

Village OF Ardsley



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1980-1981 BUDGET

The fiscal 1980-1981 Budget was adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 21, 1980. It is available for inspection at the Village Hall during office hours. The budget message, reproduced in the following, describes some of the more influential elements making up the new Village budget.

General

The climb in inflation rate continued inexorably into the double digits during the past year with dramatic impact on expenses. Leading the host of rising costs are gasoline, diesel fuel, and heating fuel but significant increases have had to be absorbed in electric rates, social security and pension costs, and general supplies. Except for some minor adjustments, and adhering to Federal guidelines, salary increases were limited to a maximum of 9.5%. Debt service will amount to \$48,710, leaving a debt balance of \$69,768, consisting of \$8,648 remaining on the purchase of the garbage packer truck, \$39,975 remaining on the Fire Pumper purchase, and \$19,190 remaining on the purchase of the diesel powered dump truck, acquired last year.

All budget items and departmental budget requests received careful review and evaluation. Sources of revenue and Federal and State programs were also given serious consideration in the make-up of our 1980-1981 budget by the committee on the budget. In addition re-evaluations of Village operations, insurance coverage and carriers, suppliers and purchasing sources, resulted in significant savings and cost avoidance. As a result, despite the considerable inflationary pressures over the past year and expected in the coming year, the Village tax rate will be held to an increase of 6.25% (\$1.96) in the new budget, which will continue to provide high quality and cost effective services to our residents.

Appropriations for the fiscal year June 1, 1980 to May 31, 1981 have been settled at \$1,540,558, excluding reimbursable costs for CETA

employees and Senior Citizens' programs. This compares to \$1,404,872 in the 1979-1980 fiscal year. Anticipated revenues, other than real property taxes, amount to \$316,476, while revenues to be raised through property taxes are \$1,293,518 compared to \$1,213,199 in fiscal 1979-1980. Assessments, excluding exemptions, increased slightly (0.35%) to \$38,844,681.

Remarks

Non-reimbursable salaries, personal services and fringe benefits constitute 64% of the new budget. More than compensating for some expansion of coverage, a change of carrier achieved a saving of approximately \$22,000 in liability insurance costs and a review and evaluation of experience data kept compensation insurance costs at constant level despite increases in rates in January and July of 1979. Fuel costs increased at a startling rate, however. Gasoline prices more than doubled in the past year accounting for a budget increase of more than \$10,000 (45%). Similar increases were experienced in heating and diesel fuel prices (36%). Police pension costs increased by \$10,800 (8.5%) but \$10,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds were appropriated to help defray this expense. Social Security costs rose by \$4,650 (14%) primarily reflecting the new rates beginning in 1981 as well as salary changes. The new budget also includes a 24% (\$5,100) increase in street lighting costs to accommodate the announced increase in electric rates for the coming year.

The new budget also includes an allocation of \$25,000 for continued development of Ashford Park for which a sizeable Federal Grant was obtained last year. An increase in snow removal budget (\$1,500) reflects expected increases in the prices of salt and sand. Road repair allocations remain essentially unchanged from last year. The 1980-1981 budget also includes a new police vehicle, a radio for a D.P.W. truck, a new Fire Chief's vehicle to replace the present seven year old station wagon, operating expenses, fire hose and other equipment for the Fire Department, the Fire Company share of Fire Protection District fees and general Village operating costs.

The Ardsley Public Library was allocated \$56,944, an increase of \$6,344 from last year to accommodate increases in rent, utilities, salaries, book purchases and other expenses.

Conclusions

Despite inflationary pressures, the cost of Village operations has been held in control during the past year and for the coming year. Economies have been effected that have helped maintain a stable and secure financial condition. The constitutional tax margin remains at a comfortable level and continues to improve and indebtedness has been reduced to less than two percent of the constitutional debt limit.

GYPSY MOTH: Last year, many oak trees and other types that were

located near the oaks, were attacked by a heavy infestation of gypsy moths. In sufficient quantities, these "caterpillars" can defoliate large tracts of trees and did, in fact, defoliate many trees in Ardsley. Unfortunately, there is no Federal, State, or County financial or equipment help available for lower Westchester. We are assured by Department of Agriculture experts, however, that permanent damage is rare, unless repeated heavy defoliation occurs, although evergreens, if attacked, are much more susceptible. The mess from these insects is, however, another matter. A meeting sponsored by Federal, State, and County agricultural agencies was held recently and attended by our beautification chairperson, Mrs. Novich. She reports the following advice from the experts.

There are four stages of gypsy moth larvae development. These are called instars. The most effective spraying time is during the first instar, late April into early May, at the latest May 15th. Repeat ten days later, weather permitting. Cornell University recommends:

<u>Insecticide</u>	<u>Labeled Concentration</u>	<u>Hydraulic</u>	<u>Mist</u>
		<u>Amt/100 gal</u>	<u>%</u>
Sevin	50 WP	2#	
	4F	1 qt.	2-3.5%
	80 WP	1.25 lb.	
Orthene	75 SP	1/3 to 2/3 lb.	.16% = 1 1/3 lb per 100/gal.

Bacillus Thuringiensis, Bt (apply per label) - environmentally preferred. The larvae are easily recognized as buff colored masses deposited on bark of trees, usually high up. In suburban areas such as ours, look under house eaves and the undersides of any structures or equipment stored outside. To combat biologically:

May be hand picked in small infestations, late in the day during second thru fourth instars, late May to late June. (Note that in the egg stage, just scraping them off the tree will not kill the insects. They will hatch on the ground. They must be collected and crushed or immersed in fuel oil or kerosene.)

