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## SCHOOL PROBLEMS

A crowd greeted the Board of Education at the regular October meeting, representing parents of school children from two areas.

One group from the Lochmoor and Grosse Pointe Shores districts, petitioned the Board for bus service for their children attending intermediate grades at the high school. Their spokesman, Mr. William Hudson, said some of their children had six miles to go and in cases where families had two or three children of intermediate school age the bus fare was prohibitive. He said that parents had planned on free transportation this year as in the past, knowing that the school laws provided this. They were surprised to learn that someone from Grosse Pointe had secretly amended this law so as to make bus service optional in this district, Grosse Pointe now being the only place in the State of Michigan with optional service under the rural school act. He further remarked that the petitioners felt that a large part of the public opinion might be against their request but that they were appealing to the fairness of the members of the Board.

After other petitioners had spoken President Parcels remarked that he noticed citizens present who, by their past actions, he judged would be in opposition to such a petition. He invited them to express their views; however, no one chose to speak against the petition.

At a later point in the meeting the Board voted in favor of the petition realizing that six miles was too far for any pupil to walk and that in such cases the individual expense of transportation approached discrimination.

Another group of petitioners asked the Board for a rerouting of the pupils from the Kercheval-Cadieux Road area. Children in this schoolless area have been attending the four bordering schools. The petition stated a preference for the DeFer and Richard schools, and particularly disapproved of the Trombly school because of the distance. It seems that some of these

children were being placed in the different schools with attention towards the per pupil size of classes and per teaching load, in an effort to reduce teaching expense.

The petitioners said that they have been waiting for a school to be built in their neighborhood on the site owned by the school district for the last six years. That their tax money had gone to help build schools in other areas, and that they felt entitled to the use of the most available school even if it involved a little extra teaching expense was their contention.

The Board held a special meeting at a later date taking up the problems in detail with the parents of the children involved. The cases were taken up individually.

Those who have followed the local school problems will see a great deal of significance in the above recorded meeting.

The stand taken by the petitioners is a reaction to the drastic pruning of last year's school budget, and to the activities of certain citizens who have been demanding further extensive cuts in school expense with the type of service rendered a secondary consideration. The meeting demonstrated to the School Board that there is a logical limit to the reduction of school services and there are two sides to the matter of cutting the budget.

The meeting further pointed out how a great deal of our school problem is geographic. A twelve square mile area stretched out in a narrow, irregular fashion, with a scattered population is the condition at the bottom of such problems as bus service, lunch room service, class room sizes, and school locations.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Park is preparing to commemorate its quarter-century growth. The Park was organized in 1906, from that part of old Fairview Village not annexed to Detroit. A history of the Village is being written to be placed in a cornerstone box in the new lake front park.

## LOCHMOOR ELECTION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Monday, November 16th, will mark a special election for qualified voters of the Village of Lochmoor, on a proposal to annex 44.13 acres of land in the southeastern part of Gratiot Township. The area is comprised of three adjacent parcels lying northwest of the Country Club woods between the present Village boundary and Mt. Clemens Drive.

Two of the parcels are subdivided while one area of 7.9 acres is still in acreage.

All of the qualified electors of Lochmoor may vote upon the issue but only a part of Gratiot Township will go to the polls. In fact, less than two score electors will determine the issue from the Gratiot Township side.

The area is free from all forms of bonded indebtedness. Land companies are financing the improvements in the subdivided parcels and the proposal does not appear to call for any immediate investment of public money, offering an opportunity for Lochmoor to increase its assessment roll and taxing power without addition to its debt.

## FLOWER SHOW

On Nov. 14 and 15 the Grosse Pointe and Eastern Michigan Horticultural Society will stage their eleventh annual Chrysanthemum show at the Neighborhood Club.

Tom Pearson is the chairman and David Rawnsley secretary.

The Society has been displaying some very beautiful exhibits which are well worth seeing and have been received with a growing interest.

No serious injuries resulted from the recent school bus accident at Kerby Road and Kercheval. The bus was owned and operated by the Detroit Motor Bus Co., who assume traffic responsibility. Under the transportation agreement it is permissible for school buses to pick up other passengers if they choose to. The School Board supply tickets to the children and technically their charges occupy the position of passengers who have paid their fare.

