



# TEANECK

NEW JERSEY

## *The Proposed 1950 Budget*

*together with*

## *Municipal Manager's Report*

**for 1949 and comments  
on the 1950 budget**

### *To the Taxpayers of Teaneck:*

*In the Council-Manager Form of government, the Manager submits a tentative Budget to the Council. The Council then modifies the Budget as it may desire and "approves" it at a Council meeting. The Budget is then advertised and a public hearing held, after which it is "adopted" with or without further changes.*

*This booklet contains the "approved" Budget, together with the Municipal Manager's comments on this Budget and his 1949 Report. It is being delivered to all homes in Teaneck. We hope you will familiarize yourself with the Budget and, if necessary, ask for further information from the Councilmen or Manager. The public hearing will be held on March 7, 1950*

*The Township is the collecting agency for the School and County. Thirty-eight cents of each dollar collected are retained for the use of the Township. Of these twenty-seven cents are allocated to operating costs and eleven cents to debt service.*

*We suggest that you hold this budget for reference and for the use of students in connection with their school work.*

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

# YOUR TEANECK COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

VOTERS  
(STOCK HOLDERS)

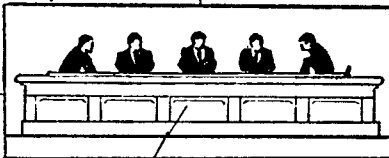


**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
Who elect one of their number as Mayor  
(DIRECTORS)

Election 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of May 1950  
and every four years thereafter.

APPOINTIVE POWERS OF  
THE COUNCIL

"The municipal council shall appoint a municipal manager, an assessor, or where required by law a board of assessors, an auditor, a treasurer, a clerk and an attorney"



ADVISORY  
BOARDS

ASSESSOR

AUDITOR

TREASURER

CLERK

ATTORNEY

LIBRARY  
BOARD

PLANNING  
BOARD

YOUTH  
GUIDANCE  
COUNCIL

MAGISTRATE

BOARD  
OF ZONING  
ADJUSTMENT

CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE



APPOINTIVE POWERS UNDER  
"DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL MANAGER"

- (a) Be the chief executive and administrative official of the Municipality
- (b) Appoint and remove all department heads and all other officers, subordinates, and assistants for whose selection or removal no other method is provided in this subtitle, supervise and control his appointees, and report all appointments or removals at the next meeting thereafter of the municipal council.

DEPUTY MANAGER

LOCAL  
ASSISTANCE  
BOARD

DIRECTOR  
OF WELFARE



ENGINEERING  
AND INSPECTION



PUBLIC WORKS



TAX



POLICE



FIRE



SHADE TREE



HEALTH



PARKS AND  
RECREATION



SANITATION



BUILDING INSPECTION

## REVENUE

RESOURCES ANTICIPATED REVENUES	1950 ANTICIPATIONS	1949 ANTICIPATIONS	1949 RECEIPTS
I. Surplus Revenues			
A. Current—Cash	\$185,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
B. Non-cash		50,000.00	50,000.00
C. Trust—Cash	10,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
D. Capital Cash	10,000.00		
	\$205,000.00	\$211,000.00	\$211,000.00
II. Miscellaneous Revenues			
A. Licenses			
1. Liquor	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,410.00
2. Township Clerk	6,000.00	3,000.00	6,247.84
3. Health	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,632.50
4. Public Works	400.00	500.00	440.00
	28,900.00	25,000.00	29,730.34
B. Fees and Permits			
1. Building	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,618.64
2. Fire	3,000.00	4,000.00	3,097.25
3. Health	7,000.00	3,500.00	7,136.00
4. Planning and Adjustment	300.00	200.00	345.00
5. Engineering	200.00	300.00	218.00
6. Public Works	5,000.00	3,500.00	5,227.02
7. Tax Searches	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,138.25
	27,600.00	23,600.00	28,780.16
C. Fines			
1. Municipal Court	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,225.93
2. Library	1,800.00	2,000.00	1,800.33
	3,800.00	3,000.00	4,026.26
D. Interest & Costs on Taxes & Liens	8,000.00	10,000.00	8,035.07
	8,000.00	10,000.00	8,035.07
E. Interest & Costs on Assessments	1,500.00	100.00	1,933.77
	1,500.00	100.00	1,933.77
F. Interest			
1. On U. S. Bonds	8,000.00	7,500.00	8,375.00
	8,000.00	7,500.00	8,375.00
G. Franchise Tax	112,000.00	100,000.00	112,555.55
H. Gross Receipts Tax	48,000.00	43,500.00	48,565.26
I. Bus Receipts Tax	12,000.00	11,500.00	12,367.04
J. Motor Fuel Tax Refunds	2,000.00	2,400.00	2,179.47
K. State Road Aid Chapter 62 Laws of 1947 Formula	22,140.00	22,140.00	22,140.00
L. Veterans' Housing			
1. Bond Maturity & Interest	17,163.00	15,000.00	17,163.00
2. Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,092.53	1,900.00	2,092.53
	19,255.53	16,900.00	19,255.53
III. TOTAL REVENUE	498,195.53	476,640.00	508,943.45
IV. RECEIPTS DELINQUENT TAXES	50,000.00	40,000.00	59,286.09
V. TOTAL RESOURCES	\$548,195.53	\$516,640.00	\$568,229.54

## OPERATING

Item	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
<b>1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
<b>A. Administrative and Executive</b>									
1. Council	5,000.00			5,000.00			5,000.00		
2. Township Manager	9,500.00			9,500.00			9,500.00		
3. Deputy Township Manager	7,000.00			6,500.00			6,500.00		
4. Township Clerk	100.00			100.00			100.00		
5. Administrative Asst. Grade I	5,400.00			5,184.00			5,184.00		
6. Clerical	2,700.00			2,600.00			3,237.87		
7. Telephones	2,016.00	1,900.00		1,926.00	1,600.00		1,926.60	1,849.17	
8. Legal Advertising		1,500.00			2,500.00			1,611.22	
9. Supplies, Printing and Postage		5,000.00			6,000.00			4,651.39	
10. Reports and Public Relations	1,040.00	2,000.00			2,500.00			2,030.34	
	<u>32,756.00</u>	<u>10,400.00</u>	43,156.00	<u>30,810.00</u>	<u>12,600.00</u>	43,410.00	<u>31,448.47</u>	<u>10,142.12</u>	41,590.59
<b>B. Assessment &amp; Collection of Taxes</b>									
<b>A. Assessment</b>									
1. Assessor	5,340.00			5,340.00			5,340.00		
2. Clerks	7,920.00			7,920.00			7,946.01		
3. Supplies		1,900.00			1,500.00			2,086.87	
	<u>13,260.00</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>	15,160.00	<u>13,260.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	14,760.00	<u>13,286.01</u>	<u>2,086.87</u>	15,372.88
<b>B. Collection of Taxes</b>									
1. Tax Collector	4,752.00			4,752.00			4,752.00		
2. Tax & Search Clerk	3,600.00			3,600.00			3,600.00		
3. Asst. Collectors and Clerks	13,104.00			13,506.00			12,837.97		
4. Supplies—Printing		4,500.00			4,000.00			3,566.77	
5. Tax Sale	100.00	200.00		100.00	200.00		0.00	79.16	
	<u>21,556.00</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>	26,256.00	<u>21,958.00</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>	26,158.00	<u>21,189.97</u>	<u>3,645.93</u>	24,835.90
<b>C. Public Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>									
1. Janitors	9,720.00			10,116.00			10,878.94		
2. Maintenance & Supplies	6,500.00	8,250.00		7,043.00	8,000.00		7,298.48	7,402.16	
3. Electricity & Water		4,000.00			3,360.00			3,184.16	
4. Fuel		4,000.00			4,300.00			3,493.81	
5. New Projects & Extensions		6,000.00			10,000.00			15,932.98	
	<u>16,220.00</u>	<u>22,250.00</u>	38,470.00	<u>17,159.00</u>	<u>25,660.00</u>	42,819.00	<u>18,177.42</u>	<u>30,013.11</u>	48,190.53
<b>D. Elections</b>									
1. Salaries and Wages	200.00			200.00			80.28		
2. Supplies, Printing, Advertising, etc.		3,000.00			1,200.00			696.15	
	<u>200.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	3,200.00	<u>200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	1,400.00	<u>80.28</u>	<u>696.15</u>	776.43

