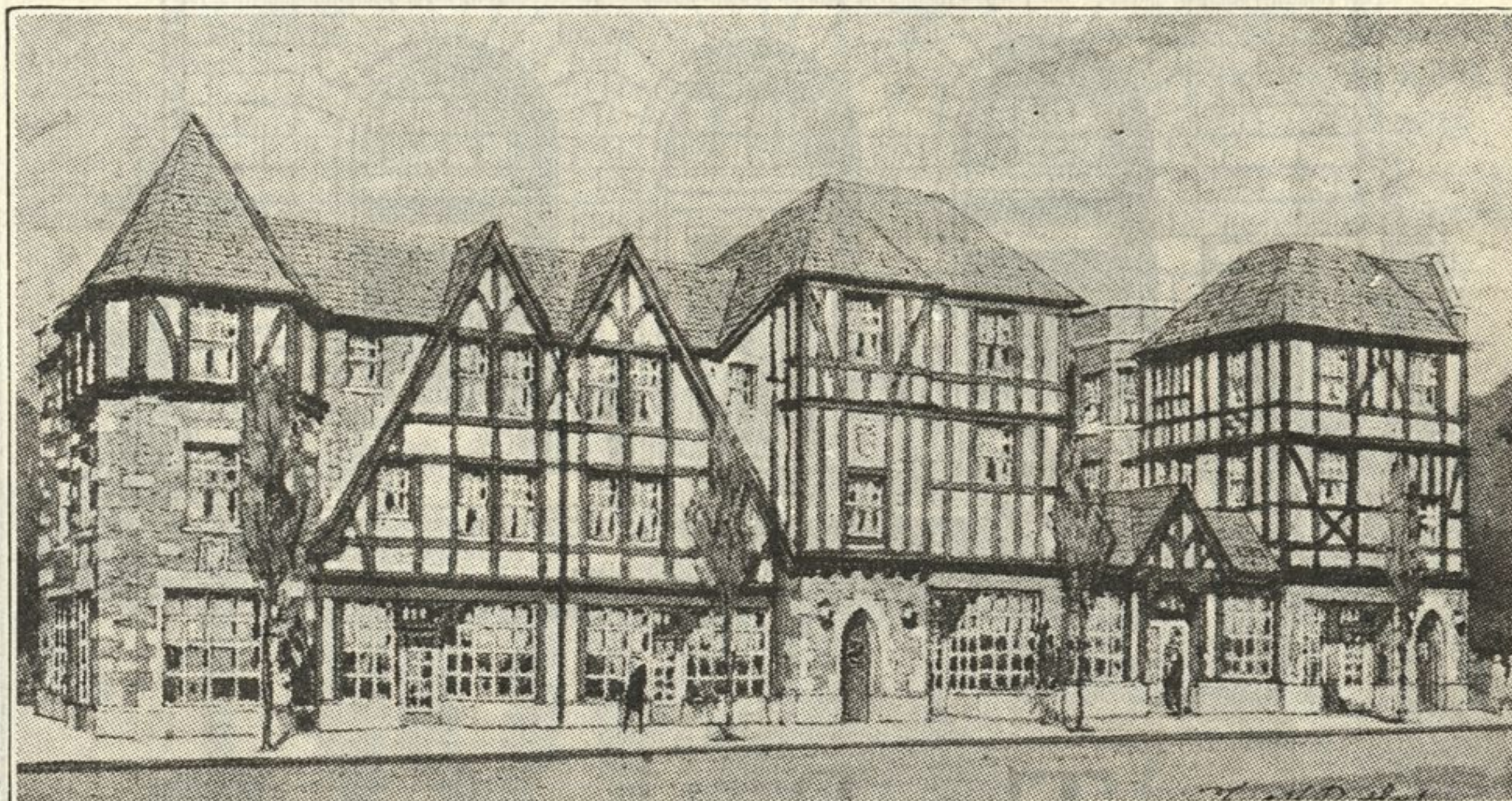
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