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### BUDGET AGAIN APPROVED

On September 17 the School Board met as a committee of the whole to reconsider the present budget. Every item of expense was open for scrutiny but no chance of saving was detected.

The meeting resulted from a statement by Trustee Conely that he had been in conference with an expert and had found that \$50,000 could be cut from the budget without impairing the educational system. This sensational charge created a great deal of publicity.

It was expected that the new Board member would dominate the situation with a definite program on budget cut. Much to the contrary, Trustee Conely attended the committee meeting and entered into a unanimous vote with the rest of the members of the Board, again approving the budget without change; a course of action anticipated by a statement in CIVIC NEWS reporting that Mr. Conely in making his assertions to the Board had used figures that did not co-ordinate with the budget in question.

In a public letter steeped in caustic terms, Mr. Conely demanded retraction of CIVIC NEWS—accusing this paper of "lies by inference"—and—"the lowest kind of journalism." His action at the committee meeting of September 17th can be assumed as nothing short of proof that the CIVIC NEWS statement was an accurate report.

Our public school enrollment to date shows an increase of 242 pupils over last year's enrollment at this time. There are 94 more in the elementary schools and 148 in the high school.

Meanwhile the month by month report on expenditures shows a reduction under last year's, to date; indications are that expenses can be kept within the reduced budget.

## SUMMARY OF 1931-32 BUDGETS

### GROSSE POINTE VILLAGE

	Bud. 1930-1	Spent 1930-1	Bud. 1931-2
Notes Payable .....	\$ 52,445.17	\$ 52,445.17	\$131,000.00
Due to Other Funds.....	—0—	—0—	—0—
Administration .....	59,025.86	64,212.34	61,088.00
Police .....	62,590.00	65,431.12	63,693.00
Fire .....	57,000.00	53,884.06	51,706.00
Public Works .....	4,870.00	4,192.80	4,308.00
Water .....	39,645.00	39,615.72	31,688.00
Highway .....	57,690.00	77,336.22	48,700.00
Repair .....	7,850.00	11,366.26	11,198.00
Signal .....	5,330.00	5,884.44	5,169.50
Pumping .....	18,090.00	15,812.55	17,104.50
Yards and Bldgs.....	5,660.00	7,109.80	5,125.00
Park .....	10,350.00	13,012.19	8,450.00
Bond Int. ....	78,560.43	76,941.41	78,998.33
Bond Retirement .....	53,312.04	54,705.37	59,312.04
Payment on Land Cont. ....	3,918.14	3,915.51	2,960.00
Water Main Ext. ....	—0—	—0—	—0—
Misc. Eng. ....	500.00	430.88	300.00
Trees .....	5,238.25	—0—	2,000.00
Radio-Police Cars Main. ....	750.00	920.00	600.00
Dog Law Expense.....	100.00	118.90	120.00
Black Marsh Ditch.....	—0—	—0—	7,439.62
Sidewalks .....	3,500.00	4,263.52	—0—
Recreation .....	3,000.00	4,148.29	—0—
Oil Burning Ordinance.....	50.00	—0—	—0—
Electric Ordinance .....	50.00	—0—	—0—
Cost of Gas.....	3,600.00	3,123.06	3,400.00
Cost of Oil, Greases .....	600.00	496.73	500.00
Cost of Alcohol and Anti-freeze.....	75.00	207.90	150.00
Zoning Ordinance .....	100.00	101.50	—0—
Fence at Pumping Station.....	—0—	—0—	—0—
Repairing Washington Rd. ....	—0—	192.86	—0—
Pumping Station Grading .....	—0—	—0—	800.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$533,899.89</b>	<b>\$559,668.00</b>	<b>\$595,809.99</b>