Item	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total
<b>E. Liquidation of Tax Title Liens &amp; Foreclosed Property</b>									
1. Clerical & Engineering	2,500.00			4,000.00			482.13		
2. Legal Fees, Costs and Searches		2,500.00			7,600.00			5,623.48	
3. Rent and Supplies					1,000.00			1,242.83	
	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>8,600.00</u>	<u>12,600.00</u>	<u>482.13</u>	<u>6,866.31</u>	<u>7,348.44</u>
<b>F. Legal</b>									
1. Township Attorney	4,500.00			6,000.00			4,247.66		
2. Expenses & Litigation Costs		3,000.00			3,000.00			2,245.47	
	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>4,247.66</u>	<u>2,245.47</u>	<u>6,493.13</u>
<b>G. Department of Finance</b>									
1. Treasurer	600.00			600.00			600.00		
2. Supervisor of Accounts	4,320.00			4,320.00			4,320.00		
3. Clerks	4,980.00			4,692.00			4,689.43		
4. Supplies		500.00			600.00			635.65	
	<u>9,900.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>10,400.00</u>	<u>9,612.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>10,212.00</u>	<u>9,609.43</u>	<u>635.65</u>	<u>10,245.08</u>
<b>H. Audit</b>									
1. Local Costs	100.00			100.00					
2. Division of Local Government		4,500.00			4,500.00			4,713.50	
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,600.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,600.00</u>		<u>4,713.50</u>	<u>4,713.50</u>
<b>I. Engineering</b>									
1. Township Engineer	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00		
2. Assistant Engineer	4,752.00			4,752.00			4,752.00		
3. Engineers and Inspectors	6,624.00			6,624.00			5,509.77		
4. Clerk	0.00			300.00			249.24		
5. Supplies		1,000.00			1,000.00			1,262.75	
6. Outside Engineering		500.00			1,500.00			609.40	
	<u>12,376.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>13,876.00</u>	<u>12,676.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>15,176.00</u>	<u>11,511.01</u>	<u>1,872.15</u>	<u>13,383.16</u>
<b>J. Zoning &amp; Planning</b>									
1. Salaries	200.00			200.00			190.00		
2. Other Expenses		500.00			500.00			497.20	
	<u>200.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>190.00</u>	<u>497.20</u>	<u>687.20</u>
<b>K. Shade Trees</b>									
1. Supervisor	4,320.00			4,320.00			4,320.00		
2. Labor	13,002.00			10,608.00			11,739.23		
3. Equipment, Supplies, Trees		4,000.00			4,000.00			4,669.51	
	<u>17,322.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>21,322.00</u>	<u>14,928.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>18,928.00</u>	<u>16,059.23</u>	<u>4,669.51</u>	<u>20,728.74</u>
<b>L. Purchasing</b>									
1. Salary	3,600.00			3,600.00			3,600.00		
2. Supplies and Car allowance		500.00			500.00			448.36	
	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>448.36</u>	<u>4,048.36</u>

Item	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total
<b>M. Insurance</b>									
1. Compensation		8,500.00			8,000.00			7,740.44	
2. Fire		2,700.00			3,500.00			3,108.92	
3. Public Liability		4,300.00			4,525.00			4,463.20	
4. Others		500.00			550.00			120.95	
		<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>		<u>16,575.00</u>	<u>16,575.00</u>		<u>15,433.51</u>	<u>15,433.51</u>
<b>N. Bonds for Employees</b>									
		<u>1,200.00</u>			<u>100.00</u>			<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>		<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>O. General Employees' Pension Fund</b>									
1. Municipal Employees		<u>16,077.00</u>			<u>11,763.00</u>			<u>11,763.00</u>	
		<u>16,077.00</u>	<u>16,077.00</u>		<u>11,763.00</u>	<u>11,763.00</u>		<u>11,763.00</u>	<u>11,763.00</u>
<b>P. Youth Guidance Council</b>									
		<u>1,000.00</u>							
		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>						
<b>II. PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>									
<b>A. Fire</b>									
1. Salaries	150,000.00			167,000.00			164,807.11		
2. Rent, Volunteer Houses		1,800.00			1,380.00			1,620.00	
3. Light, Heat, Supplies		8,830.00			11,400.00			13,946.78	
4. Hose		1,000.00			1,000.00			919.10	
5. Apparatus Repairs and Additions		2,200.00			2,650.00			3,598.20	
6. Fire House, Repairs and Additions		2,100.00			750.00			1,031.26	
7. Communication System	16,340.00	3,100.00		500.00	2,000.00		1,522.41	4,255.57	
8. Pension		8,500.00			8,350.00			8,228.56	
	<u>166,340.00</u>	<u>27,530.00</u>	<u>193,870.00</u>	<u>167,500.00</u>	<u>27,530.00</u>	<u>195,030.00</u>	<u>166,329.52</u>	<u>33,599.47</u>	<u>199,928.99</u>
<b>B. Hydrants</b>									
		<u>48,000.00</u>			<u>42,000.00</u>			<u>44,739.24</u>	
		<u>48,000.00</u>	<u>48,000.00</u>		<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>42,000.00</u>		<u>44,739.24</u>	<u>44,739.24</u>
<b>C. Police</b>									
1. Salaries	153,220.00			143,500.00			135,007.16		
2. Motor Equipment	3,168.00	14,700.00		3,168.00	17,700.00		4,465.47	18,062.52	
3. Communication Systems	2,000.00	3,850.00		2,500.00	3,850.00		1,694.18	3,237.93	
4. Supplies		3,000.00			3,050.00			2,071.49	
5. Traffic	5,000.00	6,500.00		5,400.00	7,500.00		4,277.58	7,534.30	
6. Doctor		300.00			200.00			320.00	
7. Pistol Range & Matches	700.00	1,500.00		700.00	1,500.00		890.71	1,323.80	
8. Pension		8,000.00			7,175.00			7,802.92	
	<u>164,088.00</u>	<u>37,850.00</u>	<u>201,938.00</u>	<u>155,268.00</u>	<u>40,975.00</u>	<u>196,243.00</u>	<u>146,335.10</u>	<u>40,352.96</u>	<u>186,688.06</u>

