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LOCAL BUDGETS LOWER

PARK

In Grosse Pointe Park the gross requirement of the budget has been reduced \$47,402.41, or nine per cent, under the budget for 1931. Taking out the interest and sinking funds as uncontrollable items, there is an apparent lowering of budget requirements of nine and one half per cent. The net amount to be raised by taxes is \$427,354.57, or approximately four and one-half per cent under that of a year ago. The assessed valuation has been lowered from \$36,703,014 to \$34,149,469, or approximately seven per cent. With a tax rate of \$12.52 per thousand, an increase of four and one-half per cent, there will be a net lowering of the individual tax by about 34 cents per thousand of assessed valuation. Village employees in Grosse Pointe Park received a 10 per cent reduction in salary, and the pension fund of the police and fire departments was dropped to curtail expenditures. Reduction of approximately \$24,000.00 in sinking fund payments was made possible by crediting the account with the accumulated excess

GROSSE POINTERS TO EXHIBIT ART

The fifth annual art exhibit by Grosse Pointe artists will be held November 28 to December 10 in the Neighborhood Club, 17145 Waterloo Avenue.

The exhibit, which includes both commercial and fine arts, will include work in oils, water colors, pastels and other mediums. Both professional and amateur artists living in Grosse Pointe are invited to participate. For information or entry blanks phone John L. Vogt, Niagara 1171.

earnings for three years over the four per cent required by law on invested Village funds, according to Waldo J. Berns, clerk.

FARMS

Grosse Pointe Farms' total appropriations for the year of \$393,993.49 are \$59,610.13, or 13 per cent, under the budget requirements of a year ago. Taking out bond interest and sinking fund payments of approximately \$121,000.00 as uncontrollable, there is apparent a reduction of 18 per cent in controllable expenditures. The 1932 assessed valuation of \$21,023,526.00 is \$1,902,344.00, or approximately eight per cent, under that of last year. An increase in the tax rate of eight per cent from \$18.50 per thousand last year, to \$20.00 per thousand this year, will mean that the individual tax bill will be about the same.

LOCHMOOR

Lochmoor's total budget of \$76,799.70 is \$16,050.00, or 17 per cent, under that of last year. Deducting items for interest, notes payable and \$5,000 to cover a deficit of 1930 as uncontrollable items, there is an apparent reduction in controllable items of approximately six per cent. The tax rate of \$9.28 per thousand remains the same this year as last, although the total assessed valuation of \$8,632,520 is 10 per cent lower this year.

SHORES

Although Grosse Pointe Shores budget shows an increase over the budget of a year ago, this is accounted for by the fact that the expense of operating the water department and the justice court are both included this year but were not in last year's budget. These departments are self-supporting, however, and the revenues will balance the expense. The tax levy of \$96,683.77 is about five per cent under that of last year, with a tax rate

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The Grosse Pointe Village budget for the current year of \$492,438.46 is approximately \$96,000, or 16 per cent, over that of last year. Taking out items for notes payable, bond interest, bond retirement payments and payment on land contracts as uncontrollable items, there is a saving of 19 per cent in the controllable items. The total assessed valuation of \$22,573,894.90 is \$2,366,030, or approximately eight per cent, lower than last year. The tax of \$413,316.10 is less by \$30,072, or approximately six per cent, than the lowered valuations the tax of \$18.30 per thousand (which is 30 per thousand greater than last year) results in a lowering of the individual tax by about 80 cents per thousand of assessed valuation.

The budgets of the five Grosse Pointe villages, the township and the school district for the current year, as stated in this issue, show, in most instances, a marked reduction as against the cost of operating last year.

The reductions have been accomplished in various ways. By reducing the number of employees, the salaries those retained, and trimming costs wherever possible.

In Grosse Pointe Village the police department was reduced from a force of 25, including the chief, to 19. Two tenants were changed to sergeants and two sergeants to patrolmen. This effected a 23 per cent reduction in the cost of the department.

Every employee on the Village payroll took a 10 per cent cut May 3, 1932, and a five per cent cut in April of this year. In the fire department two men who resigned were not replaced, a saving of about \$3,000 for the year. In the highway and repair departments the personnel was reduced and wages were lowered. In the park department fewer men were used at the end of the season and the season was shortened. Street lights were also curtailed.