### REVENUE 1931-1932

	Wanted 1930-31	Received 1930-31	Wanted 1931-32
Cash on Hand .....	\$ 6,233.27	\$ 6,233.27	\$ 12,058.16
Acct. Rec., Capital Fund.....	3,173.64	—0—	—0—
On Spec. Assess. Taxes.....	—0—	—0—	565.24
Water Mains .....	—0—	—0—	6,884.56
Retirement of Jeff. ....	—0—	—0—	6,000.00
Prior Rolls, Gen. Tax.....	35,000.00	29,868.41	130,855.27
Spec. Assess. Taxes .....	5,000.00	470.47	1,000.00
Due from County Treas. ....	3,891.98	3,891.98	2,713.40
Interest & Pen. ....	3,500.00	2,620.49	4,000.00
Per. & Lic. ....	1,500.00	614.30	1,000.00
Water Revenue .....	33,000.00	38,380.30	38,000.00
Court Fines .....	1,000.00	717.00	800.00
Dog Licenses .....	500.00	521.80	500.00
Gas Refund .....	—0—	—0—	—0—
Miscellaneous .....	2,000.00	999.59	1,500.00
Electric Inspec. ....	250.00	39.05	100.00
Oil Burning .....	500.00	210.00	250.00
Plumbing Inspection .....	500.00	96.75	250.00
Salvage .....	—0—	231.69	—0—
Boat Wells .....	—0—	367.50	500.00
Neff St. Bonds .....	—0—	—0—	44,000.00
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 96,048.89</b>	<b>\$ 85,362.60</b>	<b>\$250,976.63</b>
1930-31 Rolls .....	437,851.00	—	—
Uncollected Taxes—Prior Rolls.....	—	—	\$ 95,855.27
Revenue aside from Current Rolls.....	—	—	\$155,121.36
Current Tax Roll, 1931-32.....	—	444,231.82	—
Less Estimated Uncollectible.....	—	3,543.19	—
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>440,688.63</b>
<b>Budget Expenditures .....</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$595,809.99</b>

### GROSSE POINTE PARK BUDGET 1931

General Administration .....	\$ 45,970.00
Police Department .....	117,640.00
Fire Department .....	65,925.00

Electrical Department .....	30,875.00
Water Department .....	11,850.00
Department of Public Works .....	43,880.00
Department of Public Health .....	26,000.00
Recreation Department .....	6,000.00
Interest Fund .....	111,249.85
Sinking Fund .....	50,808.31
Contingent Fund .....	13,295.53

**CREDITS** \$523,493.69

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Park Revenue .....	\$ 1,000.00
Permits and Fees .....	8,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Tax returned to County Treasurer .....	7,500.00
Penalty added to 1930 Tax .....	4,732.12
Earnings Water Department .....	6,000.00
1930 Weed Tax .....	1,700.00
	\$28,932.12

<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
Balance 1930 Budget .....	\$18,903.80
Surplus 1930 Water Department Earnings .....	8,244.74
Transfer from Police and Fire Alarm Fund to Sinking Fund .....	1,662.40
Transfer from Street Lights Fund to Sinking Fund .....	12,000.00
Transfer from Hally Place Fund to Sinking Fund .....	3,700.61
Transfer from Special Assessment Interest Fund to General Fund .....	3,000.00
	\$47,511.55

To Be Raised by Ad Valorem Tax.....\$76,443.67  
\$447,050.02

**1930 Expenditures**

General Administration .....	\$ 49,283.75	Contingent Fund .....	4,790.12
Police Department .....	119,320.27	Interest Fund .....	100,750.70
Fire Department .....	62,896.82	Sinking Fund .....	32,946.00
Electrical Department .....	26,685.69		
Water Department .....	13,244.88		\$490,367.71*
Public Works .....	56,325.36		
Public Health .....	24,124.12		

\*Does not include March, 1930, the last month of the fiscal year.

**GROSSE POINTE TOWNSHIP**

**Disbursements, 1930**

Supervisor — Salary and Expenses .....	\$ 4,520.00
Clerk .....	3,500.00
Clerk—Special Serv- ices .....	900.00
Assistant Clerk .....	2,309.17
	\$ 11,229.17
Township Clerk — Salary and Ex- pense .....	\$ 3,408.00
Clerk .....	200.00
	3,608.00
Township Treasur- er—Salary .....	\$ 4,000.00
Clerks .....	1,300.00
Surety Bond .....	2,280.07
	7,580.07
Board of Review— Salary and Ex- pense .....	\$ 104.00
Township Board Meetings .....	645.00
Interest on Paving Bonds .....	8,850.00
Office Supplies .....	1,590.40
Telephone Service .....	308.26
Legal Fees .....	2,192.95
Legal Fees, Radio .....	1,745.00
Audit and Account- ing Fees .....	525.00
Tax Refunds .....	659.76
	16,530.37