Item	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total
<b>D. Municipal Court</b>									
1. Magistrate	1,200.00			1,200.00			1,200.00		
2. Clerk	600.00			600.00			588.54		
3. Other Expenses		500.00			500.00			273.06	
	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>1,788.54</u>	<u>273.06</u>	<u>2,061.60</u>
<b>E. Inspection of Buildings</b>									
1. Supt. of Building	4,752.00			4,752.00			4,752.00		
2. Building Inspection	3,900.00			4,244.00			3,744.00		
3. Clerical	2,160.00			1,800.00			1,839.31		
4. Supplies		1,000.00			1,000.00			751.22	
	<u>10,812.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>11,812.00</u>	<u>10,796.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>11,796.00</u>	<u>10,335.31</u>	<u>751.22</u>	<u>11,086.53</u>
<b>F. Plumbing Inspection</b>									
1. Plumbing Inspector	1,692.00			1,324.00			1,466.67		
2. Supplies		500.00							
	<u>1,692.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>2,192.00</u>	<u>1,324.00</u>		<u>1,324.00</u>	<u>1,466.67</u>		<u>1,466.67</u>
<b>G. Guards—School</b>									
1. Wages	17,500.00			15,000.00			14,454.75		
2. Equipment		250.00			250.00			141.50	
	<u>17,500.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>17,750.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>15,250.00</u>	<u>14,454.75</u>	<u>141.50</u>	<u>14,596.25</u>
<b>III. STREETS AND ROADS</b>									
(Including State Aid Funds of 1950— \$22,140.)									
<b>A. Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>									
1. Administrative Asst. Grade II	2,484.00			2,484.00			2,484.00		
2. Foreman, Clerk, Inspector	6,912.00			6,912.00			6,951.44		
3. Mechanics	5,112.00			5,112.00			6,942.68		
4. Operators of Equipment	12,312.00			12,168.00			12,205.71		
5. Labor	21,000.00			21,008.00			17,473.68		
6. Equipment & Supplies		16,150.00			23,900.00			27,460.67	
7. Material		6,100.00			5,850.00			5,767.24	
8. Snow Removal	3,000.00	5,900.00		3,000.00	12,000.00		3,809.72	4,821.53	
9. Street Signs	400.00	750.00		700.00	500.00		331.98	274.07	
	<u>51,220.00</u>	<u>28,900.00</u>	<u>80,120.00</u>	<u>51,384.00</u>	<u>42,250.00</u>	<u>93,634.00</u>	<u>50,199.21</u>	<u>38,323.51</u>	<u>88,522.72</u>
<b>B. Resurfacing Pavement</b>									
1. Labor		10,000.00			10,000.00			9,515.59	
2. Other Expenses	500.00			1,000.00			403.80		
	<u>500.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>403.80</u>	<u>9,515.59</u>	<u>9,919.39</u>

Item	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total
C. Street Lighting		39,000.00			35,000.00			34,749.77	
		<u>39,000.00</u>	39,000.00		<u>35,000.00</u>	35,000.00		<u>34,749.77</u>	34,749.77
D. Street Cleaning									
1. Salaries & Wages	7,848.00			6,336.00			7,223.45		
2. Equipment & Supplies		5,000.00			13,600.00			16,130.57	
	<u>7,848.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	12,848.00	<u>6,336.00</u>	<u>13,600.00</u>	19,936.00	<u>7,223.45</u>	<u>16,130.57</u>	23,354.02
<b>IV. SANITATION</b>									
<b>A. Sewers</b>									
1. Administrative Asst. Grade II	2,484.00			2,484.00			2,484.00		
2. Operators & Mechanics	11,880.00			11,736.00			11,107.64		
3. Foreman & Laborers	9,606.00			8,718.00			6,714.03		
4. Power & Water		7,000.00			6,500.00			6,629.20	
5. Supplies, Repairs		4,550.00			5,600.00			3,986.09	
6. Removing Sludge		3,000.00			2,500.00			2,913.00	
	<u>23,970.00</u>	<u>14,550.00</u>	38,520.00	<u>22,938.00</u>	<u>14,600.00</u>	37,538.00	<u>20,305.67</u>	<u>13,528.29</u>	33,833.96
<b>V. HEALTH AND CHARITIES</b>									
<b>A. Department of Health</b>									
1. Director	1.00			1.00			1.00		
2. Health Officer	4,392.00			4,320.00			4,272.60		
3. Clerical	4,440.00			4,000.00			4,009.02		
4. Supplies		1,200.00			1,500.00			1,552.52	
5. Child Clinic	2,980.00	1,650.00		2,980.00	1,800.00		2,990.79	1,711.02	
6. Mosquito and Vermin Control		1,300.00			1,200.00			950.00	
	<u>11,813.00</u>	<u>4,150.00</u>	15,963.00	<u>11,301.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	15,801.00	<u>11,273.41</u>	<u>4,213.54</u>	15,486.95
<b>B. Poor Administration</b>									
1. Salaries & Wages	2,080.00			2,200.00			1,854.86		
2. Supplies & Equipment		600.00			500.00			362.11	
	<u>2,080.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	2,680.00	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	2,700.00	<u>1,854.86</u>	<u>362.11</u>	2,216.97
<b>C. Poor Relief</b>									
		4,000.00			4,000.00			4,000.00	
		<u>4,000.00</u>	4,000.00		<u>4,000.00</u>	4,000.00		<u>4,000.00</u>	4,000.00
<b>D. Visiting Nurse Service</b>									
		150.00							
		<u>150.00</u>	150.00						



Item	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Total
<b>VI. RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>									
<b>A. Park Improvement and Maintenance</b>									
1. Salaries & Wages	14,298.00			14,058.00			12,794.36		
2. Improvements		10,000.00							
3. Other Expenses		9,000.00			13,000.00			13,474.21	
	<u>14,298.00</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>33,298.00</u>	<u>14,058.00</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>27,058.00</u>	<u>12,794.36</u>	<u>13,474.21</u>	<u>26,268.57</u>
<b>B. Recreation</b>									
1. Guards	3,500.00			1,500.00			2,746.00		
2. Direction and Instruction	20,457.00	500.00		19,019.00	840.00		18,054.93	569.50	
3. Supplies & Repairs		4,000.00			3,270.00			4,052.20	
	<u>23,957.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>28,457.00</u>	<u>23,519.00</u>	<u>4,110.00</u>	<u>27,629.00</u>	<u>20,800.93</u>	<u>4,621.70</u>	<u>25,422.63</u>
<b>C. Community Celebrations (R. S. 40:48-5-4)</b>									
1. Salaries & Wages	250.00			250.00			244.58		
2. Other Expenses		3,000.00			3,000.00			3,021.68	
	<u>250.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>244.58</u>	<u>3,021.68</u>	<u>3,266.26</u>
<b>D. Library</b>									
1. Librarians	27,556.00			25,817.60			25,017.51		
2. Janitors	3,456.00			3,480.00			3,459.49		
3. Books, Periodicals, Victrola Records and Binding		9,250.00			8,150.00			8,934.91	
4. Heat, Light, 'Phone		2,425.00			2,025.00			1,887.99	
5. Supplies, Postage, Conventions		1,750.00			1,300.00			1,445.92	
6. Repairs & Equipment		4,000.00			3,200.00			3,112.61	
7. Other Expenses		400.00			450.00			377.17	
8. Insurance		150.00			100.00			324.60	
	<u>31,012.00</u>	<u>17,975.00</u>	<u>48,987.00</u>	<u>29,297.60</u>	<u>15,225.00</u>	<u>44,522.60</u>	<u>28,477.00</u>	<u>16,083.20</u>	<u>44,560.20</u>
<b>VII. UNCLASSIFIED PURPOSES</b>									
<b>A. Contingent</b>									
		1,000.00			1,000.00			487.32	
		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>		<u>487.32</u>	<u>487.32</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<u>663,670.00</u>	<u>360,982.00</u>	<u>1,024,652.00</u>	<u>648,474.60</u>	<u>370,838.00</u>	<u>1,019,312.60</u>	<u>624,168.77</u>	<u>374,097.78</u>	<u>998,266.55</u>

