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**MAKES ANNUAL REPORT  
TO WINNETKA COUNCIL**

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

*Editor's Note:* Appended is presented the third installment of the annual report on all branches of municipal administrative government made recently 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**

(Public Works Department)

The work of the Public Works department covered a wide variety of public service, comprising building and electrical inspections, maintenance of pavements, street cleaning, snow removal, maintenance of traffic signs and pavement marking, sewer cleaning, and maintenance, mowing of parkways in front of vacant property, collection and disposal of garbage, ashes and rubbish, and street lighting, both regular and ornamental. It is interesting to note that the expenses of the Public Works department for the past fiscal year, namely \$100,963, was 95.6% of the budget, and about \$11,000 less than last year.

The year was particularly active as to building and electrical inspection, with the following record of permits issued for buildings:

Types of Building	No. Permits	Valuation
Residences	85	\$1,637,300
Accessory	110	155,990
Commercial	19	662,700
Industrial	—	—
Public	1	75,000
Alterations	61	253,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>\$2,784,390</b>

In addition, 192 occupancy permits

were issued, 35 driveway permits, 124 sewer permits and 13 sidewalk permits.

**51 Appeal Cases**

Fifty-one cases of appeals under the zoning ordinance were taken to the Zoning Board of Appeals, thirty-two of which were decided in favor of the applicant. The Board of Appeals, acting as a special committee on architecture of buildings in the business districts.

Details of the work of the street department are set forth in the accompanying report of Harold Bohnen, superintendent of streets.

During the year \$16,003 was spent on the maintenance of street pavements, including \$10,000 for asphaltic, brick and concrete pavements and \$5,878 for macadam pavements. Taking into account other expenditures for the maintenance of streets, such as catchbasin cleaning and repairs, street cleaning, snow removal, maintenance of parkways and sidewalks, maintenance of ditches, expense for street signs and for street lighting, the Village expense was approximately \$43,000, which considerably exceeds our income from the vehicle tax fund and from road and bridge tax.

**Streets in Good Shape**

As a result of our street resurfacing program for old macadam and brick streets, whereby a portion of the cost has been borne by the abutting property owners, most of the streets of this type in the Village are now in excellent condition. In the case of the asphaltic concrete streets, which comprise principally the streets in the west and northwest part of the Village, which were paved about fifteen years ago with a light concrete base and an asphaltic top, much work remains to be done.

Experimental work on Birch street between Spruce and Pine and on Chestnut street between Oak and Ash has shown that by removal of the asphaltic top, repairing the concrete base and then adding a new three inch top of crushed stone, penetrated and sealed with tarvia and gravel, these streets can be placed in good condition at an approximate cost of \$1.20 per square yard, which is far below the cost of new pavements.

During the year a plan was presented to property owners on these streets, involving reconstruction by the foregoing method with 25% of the cost borne by the Village from the vehicle tax fund and the balance, or about \$1.45 per front foot, borne by property owners. The response from a majority of property owners was not favorable to this plan, the feeling being that once having paid assessments for a permanent pavement, property owners should not be asked to bear any considerable additional expense, even after fifteen years of service. There was also a considerable feeling that good pavements would encourage the amount and speed of traffic on residential streets.

**Must Adopt New Policy**

The future policy, therefore, with reference to these streets is a matter for the consideration of the Council and it is recommended that it receive the early consideration of the Streets, Drainage, and Forestry Committee.

During the year, a total of 21,265 square yards of macadam streets were resurfaced with tarvia and gravel and in addition 17,385 square yards of old brick pavements on Tower road, Pine street and Willow road were resurfaced, all under special tax proceedings.

Cleaning of streets was continued during the year, the work being principally done at night by machine sweeping, at a total cost of \$4,935. A total of 1,969 cubic yards of dirt was removed from the streets. Residential streets were swept at intervals of about every two weeks and business

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