Township Hall—	
Fuel .....	\$ 326.65
Lights .....	47.96
Insurance .....	222.50
Repairs .....	267.27
	864.38

Elections — Inspec- tors and Clerks .....	\$ 6,714.00
Expense .....	1,173.96
	7,887.96

Furniture and Equipment .....	\$ 207.50
Janitor .....	77.00
Trust Co. Service .....	120.00
Postage .....	700.00
Notes Payable .....	22,500.00
Interest — Notes Payable .....	372.00
Miscellaneous .....	207.31
	41,668.56

Total Disbursements.....\$ 71,973.76

Transfers .....	\$ 4,000.00
To Health Fund .....	11,300.00
To Public Safety Fund .....	13,500.00
To Poor Fund .....	100.00
To County .....	83.10
To State .....	2,000.00
	30,983.10

Total Disbursements and  
Transfers .....

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE  
SHORES**

	Expended 1930	Budget 1931
Police Dept. ....	\$ 30,708.97	\$ 30,975.00
Fire Dept. ....	7,445.00	5,980.00
Highway Dept. ..	12,334.37	16,530.00
Building and Grounds .....	7,304.54	5,710.00
Office .....	9,532.77	9,175.00
Sinking Fund ....	9,903.12	8,500.00
Maturing Serial Bonds .....	5,000.00	10,000.00
Interest on Out- standing Bonds ..	24,380.00	24,200.00
General .....	8,640.16	2,750.00
	\$115,248.93	\$113,820.00

The tax rate for 1931-1932 is \$11.00.

**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT No. 1**

	Expenditures 1930	Budget Estimate 1931
General Control .....	\$ 41,906.18	\$ 36,700.00
Instruction .....	332,249.01	342,070.00
Operation .....	110,013.70	106,495.00
Maintenance .....	12,551.60	11,525.00
Auxiliary Activities	37,956.12	25,560.00
Fixed Charges ...	16,888.97	7,500.00
Capital Outlay ...	9,828.98	6,000.00
Debt Service ....	271,985.00	267,025.00

TOTAL ....\$833,379.56 \$803,875.00

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE  
FARMS**

**Proposed Budget 1931-1932  
Administrative**

Tax Refund .....	\$ 1,000.00
Park Expense .....	1,000.00
Park Improvement .....	3,500.00
Hall Ground Expense .....	100.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	900.00
Deputy Treasurer's Salary .....	500.00
Treasurer's Expense .....	30.00
Clerk's Salary .....	3,600.00
Accountant's Salary .....	3,600.00
Clerical Help .....	2,760.00
Office Supplies .....	800.00
Postage .....	250.00
Election Expense .....	180.00
Election Board .....	130.00
Clerk's Carfare and Expense .....	65.00
Premium on Bonds .....	300.00
Audit Service .....	450.00
Printing .....	1,400.00
Miscellaneous .....	6,000.00
Assessor's Salary .....	800.00
Assessor Clerk Hire .....	200.00
Attorney Retainer .....	1,800.00
Engineer's Salary .....	900.00
Asst. Engineer's Salary .....	2,100.00
Engineer Supplies .....	300.00
Engineer Equipment .....	400.00
Engineer Gas and Oil .....	80.00
Engineer Miscellaneous .....	300.00
Building Inspector's Salary .....	3,600.00
Building Inspector's Expense .....	4,681.82
Pier Expense Maintenance .....	6,500.00
Pier Salaries .....	600.00
Pier Supplies and Repairs .....	300.00
Pier Labor .....	45.00
Pier Laundry .....	200.00
Lighting .....	1,200.00
Pier Gasoline and Oil Station Equipment .....	1,200.00
Pier Gasoline and Oil Station Supplies .....	1,000.00