## DEBT SERVICE

VIII. MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE	1950 APPROPRIATIONS		1949 APPROPRIATIONS	
A. Payment of Bonds and Notes				
1. Capital Bonds	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 86,000.00	
2. Funding Bonds, (Chapter 233)				
1949 Maturities	\$164,000.00	\$119,000.00		
From Trust Account	35,000.00	60,000.00	59,000.00	
	129,000.00		59,000.00	
		\$199,000.00		\$145,000.00
B. Interest on Bonds and Notes				
1. Capital Bonds	18,496.75		19,681.75	
2. Assessment Bonds	4,530.00		3,343.69	
3. Funding Bonds (Chapter 233)	28,100.00		33,162.50	
	51,126.75		56,187.94	
B-1. Veterans' Housing				
1. Maturities	18,000.00		18,000.00	
2. Interest	7,380.00		7,769.00	
	25,380.00		25,769.00	
C. Capital Improvement Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00	
		10,000.00		10,000.00
D. Deficits & Statutory Expenditures				
1. Emergencies	1,500.00		50,000.00	
2. Cost of assessable improvements reverting to Township	15,000.00		21,318.79	
3. Over-expenditure of appropriation	499.20		10.80	
4. Pension Fund, Non-teaching School Employees Chapter 135, P.L. 1946	4,085.00		3,693.00	
	21,084.20		75,022.59	
NET DEBT SERVICE		\$306,590.95		\$311,979.53

## TAXES AND RATES

	1950	Rate	1949	Rate
1. Net Debt Service	\$ 306,590.95		\$ 311,979.53	
2. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	120,000.00		120,000.00	
3. Total Debt Service & Reserve	426,590.95		431,979.53	
4. Operating Costs	1,024,652.00		1,019,312.60	
5. Total Expenditures	1,451,242.95		1,451,292.13	
6. Anticipated Revenues	548,195.53		516,640.00	
7. Township Taxes	908,047.42	\$2.58	934,652.13	\$2.78
8. Estimated School Tax	1,183,560.26	3.38	1,070,286.29	3.19
9. Estimated County Tax	288,000.00	.82	280,000.00	.83
TOTAL TAX	\$ 2,374,607.68	\$6.78	2,284,938.42	6.80
Assessed Valuation	35,036,269.00		33,489,921.00	

# TEANECK'S BONDED DEBT.

AMOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR

## LEGEND



**FUNDING and REFUNDING BONDS** - This is the amount still to be paid for Sewers and Paving Improvements of 1930 and prior. The bonds will be paid for by the collection of old assessments and by taxes.



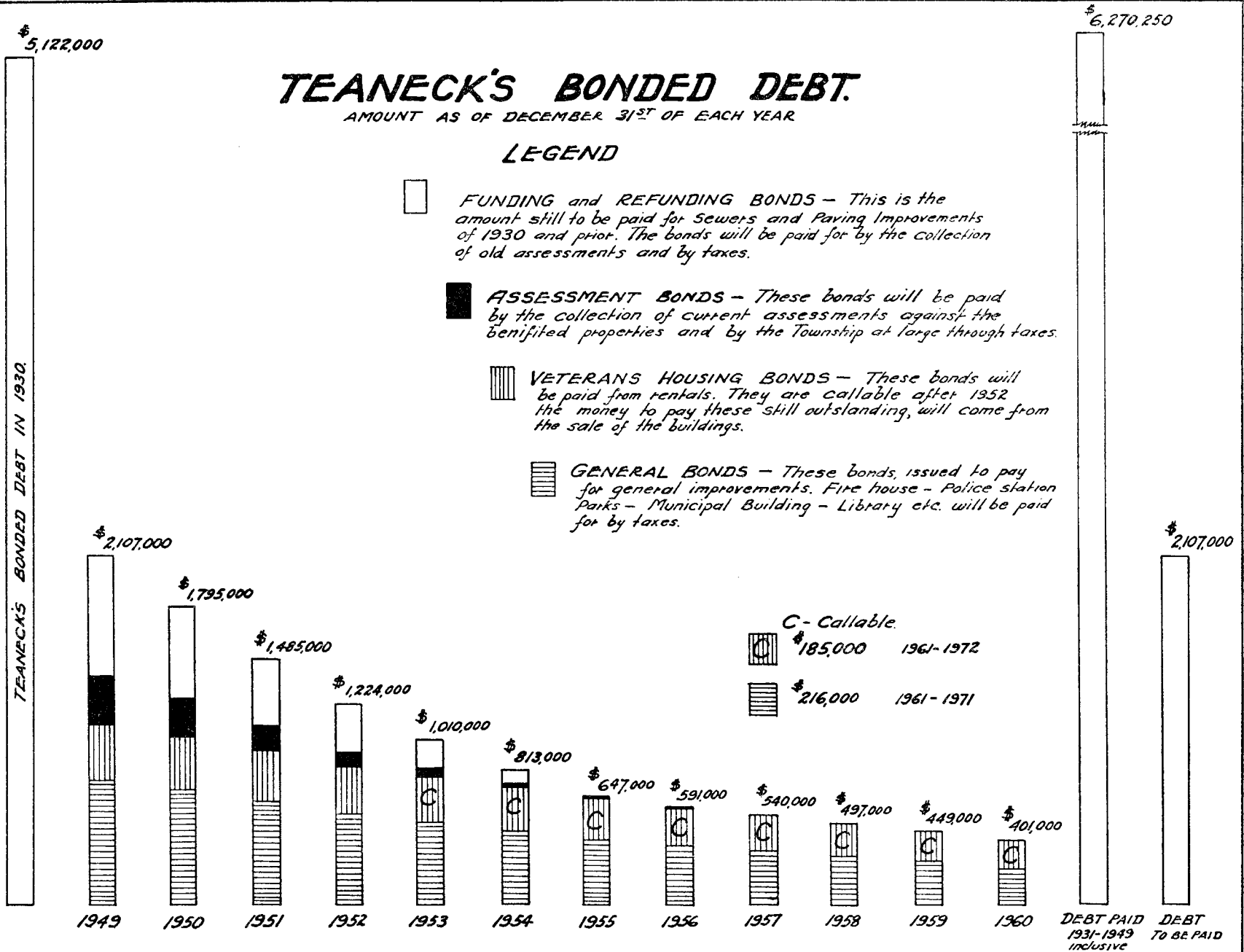
**ASSESSMENT BONDS** - These bonds will be paid by the collection of current assessments against the benefited properties and by the Township at large through taxes.



**VETERANS HOUSING BONDS** - These bonds will be paid from rentals. They are callable after 1952 the money to pay these still outstanding, will come from the sale of the buildings.



**GENERAL BONDS** - These bonds, issued to pay for general improvements. Fire house - Police station Parks - Municipal Building - Library etc. will be paid for by taxes.

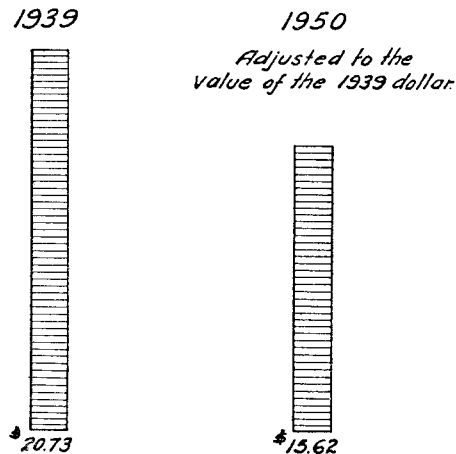


## ARE MUNICIPAL TAXES INCREASING OR DECREASING?

Because of the present inflated value of the dollar, any comparison made to elicit the actual facts must be related to a stable base. When this is done for Teaneck it shows that the per capita tax actually has decreased 25% since 1939.

TEANECK'S PER CAPITA TAX FROM 1930 TO 1950 ADJUSTED TO  
THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE 1939 DOLLAR

### PER CAPITA MUNICIPAL TAX.



It may be startling to many of our present taxpayers to know that if a like comparison were made with the depression years it would show that the then taxpayers paid twice as much per capita for municipal purposes as they are doing today.