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OFFICIALS PRAISED

Officials of the several Grosse Pointe villages received praise and congratulations for the manner in which they handled the immense throngs who flocked to the lake's edge to view the race between Kaye Don and Gar Wood.

It was praise well deserved, for seldom has an event of such magnitude been held with fewer casualties and with as little damage to private property.

For several years many citizens of Grosse Pointe have received free copies of the GROSSE POINTE CIVIC NEWS, the taxpayers' own paper, through the courtesy of public spirited citizens whose contributions made it possible.

Last year, by the exercise of rigid economy, the directors of the Citizens' Association of Grosse Pointe Township were able to stay within the budget. However, the fiscal year started with an empty treasury.

Important proposals will soon come before the people—the possibility of changing from village to city form of government—the possibility of merger of governmental services. All in the interest of lower taxes. Will these things be good for Grosse Pointe? Will they accomplish what their promoters claim?

Every taxpayer will want an uncolored, unvarnished report of these activities. To insure regular publication of this paper, fill out the attached membership form and mail to the treasurer, Charles S. Cole, 827 Penobscot Building, Detroit.

BUDGET SUMMARIES

GROSSE POINTE PARK

	Budget 1931	Budget 1932
General Administration	\$ 45,970.00	\$ 41,456.00
Police Dept.	117,640.00	89,739.00
Fire Dept.	65,925.00	59,882.00
Electrical Dept.	30,875.00	23,930.00
Water Dept.	11,850.00	8,700.00
Public Works Dept.	43,880.00	27,792.00
Public Health Dept.	26,000.00	17,300.00
Recreation Dept.	6,000.00	13,000.00
Interest Fund	111,249.85	122,595.81
Sinking Fund	50,808.31	26,245.05
Contigent Fund	13,295.53	45,451.42
Total	\$523,493.69	\$476,091.28

CREDITS

	1931	1932
Revenue	1931	1932
Park Revenue	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Permits and Fees	8,000.00	7,500.00
Interest on Delinquent Tax Returned to County	7,500.00	7,500.00
Penalty Added to Tax	4,732.12	5,267.87
Water Department Earnings	6,000.00	9,000.00
Weed Tax	1,700.00	2,468.00
Net Return Premium on Police and Fire Department Pension Insurance		7,500.00
Balance, 1931 Budget		5,500.84
Accrued Interest on Returned Special Assessments		2,000.00
Total	\$ 28,932.12	\$ 48,736.71

	1931	1932
Total Assessed Valuation	\$36,703,014.00	\$34,149,469.00
Net to Be Raised by Taxes	\$447,050.02	\$427,354.57
Tax Rate per M.	\$11.98	\$12.52

LOCHMOOR

	Budget 1931	Budget 1932
Administrative	\$64,054.70	\$48,114.70
Police Dept.	10,600.00	9,815.00
Highway Dept.	5,425.00	3,900.00
Sewer Pumping Stations	4,980.00	4,475.00
Water Dept.	7,790.00	8,395.00
Total Appropriations	\$92,849.70	\$76,799.70
Estimated Revenues	26,400.00	25,805.00
Tax rate per M.	9.28	9.28

TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE BUDGET

	1931	1932
Elections	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	4,000.00	3,600.00
Treasurer's Clerk's Salary	1,300.00	1,235.00
Supervisor's Salary	4,500.00	4,050.00
Supervisor's Clerks' Salaries	6,000.00	5,524.00
Treasurer's Stationery	1,000.00	800.00
Treasurer's Stamps	500.00	500.00
Poor Fund	25,000.00	53,261.00
Interest on Bonds	3,000.00	2,500.00
Township Clerk's Salary	2,600.00	2,340.00
Sinking Fund	4,500.00	4,500.00
Justice Meetings	300.00	300.00
Legal Advisor	300.00	300.00
Telephones	300.00	300.00
Office Supplies	500.00	1,500.00
Radio	15,387.90	13,454.00
Board of Health	23,250.00	19,836.00
Loan from Grosse Pte. Sav. Bank	30,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
Loan from Jefferson Sav. Bank	30,000.00	
Loan from H. E. Dodge Est.		25,000.00
Totals	\$159,437.90	\$145,000.00