Administrative (Continued)		Miscellaneous		Building Permits	
Pier Gasoline and Oil Station Rental	20.00	Laundry	30.00	Gasoline Tax Refund	800.00
Sewer Pumping Station Salaries	7,200.00	Radio Repairs	500.00	Miscellaneous	200.00
Sewer Pumping Station Supplies and Repairs	2,000.00	Total	\$ 45,480.00	Interest on Bank Balance	1,000.00
Laundry	35.00	<b>Fire</b>		Land Contract Receivable	400.00
Telephone	100.00	Salaries	\$ 49,000.00	Court Fines	.....
Gas Service	50.00	Oil and Gas	300.00	Peddlers' Licenses	100.00
Fuel	1,000.00	Auto Repairs	900.00	Subdivision Inspection	.....
Sewer Pumping Station Miscellaneous	300.00	Supplies and Repairs	2,000.00	Life Insurance Premium	400.00
Zoning Ordinance	\$ 600.00	Light and Heat	1,500.00	Merriweather Heights Special Assessments	4,000.00
Zoning Ordinance	600.00	Miscellaneous	100.00	Provincial Road—Sewer and Water Main	28,246.93
Subdivision Inspection	500.00	Laundry	300.00	Total	\$ 38,646.93
Proposed Ridgemont Opening	150.00	Gas Service	225.00	<b>Appropriations</b>	
Office Equipment	750.00	Insurance	700.00	Administrative	\$131,339.61
Telephone	400.00	Fire Equipment	100.00	Construction	44,317.50
Pier Breakwater and Grading	8,762.79	Papers	30.00	Police	45,480.00
Street Lighting	61,000.00	Total	\$ 55,155.00	Fire	55,155.00
Total	\$131,339.61	<b>Highway</b>		Highway	53,860.00
<b>Construction</b>		Salaries and Labor	\$ 38,000.00	Electrician	2,300.00
Paving	\$ 600.00	Materials and Supplies	1,500.00	Bond—Interest and Sinking	121,152.51
Sewers	6,000.00	Repairs to Sidewalks	2,000.00	Total Appropriations	\$453,604.62
Landscaping	6,000.00	Garbage Collection Salaries and Labor	5,200.00	Less Estimated Revenue	38,646.93
Lake Shore Road Widening	2,000.00	Garbage Collection Supplies	200.00	Total to be raised by taxes	\$414,957.69
Water Mains	3,667.42	Garbage Collection Disposal	1,300.00	Tax Rate, \$18.50 per thousand	
Fox Creek Enclosure	4,050.08	Garbage Collection Gas and Oil	400.00	Assessed Valuation, \$22,925,870.00	
Water Works Filtration and Pumping Plant	22,000.00	Oil and Gas	1,500.00		
Total	\$ 44,317.50	Auto Repairs	600.00		
<b>Police</b>		Equipment	500.00		
Salaries	\$ 41,500.00	Insurance	1,100.00		
Oil and Gas	900.00	Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00		
Auto Repairs	500.00	Telephone	60.00		
Meals for Prisoners	60.00	Total	\$ 53,860.00		
Expense for Prisoners	60.00	<b>Electrician</b>			
Supplies and Repairs	1,100.00	Salaries	\$ 300.00		
Equipment—Guns, etc.	200.00	Supplies and Repairs	2,000.00		
Light and Heat	100.00	Total	\$ 2,300.00		
Papers	30.00	<b>Estimated Revenue</b>			
Justice Fees	300.00	Interest Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,700.00		
		Police Department Revenue	.....		
		Dog Licenses	400.00		
				\$92,849.70	\$90,638.41
				Estimated revenues for 1931	\$26,650.00.
				1931 tax rate	—9.26.

#### VILLAGE OF LOCHMOOR

	1931	1930
	Budget	Expended
Administration	\$57,110.00	\$56,208.03
Police Dept.	10,600.00	10,375.65
Highway Dept.	4,925.00	6,487.35
Sewer Pumping Station	4,980.00	3,533.56
Water Dept.	7,790.00	7,089.12
Sinking Fund	6,944.70	6,944.70
Anita Ave. Paving	500.00	.....
	\$92,849.70	\$90,638.41
Estimated revenues for 1931		\$26,650.00.
1931 tax rate		—9.26.

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