Some of the reasons for this are—

1. Debt Service is smaller than it was in the 1930's.
2. The number of employees has not increased in proportion to the increase in population. In 1938 Teaneck had 5.9 permanent employees per thousand of population. By 1950 this has decreased to 4.97.
3. Relief costs during the depression were met on a pay-as-you-go-basis.
4. Salaries and wages have not been increased in proportion to living costs.
5. The paying taxpayer during the 1930's, when tax collections were 70% of the levy, paid not only his own way, but also that of the delinquent.
6. The sale of property lost during the depression by the taxpayer is now bringing in revenue, the use of which as appropriations from surplus reduces the present per capita tax.
7. Costs of some things which the municipality buys, particularly those supplied by public utility services, have not increased in proportion to the cost of living.
8. The productivity of the individual municipal worker has been increased by giving him machines with which to work; particularly true in the D.P.W.
9. Increase in population does not necessarily require a corresponding increase in all services.

## COMPARISONS OF EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS, VALUATION, TAX RATES AND DEBT

	1930	1935	1949	1950
Population	16,500	21,000	33,000	34,000
<b>EXPENDITURES DEBT &amp; DEFICIENCIES</b>				
(Exclusive of Reserve for Uncollected Taxes)	\$ 387,806.63	\$ 351,801.00	\$ 311,979.53	\$ 306,590.95
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>23.50</b>	<b>16.75</b>	<b>9.45</b>	<b>9.02</b>
OPERATING COSTS	412,231.95	358,632.00	1,019,312.60	1,024,652.00
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>24.98</b>	<b>17.08</b>	<b>30.89</b>	<b>30.13</b>
TOTAL DEBT AND OPERATING COSTS	800,038.58	710,433.00	1,331,292.13	1,331,242.95
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>48.48</b>	<b>33.83</b>	<b>40.34</b>	<b>39.15</b>
REVENUE ANTICIPATED (Exclusive of Delinquent Taxes)	208,000.00	201,000.00	476,640.00	548,195.53
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	592,038.58	509,433.00	854,652.13	833,047.42
Difference between Overlay and Anticipated Delinquent Tax Collections			80,000.00	70,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	592,038.58	509,433.00	934,652.13	903,047.42
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>35.88</b>	<b>24.26</b>	<b>28.32</b>	<b>26.56</b>
VALUATION	21,899,140.00	26,421,191.00	33,489,921.00	35,036,269.00
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>1,327.00</b>	<b>1,258.00</b>	<b>1,014.85</b>	<b>1,030.48</b>
MUNICIPAL RATE	2.72	1.93	2.79	2.58
SCHOOL RATE	2.12	1.72	3.19	3.38
COUNTY RATE	1.24	.97	.84	.82
TOTAL RATE	6.08	4.62	6.82	6.78
NET MUNICIPAL DEBT	4,971,000.00		2,127,836.22	1,949,647.56
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>301.00</b>		<b>64.47</b>	<b>57.34</b>
Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	<b>227.00</b>		<b>63.53</b>	<b>55.64</b>

1930 was the last year before the Municipal Manager Administration. 1935 was the year when all administration costs were on a bare maintenance basis, and when all employees had a salary reduction. 1949 is added for comparative purposes with 1950.

### TEANECK SCHOOL COSTS

Since the Board of Education's portion of the total tax is considerable, 49.9¢ of each dollar, the following over-all facts are given—

Teaneck's schools receive their money as follows:

	1949-1950	1950-1951	
From Local Taxes	\$ 920,672.04	\$1,035,758.51	For operation. (The amount on which the people vote.)
From Local Taxes	149,614.25	147,801.75	For Debt Service
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$1,070,286.29</b>	<b>\$1,183,560.26</b>	
From State Aid	199,227.32	190,121.74	
From Balance on Hand	22,000.00		
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL COSTS</b>	<b>\$1,291,513.61</b>	<b>\$1,373,682.00</b>	
Total Active Enrollment	4807	5001	
Over-all Cost per Pupil	268.67	274.72	
Local Tax Cost per pupil (including debt service)	222.65	236.70	
State aid per pupil	46.02	38.01	

Note:—The effect on the 1950 tax rate by increase of \$113,273.97 in the School Board's Tax Levy has been offset by (a) the reduction in Township's total expenditures (b) use of additional Township surplus, and (c) the increase in valuation.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BORROWING CAPACITY

Average Assessed Valuation of Taxable Real property for last 3 years	\$29,485,785.00
Board's Borrowing Capacity (8% of same)	2,358,862.80
Bonds outstanding as 1/1/50	1,609,000.00
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$ 749,862.80

### COMPARISON OF 1949 AND 1950 TAXES AND TAX RATES

	County	Local School	Township	Total
1949	\$.82	\$3.20	\$2.78	\$6.80
Est. 1950	.82	3.38	2.58	6.78
Difference	.0	+ 0.18	— 0.20	— 0.02

From a home assessed at \$3,500 the 1950 tax would be approximately \$237.30 distributed as follows:—

To the County	\$ 28.70
To the Township	90.30
To the Board of Education	118.30
	\$237.30

# THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S 1949 REPORT AND COMMENTS ON THE 1950 BUDGET

## R E S O U R C E S

### SURPLUS REVENUE:

Comparison of the Township's surplus revenue on December 31, 1949, with that of December 31, 1948—

	<b>12-31-49</b>	<b>12-31-48</b>
Book Surplus (Cash Liabilities deducted)	\$780,078.53	\$751,396.26
Non-Cash (An asset since it is money owed to the Current Account by the taxpayers for money borrowed from it to pay 1949 emergencies.)	1,999.20	50,510.00
<b>NET CASH SURPLUS</b> (Any or all of which may be used as revenue in the budget)	<b>\$778,079.33</b>	<b>\$700,886.26</b>
"Owing" Board of Education	534,143.14	491,488.91
"Free" Cash Surplus	\$243,936.19	\$209,397.35
Trust Surplus	10,565.37	11,617.07
Capital Surplus	10,835.34	10,165.17
	<u>\$265,336.90</u>	<u>\$231,179.59</u>

Cash surplus used in 1949 was \$150,000 from the Current Account and \$11,000 from the Trust Account; also \$50,000 of non-cash surplus to offset the \$50,000 emergency appropriation of 1948. The surplus remaining was built back to the total amount of \$780,078.53 by unanticipated receipts from the sales of property acquired through tax lien foreclosures, the greater collection of miscellaneous revenue than was anticipated, the added taxes on partially completed buildings and budget under-expenditures. The foregoing accounts for approximately half of the total increase. The other half came through the increased school tax levy of \$113,273.97.

The fact that an increase in school taxes actually increases the Township's surplus at the end of the year, highlights the confusion existing in the present accounting methods. It arises from the fact that the school year and the Township year are overlapping by six months. The Township uses the calendar year, but the school year does not begin until the following first of June. The tax levy then provides for school taxes for the last six months of the current calendar year and for the first six months of the following year. As a result, if half of the school budget has been paid to the Board of Education by the first of the calendar year, the remaining half (that needed to operate the schools for the first six months of the following year) under present accounting systems is considered municipal surplus.

The above tabulation illustrates this condition. The simplest remedy, which many municipalities are adopting, and which is approved by the Division of Local Government, is for a municipality to re-levy half of the last year's school budget and one-half of the new school budget. This means that the actual provision in the budget would be for money to be expended by the schools during the calendar year. It is suggested that Teaneck adopt this method in 1951. It would not increase the tax levy, but would actually, as well as theoretically, free the entire surplus of the municipality of any hypothetical claims against it.