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

	1932 Budget
Clerk Department	\$ 3,626.00
Treasurer's Department	1,206.00
Assessor Department	1,050.00
Engineer Department	3,193.00
Building Inspection Dept.	3,298.00
Park Department	1,592.00
Administrative	65,833.00
Pier Department	9,611.00
Sewer Pumping Station	8,827.00
Police Department	35,139.00
Fire Department	52,076.00
Electric Signal System	1,118.00
Construction	10,582.00
Highway Department	48,227.00
Bond Fund Construction	27,118.00
Interest and Sinking Fund	121,491.00
Total Appropriations	\$393,993.00
Estimated Revenues	4,409.00
Total to be Raised by Taxes	389,583.00
Additional Appropriation Requested by Bank	32,292.00
Gross Amount Required	\$421,875.00
Total Assessed Valuation	\$21,023,500.00
Tax Rate per M.	\$20.00

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GROSSE POINTE VILLAGE

EXPENDITURES

	Budget 1931-2	Budget 1931-2 Spent	Budget 1932-3
Accounts Payable	\$131,000.00	\$131,000.00	\$100,000.00
Administration	61,088.00	62,208.41	24,233.34
Electric	63,693.00	63,726.76	48,292.09
Electric	51,706.00	50,027.21	46,300.98
Public Works	4,308.00	4,008.13	3,997.14
Water	31,688.00	31,621.47	25,812.14
Highway	48,700.00	47,586.27	43,290.00
Repair	11,198.00	11,439.72	7,480.00
Personal	5,169.50	4,954.93	4,719.93
Printing	17,104.50	16,309.35	15,313.51
Post	8,450.00	9,711.59	5,800.00
Trucks and Buildings	5,125.00	5,467.12	4,443.22
Real Estate Interest	78,998.33	79,100.84	79,815.84
Retirement	59,312.04	54,166.02	46,540.56
Investment on Land Con't.	2,960.00	2,973.00	3,032.88
Water Main Ext.	—	—	—
City Engineering	300.00	395.30	600.00
Water Meter	—	175.00	—
Trucks	2,000.00	1,453.73	—
Library	—	—	250.00
Contribution to Garage	—	—	1,800.00
Police Signal Light	—	288.98	—
Police Radio—Cor. Main	600.00	433.10	500.00
Municipal Ordinance	—	108.40	—
City Law Expense	120.00	134.70	75.00
City Marsh Ditch	7,439.62	5,797.79	1,641.83
Land Clearing and Opening Goethe	—	1,026.32	—
Street Lighting	—	—	25,500.00
Cost of Gasoline	3,400.00	2,216.67	2,300.00
Cost of Oil and Greases	500.00	666.04	600.00
Cost of Alcohol	150.00	48.60	100.00
Lighting Curb	—	482.61	—
Grading	800.00	778.90	—
Profit Savings Bank	—	131.98	—
TOTAL	\$595,809.99	\$588,306.96	\$492,438.46

REVENUE—1932-1933

	Budget Wanted 1931-32	Budget Received 1931-32	Budget Wanted 1932-33
Balance on Hand	\$ 12,058.16	\$ 12,058.16	\$ 12,473.96
Spec. Assess. Taxes	665.24	317.84	—
Water Mains—Acct. Rec.	6,884.56	6,884.56	2,371.71
Investment, Jefferson Bank	6,000.00	6,000.00	—
Water Rolls—Gen. Tax	130,855.27	51,834.63	154,248.57
Spec. Assess. Taxes	1,000.00	785.56	1,000.00
Interest from County Treasurer	2,713.40	2,713.40	4,375.88
Interest and Penalties	4,000.00	5,904.75	5,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,000.00	565.00	600.00
Water Revenue	38,000.00	31,377.71	31,500.00
Water Fines	800.00	766.00	1,000.00
Licenses	500.00	551.30	500.00
Incidental	1,500.00	796.15	1,000.00
Water Permits	100.00	36.43	50.00
Burning	250.00	131.50	150.00
Building Inspection	250.00	125.00	150.00
Water Wells	500.00	292.00	300.00
Street Bonds	44,000.00	31,000.00	13,000.00
Collectible Taxes—Prior Rolls	\$250,976.63	95,855.27	\$227,720.12
Collectible Taxes—Current	\$155,121.36	\$152,139.99	\$123,471.55
Water Tax Roll	—	444,341.82	413,316.10
Rate per M.	—	17.60	18.30
Assessed Valuation	—	\$24,940,552.20	\$22,573,894.90