Paint sticky stuff such as tanglefoot around trunk of older trees only. Follow label. Insects must be scraped off each afternoon and destroyed.

Tie strip of burlap, folded in half, with raw edges down, around trunk. Empty each afternoon and destroy insects.

After tree leaves are visible, fertilizing will be helpful to give trees a reserve in case of attack.

Do not exceed the concentrations and wetting amounts recommended on the labels of the chemical containers. More harm than good can result from overdoses.

GARDEN PLOTS: Plots will be available in Ashford Park again this year. Ardsley's "farmers" will be able to continue cultivating their "fields" at the same location as last year. Each year has brought more success to our gardeners, who are becoming quite expert in the art of growing vegetables and fruit. Although many of the plots (approx. 20 ft. x 25 ft) have already been reserved, there are a few still available. These will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Call the Village office for more information (693-1550).

RECREATION: A number of activities are planned for the coming months. These are fun events for all. Why not participate and meet some nice people, your neighbors, and have a good time.

Friday, May 23, 1980: 8:00 P.M. at the Ardsley High School, a play by Pirandello "Right You Are if You Think You are," performed by the Fort Hill Players. Donation \$3.00.

Saturday, June 14, 1980: Square Dance from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.; a professional square dance and folk song team will call the dances and sing. It will be held out-of-doors at the American Legion property on Legion Drive. In case of rain, the dance will be held on Sunday, June 15, 1980. Donation is \$3.00.

A men's softball league and a mixed bowling league are being formed for the summer. Persons interested in joining these leagues may contact Recreation Director, Tony DeGiorgio (693-6791) any week day between 4 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Mixed softball: Ardsley's men's and women's softball teams will play at McDowell Park, starting Monday, July 7, 1980. Games will be played every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. If you are interested, please contact Angela Fatato (693-0435).

CABLE TELEVISION: U-A Columbia, the cable television franchisee, has informed the Village that installation of signal lines in Ardsley has been completed and that after signal and system testing, they will be ready to commence service. It is expected that a mailing from the company, describing the services and the options available will be made very shortly and that service to individual homes will be offered before the end of May.

LIBRARY NEWS: At the annual election meeting of the Library Board of Trustees on April 24th, the following officers were elected for one year terms: President: Jeanne Dolgin; Vice-President: Maurice Epstein; Secretary: Rita Joselow; Treasurer: Floyd Lichtenberg.

The Library Board of Trustees and the Village Board of Trustees will host a reception for the library volunteers on Sunday, June 8th from 3 to 5 P.M. at the library.

Fund Raiser - A trip has been planned to Atlantic City to support the

Ardsley Public Library Building Fund. The trip is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 1980. The tax deductible donation of \$30.00 per person includes round trip bus transportation, leaving Ardsley at 8:30 A.M. and returning at 9:00 P.M. Also included are: entrance to Boardwalk Regency Casino, a delicious hot and cold buffet lunch, and a spectacular matinee show. For tickets and information, call the Ardsley Public Library 693-6636.

POLICE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM: Our Police Department has announced a new and superior property identification system.

The Ardsley Police Department, in cooperation with the N.Y. State Division of Criminal Justice services, is sponsoring Operation I.D., a program designed to prevent burglaries, deter or apprehend burglars and recover stolen property. Essentially, the program involves marking personal property with an easily identifiable number which can be traced by police agencies throughout the Country, EASILY AND QUICKLY. Earlier plans have utilized many numbering systems including, for the most part, Social Security numbers which are not readily available to the police because of privacy laws. The new system utilizes a distinct National Crime Information Center number. Every police agency in the United States has been assigned a different official number and the identity of the department associated with such number is immediately available to any and all police agencies throughout the nation through a National Law Enforcement Teletype System.

When you apply Ardsley's number (N.Y. 0592400) to your property with an electric engraver supplied to you at no cost (or by any other means you choose) you will also apply an assigned suffix number of one to three digits which will identify your property in a manner to make it recognizable by any police officer in the nation and traceable to you.

The system is simple but effective. Its real value in deterring crime will depend on widespread cooperation of the public who are asked to mark items likely to be stolen during the course of a burglary. Popular items among thieves include cameras, T.V. and Stereo sets, C.B. sets, power tools, sporting equipment, firearms, optical equipment, typewriters and bicycles, to name a few.

Lt. William Groth is administering the program in Ardsley and will be happy to supply you all of the information and tools you'll need. One or two hours of your time will greatly enhance the protection of your property. Call him at 693-1700.

NOISE: Spring and Summer are beautiful seasons in the Ardsley area. Under the right conditions, there is nothing more relaxing and pleasant than reposing on a tree shaded patio or near an open window savoring the refreshing breezes and manicured lawns, gardens and trees. This euphoria can be marred, however, by loud noises and blaring music, the

subject of many complaints during the warmer seasons. We ask our residents to please be mindful of neighbors and to control such disquieting sounds to the extent possible.

REMINDERS:

Holiday Garbage Collection - Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 1980

Regular Monday collection - on Tuesday, May 27, 1980

Regular Tuesday collection - on Wednesday, May 28, 1980

Paper Pick-Up - Last Wednesday of the month. Please place *newspapers (only)* at curb before 9:00 A.M. Newspaper may be stacked or bundled or placed in paper bags and cartons. Please keep in mind that *the cartons will be emptied and left* by the contractor. Next pick-up, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1980.

Clean-up Days - First Wednesday of the month as follows:

Wednesday, May 7, 1980 - northern half of Village

Wednesday, June 4, 1980 - southern half of Village

Wednesday, July 2, 1980 - northern half of Village

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1980 - southern half of Village

Please call 693-0117 at least one day in advance to arrange for pick-up of unwanted articles.



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