This year's budget uses \$180,000 of the cash surplus, such use being particularly justified by the fact that heavy maturities of the old 1933 refunding bonds are due this year, while the Trust Fund maintained for their payment has been practically exhausted. It was in anticipation of this that the surplus has been carefully built up.

It has been customary to use up capital and trust surplus as available from year to year. These surpluses result generally from the 5% down payment required by any bond issue and their use can be considered as an offset to the appropriation for maturity and interest on capital and trust bonds.

New Jersey municipalities should keep an ample surplus because they are required to operate on a "cash basis". With a "cash basis" budget, any drop in the percentage of collections most seriously affects the next year's appropriation. For instance, with a \$2,000,000 tax levy, and a tax collection of only 80%, an additional \$500,000 would have to be placed in the following budget.

## MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

In Teaneck the burden of government falls to a greater extent than usual on residential property since Teaneck has no large industries or large wholesale or retail commercial districts. Even so, an analysis of the source of tax revenue and costs indicates that to a slight extent the individual home owner is subsidized by apartments, vacant land and such commercial developments as Teaneck has.

With no large business districts, or industry, the possibility of decreasing the real estate tax through the collection of general miscellaneous revenue is limited. Even the Municipal Court hardly supports itself, whereas in many municipalities revenues from its local court contributes considerably toward the reduction of property taxes.

The miscellaneous sources of revenue, such as license fees and permits, have, during the past year, been increased through raising the fees and charges for services.

The total aid received by Teaneck from the State of New Jersey during 1949 was—

1. School Aid	\$199,227.32
2. Highway Aid	22,140.00
3. Tryon Avenue paving	2,400.00
4. Police and Firemen's Pension Fund	
(a) 2% tax on premium on fire insurance written by foreign companies	3,039.43
(b) State's contribution	6,889.28
5. Direct Relief	2,522.00
Total	\$236,218.03

This amount is 8.97% of the combined expenditures of the Township and Board of Education. It reduces to \$6.95 per capita. New Jersey is most niggardly in State aid contributions towards municipalities, compared with other States.

### THE TOWNSHIP HAS THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE—

A. LICENSES—Licenses are issued by the Township Clerk, Health and Public Works Departments.

The number of liquor licenses and the revenue therefrom is as follows:

		Limited by Ordinance to
17 Retail Consumption licenses @ \$750 each (3 must drop out before another can be issued.)	\$12,750.	15
1 Restaurant Retail Consumption license @ \$750	750.	Unlimited
13 Retail Distribution licenses @ \$500 each	6,500.	13
2 Club Licenses @ \$50 each	100.	Unlimited

B. FEES AND PERMITS—Fees are collected for miscellaneous services rendered, and for permits issued, by the Building, Fire, Health, Engineering and Public Works Departments; Planning and Adjustment Boards and by the Tax and Assessment Search Officers.

For the first time in recent years the Magistrate's Court actually paid its own way. There was a great increase in the number of ordinance violations handled over previous years, because parking violations were made a violation of a municipal ordinance and not the State Code. In all other motor vehicle cases, the fines are remitted by the Township to the State and County.

	FINES			COSTS
	State	Remitted to County	Township	Remitted to Township
Motor Vehicle cases, prosecuted by State Officer	\$ 2.00			\$ 559.35
Motor Vehicle cases, prosecuted by Local Officers		\$2694.		7.95
Fish and Game violation	60.00			133.45
General Ordinance violations			\$290.	232.
Parking Ordinance violations				949.43
	\$62.00	\$2694.	\$522.	\$1650.18
				522.00
			Township Receipts	\$2172.18

D. AND E. INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES, LIENS AND ASSESSMENTS—These items have, during recent years, become rather minor sources of revenue because the high percentage of current tax and assessment collections leaves only small amounts outstanding to accrue interest.

F. INTEREST ON U. S. BONDS—This is the interest on \$375,000 United States Government Bonds in which the Township has invested most of its surplus.

G. FRANCHISE TAX—H. GROSS RECEIPTS TAX—These are taxes paid by utility companies for the privilege of doing business in the Township. The amount of the tax which a corporation pays to each municipality in which it operates is determined by the State Tax Commissioner. The gross receipts of each company are first divided proportionately to the value of its total plant in each municipality in which it operates. When these amounts are fixed they are taxed at the average rate of taxation for the State to determine the franchise tax, and at the local rate to determine the gross receipts tax. These taxes have been substantially increasing because of the additional business which the utilities are doing in Teaneck, and because of the increased rates which have been from time to time granted to them by the Public Utility Commission.



The taxes paid by the utility companies operating in Teaneck for 1949 were—

	Franchise	Gross Receipts	*Personal & Corporation	**2nd Class R.R.	Total
Public Service Elec. & Gas Co.	\$ 66,249.01	\$48,548.38			\$114,797.39
Bogota Water Co.	443.46		1,498.18		1,941.64
Hackensack Water Co.	21,538.20		65,781.50		87,319.70
N. J. Bell Telephone Co.	24,312.30		40,354.60		64,666.90
Western Union Telegraph Co.			204.00		204.00
Public Service Coordinated Transport	12.58	16.88			29.46
N. Y. Central Railroad				4,785.43	4,785.43
	<u>\$112,555.55</u>	<u>\$48,565.26</u>	<u>\$107,838.28</u>	<u>\$4,785.43</u>	<u>\$273,744.52</u>

\*This tax is based on the valuation of the company's property in Teaneck as fixed by the local Assessor, to which local rates are applied.

\*\*See "Railroad Tax" below:

I. **BUS RECEIPTS TAX**—All bus companies doing local business in the State of New Jersey pay a tax equal to 5% of their gross receipts, less the amount paid for State registration fees. This tax is paid by the bus companies direct to the municipalities through which they operate in the proportion that their route mileage in each municipality bears to the total mileage operated on the run.

J. **MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUNDS**—Municipalities are exempt from the Federal and State gasoline taxes. However, the State tax actually is paid to the supplier and a refund is made by the State to the municipality. The Legislature should permit a municipality to make this tax deduction direct. Contracts for the supply of gasoline are awarded after competitive bidding. The current net price, exclusive of taxes, is \$.148, subject to a maximum, or top of \$.155. The total used by each department for 1949 was—

Police	General	Highway	Fire	Total Gallons
42,143	6,328	23,073	4,471	76,015

K. **AID FROM THE STATE ROAD FUND**—The State allots this money to municipalities by a formula involving population, total mileage of streets and amount expended previously for local maintenance of streets. It may be used either for street construction and maintenance or for street lighting.

L. **VETERANS' HOUSING BOND MATURITY & INTEREST**—Teaneck issued bonds in the amount of \$354,000 for permanent veterans' housing on Walraven Drive and Palisade Avenue, of which \$336,000 are still outstanding. The maturity and interest of these bonds are further discussed on the expenditure side of the budget. The amount here anticipated as revenue is the operating income for last year after all expenses were paid and reserves set up as required by the operating budget. Any additional amounts above this accruing from budget under-expenditures are considered surplus, to be divided evenly between the State and the municipality. Up to the present these amounts have not been sufficient to meet the actual bond maturities and interest.

The present additional cost to the taxpayers for the bond maturity and interest are a deferred asset which the Township should realize in cash at the time of the sale of the property.

**RAILROAD TAX**—Municipalities collect taxes from railroads only on second class railroad property, that is property used for railroad purposes beyond the main right-of-way. The valuation of such property is fixed by the State Tax Commissioner and then is taxed at the local rate.

#### RECEIPTS OF DELINQUENT TAXES

New Jersey budget procedure permits municipalities to anticipate the collection of their delinquent taxes as a revenue. The maximum amount of delinquent taxes permitted to be anticipated each year is fixed by a formula which takes into consideration the amount of outstanding taxes and the percentage thereof collected the previous year.

#### SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

The Council has continued to actively promote the sale of foreclosed property, and the Township has received large amounts during the past several years from this source. The 1949 receipts were \$74,559.56. The total received since 1932 is \$836,836.38, of which \$535,588.12 was credited to surplus, the balance directly to the payment of the assessment funding bonds. In either case it means that an equal amount need not be raised by taxes.

Thus through the sale of this property the present and future taxpayer is receiving a benefit from the misfortune of the taxpayers who lost their property in the depression.

The assessed valuation of property still held by the Township as presently available for sale, and not reserved for future parks or public purposes, is approximately \$300,660.

Much of the land acquired by the Township through foreclosures was "sub-marginal" and has been set aside for its "best use", that is for parks or other public purposes, including the Marine Park to be developed by the Bergen County Park Commission. Some "saleable" land has been set aside for future use by the Township or Board of Education.

The policy of the Council in selling Township owned property has been that the property must either be left vacant by the purchaser, or be improved with a building comparable to the buildings in the neighborhood.

The Council has also exchanged property with private owners, thereby acquiring land needed to round out our parks and a protective strip along almost the whole length of Route No. 4. This policy brought to Teaneck the first award of The Garden Club of New Jersey for municipal planning. The largest of such exchanges, that with the Phelps Estate, was finally upheld by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as being fair and equitable.

## OPERATING COSTS

### SALARIES

Salaries and wages account for about 65% of the total operating budget. In recent years the Council has adopted various expedients to keep salaries from dropping too far below the increasing price level. Individual readjustments of salaries were made and cost of living adjustments were granted. Finally in 1949 a comprehensive salary ordinance was adopted and salaries and wages were stabilized, as follows—

TEANECK'S SALARY ORDINANCE

	Minimum	Maximum
Administrative Assistant Grade I	\$4,320	\$5,400
Administrative Assistant Grade II	4,320	4,968
Assistant Assessor	3,600	4,320
Assistant Collector of Taxes	2,160	2,880
Assistant Foreman, Public Works	2,448	3,168
Assistant Township Engineer	4,032	4,752
Attendant, Sewage Disposal Plant	2,016	2,736
Building Inspector—Temporary	\$1.20-\$1.80 per hour	
Permanent	3,600	3,900
Captain, U. Fire Department	3,960	4,200
Captain, Police Department	4,320	4,560
Case Supervisor	2,880	3,600
Case Worker	2,160	2,880
Chief Operator, Sewage Disposal Plant	2,880	3,600
Chief of Police	5,040	5,520
Chief, U. F. D.	5,040	5,520
Clerk	1,440	2,160
Clerk Stenographer -	1,584	2,160
Clerk-Telephone Operator	1,440	2,016
Court Clerk	\$10-15 per week	
Deputy Chief, U. F. D.	4,320	4,560
Dog Warden	2,448	3,168
Electrical Repairman	3,168	3,888
Engineering Aide	2,016	2,736
Fire Alarm Operator	2,448	3,168
Fireman, U. F. D.	2,500	3,450
Foreman, Public Works	3,168	3,888
Health Director	No compensation	
Health Officer	4,320	4,752
Inspector, Public Works	2,160	2,880
Janitor	2,016	2,736
Laborer	2,016	2,736
Laborer-Driver	2,160	2,880
Lieutenant, Police Department	3,960	4,200
Lieutenant, U. F. D.	3,600	3,840
Maintenance Repairman	2,160	2,880
Foreman Mechanic, Public Works	3,168	3,888
Mechanic, Public Works	2,448	3,168
Mechanic, U. F. D.	3,168	3,888
Operator, Motor Equipment	2,304	3,024
Operator, Sewage Disposal Plant	2,448	3,168
Patrolman	2,500	3,450
Playground Directors	\$35-\$45 per week	
Assistant Playground Directors	\$25-\$35 per week	
Plumbing Inspector-Plumber	3,168	3,744
Principal Clerk Stenographer	2,880	3,600
Public Health Nurse	2,160	2,880
Purchasing Agent	2,880	3,600
Referees and Umpires, Recreation Department	\$4 per day	
Registrar of Vital Statistics	2,160	2,880
Senior Clerk	2,160	2,880
Senior-Clerk Bookkeeper	2,160	2,880
Senior-Clerk Stenographer	2,160	2,880
Senior Engineer	3,312	4,032
Senior Maintenance Repairman	2,736	3,456
Sergeant, Police Department	3,600	3,840
Specialists, Recreation Department	\$6-\$10 per session	
Superintendent of Building	4,032	4,752
Superintendent, Fire Signal System	3,168	3,888
Superintendent of Recreation	4,800	5,520
Supervisor of Accounts	3,600	4,320
Supervisor, Arts and Crafts	\$5-\$10 per session	
Supervisor, Basketball League	\$225-\$375 per season	
Supervisor of Music	\$10-\$15 per session or \$300-\$600 per season	
Supervisor, Shade Tree Bureau	3,600	4,320
Sweeper Operator	2,448	3,168
Tree Surgeon	2,448	3,168
Tax and Search Clerk	2,880	3,600
Township Clerk	100	100
Tax Collector	4,032	4,752
Township Engineer	1,000	1,000
Assessor	5,340	5,340
Police Magistrate	1,000	1,200
Treasurer	600	600
Welfare Director	3,600	4,320

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

A. ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE—Some changes will have to be made in the executive costs because of the prospective resignation of the present Township Manager. Since, however, this may not be until near the end of the year, the budget carries on with the set-up as in 1949.

### B—ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES—

(a) ASSESSMENT—The personnel of the Assessor's office is—the Assessor, an Assistant Assessor, a Senior-Clerk-Stenographer, and the part-time service of an Assistant Tax Collector.

The Township Assessor is appointed by the Township Council to assess the real and personal property in the Township according to general laws and by uniform rules. In practice he is largely responsible to the County Board of Taxation for the manner and methods employed and the results obtained.

Through cooperation with the Superintendent of Building, the valuation of each new building is immediately determined from the building plans. Any person contemplating building in Teaneck can receive a close approximation of the tax on the proposed building, based on the existing rates. Any owner of an existing building in Teaneck can learn from the Assessor the exact manner in which the valuation of his or any other building was determined.

The total net valuation taxable of the Township shows an increase of \$1,546,348 above last year, and now stands at \$35,036,269. The Township has the following tax exempt properties—

	Tax Valuations
Public Property (including Teaneck Armory and Land used for parks)	\$1,620,625.
Public Schools	1,800,210.
Graveyards	3,180.
Churches	422,065.
Other Exemptions (Hospitals, Volunteer Fire Houses, Volunteer Ambulance Corps, American Legion Building, Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, Veterans' Housing Projects, etc.)	743,655.
Bergen Junior College	194,110.
St. Anastasia's Parochial School	42,500.
Property acquired through Tax Lien Foreclosures (Includes that available for sales and that held for public purposes)	804,510.
Exempt Household Property (\$100 per dwelling unit)	938,900.
Veterans Exemptions (A maximum of \$500 for each veteran)	969,845.
<b>TOTAL VALUATION OF EXEMPT PROPERTIES</b>	<b>\$7,539,600.</b>

Teaneck at present has the following number of buildings and dwelling units—

	Single	Multiple	Apartments	Commercial	Miscellaneous
No. of Buildings	7457	362	43	255	123
No. of Dwelling Units	7457	774	1298	123	
Total Dwelling Units—9652*					

(\*—In the 1949 listing there was a duplication of families in single and multiple units.)

(b) COLLECTION OF TAXES—The personnel of the Collector's office is—Tax Collector, two Assistant Tax Collectors, a Senior-Clerk-Stenographer, two Senior Clerks and the Tax and Search Clerk.