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

	Budget 1931	Budget 1932
Police and Fire Departments	\$ 36,955.00	\$ 37,718.00
Highway Dept.	16,530.00	14,421.00
Building and Grounds	5,710.00	8,067.00
Legislative Executive and Judicial	9,175.00	11,144.00
Sinking Fund	8,500.00	9,233.33
Maturing Serial Bonds	10,000.00	10,000.00
Interest on Bonded Dept.	24,200.00	23,921.25
Contingencies	2,750.00	1,399.19
Water Dept.	—	14,350.00
Estimated Revenues	\$113,820.00	\$130,253.77
Tax Levy	—	\$ 96,683.77
Tax Rate	—	\$10.50

The Grosse Pointe High School will soon be equipped with sound apparatus for projection of talkies—and without cost to the Board of Education. Two years ago the students raised money for the purpose but it was insufficient at the time. Now the prices have been reduced to the point where it will be possible to buy.

With the opening of schools in Grosse Pointe there was an enrollment of 3,630 pupils, an increase of 226 over a year ago. Of the 226, 133 are in the elementary schools and 93 in the High School. Enrollment in September a year ago showed an increase of 181 over September, 1930.

There are more than 13,000 books in the Grosse Pointe Public Library for approximately 8,000 registered borrowers.

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of \$10.50, as against \$11.00 a year ago. Taking out items for retirement of bonds, sinking fund and interest payments as uncontrollable, the controllable items total about the same as last year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The summary of the budget of the Board of Education shows that the total budget of \$716,185.83 for the current year has been reduced 11 per cent under that of 1931. A saving of approximately 17 per cent in the operation of the schools is apparent when the debt service item is eliminated for the purpose of comparison. The per pupil cost, using average membership

as a basis, is approximately 20 per cent lower than last year. The savings have been made possible by reduction in allotments for certain items, changes in organization, lowering of salaries and increase in revenues.

TOWNSHIP

The budget for the Township of Grosse Pointe of \$145,000.00 shows

a decrease of nine per cent under that of a year ago which amounted to \$159,437.90. However, a deficit in the poor fund account would have brought the expense for the year to about \$179,000. Deducting items for interest on bonds, sinking fund and loan payments as uncontrollable, there is an apparent increase of about one per cent in controllable items. This

increase is obviously caused by the poor fund budget requirement of \$53,261.00. If the poor fund increase of \$8,000 over the actual cost last year were eliminated from consideration there would be an apparent decrease in operating expenses of the Township by about six per cent. Salaries of Township officials and employees were lowered five to ten per cent.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES

GROSSE POINTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

	Expenditures 1930-31		Budget Estimate 1931-32		Budget Estimate 1932-33	
	Total	Per Pupil	Total	Per Pupil	Total	Per Pupil
General Control.....	\$ 41,906.18	\$ 12.99	\$ 36,700	\$ 10.27	\$ 24,971.67	\$ 6.77
Instruction	332,249.01	103.02	342,070	95.68	297,290.16	80.19
Operation	110,013.70	34.11	106,495	29.79	78,226.00	21.14
Maintenance	12,531.60	3.89	11,525	3.22	12,421.00	3.36
Auxiliary Activities.....	37,956.12	11.77	25,560	7.43	22,467.00	6.07
Fixed Charges	16,888.97	5.24	7,500	2.10	5,500.00	1.49
Total Current Expenditures.....	551,565.58	171.02	529,850	148.49	440,875.83	119.06
Capital Outlay	9,828.98	3.05	6,000	1.68	5,000.00	1.33
Debt Service.....	271,985.00	84.34	267,025	74.69	270,310.00	73.06

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