The duties of the Tax and Search Clerk are to investigate the Township's records and certify on a tax search the outstanding charges which the Township may have against a property. The omission of a tax or lien in a search may make the item uncollectable. A search showing pending assessments may be obtained from the Township Clerk.

The problem of the collection of personal taxes, particularly from renters, is taken care of by an Assistant Tax Collector. This is facilitated by requiring a moving permit.

C. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—The municipal buildings and grounds maintained under this item are—The Municipal Building, Town House, Girl Scout's House, parking lots and bus shelters.

The janitorial force for the care of the public buildings consists of one or two janitors at the Municipal Building, and two or three janitors at the Town House, together with such additional help as may be necessary from time to time.

For general maintenance and repairs, there is a separate crew of five men, a Township Electrical Repairman and a Plumbing Inspector-Plumber.

The Electrical Repairman does the general electrical work for the Township and maintains the police radio and traffic lights. He does not make inspections of the wiring in private buildings or homes. This is done by an inspector of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The Plumbing-Inspector-Plumber inspects the plumbing in all buildings during construction; does all of the plumbing repair work for the Township's buildings and parks, inspects the laying of house connections to the street sewer, and makes sanitary inspections for the Health Department.

The costs of this maintenance work are charged against that department for which the particular work is done and is included in the appropriation for that department.

Among the more important work done in 1949 was the painting of the various public buildings, the care and building of recreation and playground equipment and structures, the care of street and traffic signs, upkeep around the disposal plants, street pavement markings, extensions and renovation of parking lots.

**NEW PROJECTS & EXTENSIONS**—This appropriation provides for the extension of the parking lot south of West Englewood Avenue between the Railroad and Queen Anne Road; the re-arrangement of the Municipal Building grounds made necessary by the erection of the new police station, and the further extension of the parking lot south of Cedar Lane.

**D. ELECTIONS**—The election expenses paid for directly by Teaneck are—printing ballots, envelopes, posters and supplies for Primary Elections, the legal advertising for the Primary and General Elections, and all the costs of a Municipal Election. The remainder is paid for by the County. The Council election to be held on May 9, 1950, will cost about \$2,200.

**E. LIQUIDATION OF TAX TITLE LIENS**—Last year's anticipation that liquidation of tax title liens would be "speeded up" in 1949 was not realized, partly for unforeseen reasons and partly by design. Unanticipated delay occurred because of the change in Township Attorneys when the former Township Attorney was elevated to the Superior Court. The intentional delay was because a case, brought by the City of Newark, had been decided in favor of the "in rem" foreclosure method of procedure by the Supreme Court. Informed persons anticipate that the decision will finally be upheld in the Superior Court. Since this is a rapid and cheap process of foreclosure, it seemed that full advantage of this method should be taken and that there was no sense in continuing the old method, the costs of which very often exceeded the value of the property to be acquired.

Authority has been given by the Council to proceed with the foreclosure of the other liens by "in rem" procedure, and the 1950 appropriation consequently is considerably less than that of a year ago.

There are at present 470 liens outstanding.

"In rem" proceedings apply to real property and no foreclosure can be started on which a payment has been made within four years.

**F. LEGAL**—The Township Attorney is paid a fixed salary, plus an expense account, for which he handles all of the Township's legal problems, including real estate matters and the preparation and trial of some court cases. For extraordinary cases, special counsel is at times employed. The Township Attorney furnishes opinions to Township officials, represents the Township in the Municipal Court, and attends Council meetings. He also has supervision of the tax title lien foreclosures.

The principal litigation in which the Township was involved last year was—

**Dorothy Fraser vs. Township of Teaneck**—A certiorari by certain taxpayers to determine the equity of the exchange of property with the Phelps Estate. The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the lower Court in favor of the Township.

**Township of Teaneck vs. Rupprecht**—The Township represented the taxpayer plaintiffs. The case was won by the Township in the former Supreme Court and appealed to the new Supreme Court, and affirmed in favor of the Township.

**Wyndham Construction Co. vs. Township of Teaneck**—An appeal by the property owner against a decision of the Board of Adjustment denying their appeal for an extra apartment in the basement. The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the lower Court in favor of the Township.

**Dahm Realty Co. vs. Township of Teaneck**—A certiorari by a property owner attempting to upset the new Township ordinance limiting apartment houses to two stories and imposing other restrictions. The case was decided in favor of the Township by the Superior Court. No appeal is pending.

**Whipple vs. Township of Teaneck**—An appeal to the County Board of Taxation to compel taxation of the "Andreas" property. Granted by County Board, appealed to State Tax Board by Township.

**Township of Teaneck vs. George Beckman**—A series of suits and countersuits arising from an attempt by the Township to have the George Beckman sign along Route No. 4 removed or reduced in size. Action is pending in the Superior Court.

**Norwood Development Co., Inc vs. Township of Teaneck**—An appeal from the decision of the Council denying a permit for the erection of a gasoline station on Cedar Lane and Catalpa Avenue. Decided against the Township in the Superior Court.

**Lorang A. and Olina Larsen vs. the Township of Teaneck**—Suit for the return of purchase price on sale of property. Now in Superior Court.

**Anna E. Berberick vs. Township of Teaneck**—Appeal on assessments for improvement of Essex Road. Now in Superior Court.

**Bogota Water Co. request for increase in rates.** This was protested by the Township of Teaneck and Borough of Bogota. Evidence and arguments have been presented to the Public Utility Commission. Decision is pending.

**G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**—One person holds the office of Treasurer and Supervisor of Accounts, assisted by two Senior-Clerk-Bookkeepers. This office combines the usual functions of a Treasurer and Comptroller. It is suggested that in the near future the work be separated and a Comptroller added to the staff.

Record keeping in the Finance Department is complex. Besides the usual municipal accounts, including current, trust, capital, bond, interest and payroll, distribution to and check on budget appropriations, it includes keeping all the records for the Civil Service, vacation, sick leave, pensions, withholding tax and financial reports.

**H. AUDIT**—The Division of Local Government, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, continues to do Teaneck's auditing. The use of this Department is not mandatory, but all Teaneck Councils have felt that it was advantageous to have the audit made by the "Court of last Resort" in New Jersey municipal finances.

**I. ENGINEERING BUREAU**—The Engineering Bureau is under the direct charge of the Township Manager as Township Engineer. There is also an Assistant Township Engineer, Senior Civil Engineer and an Engineering Aide.

Under the supervision of this department additional paving was undertaken and completed in 1949. The Belle Avenue storm drain and the grading of Terhune Park were also completed.

The Department is now engaged in making maps for the Assessment Commission on the 1949 paving, and preliminary work for the 1950 paving program, in addition to its regular work of keeping up-to-date engineering and tax maps and records, supplying the Building, Assessor's and Legal Departments with such engineering information as they need, making surveys, designs and supervision of various municipal improvements as the necessity arises, and supervising the construction of paving, curbs and sidewalks by developers.

**J. ZONING & PLANNING**—The Board of Adjustment consists of five members, appointed by the Council for three year terms. Their functions are to grant, or recommend to the Council, variances or exceptions to the Zoning Ordinances in cases where undue hardship can be proven, and to hear appeals from the decisions of the officials enforcing the Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board consists of six citizen members, the Mayor, one Councilman, and one Township official. The powers of a Planning Board were increased in 1948-1949. For instance, now no change in the Zoning Ordinance can be made without the prior approval of the Planning Board, nor can any public building be authorized without such approval. Their other duties are to prepare, and from time to time review, the Master Plan, approve subdivisions, make a study of and recommendations for the location of parks, playgrounds, new streets and any other matters affecting the physical development of the Township.

**K. SHADE TREES**—The personnel of this Bureau is—Supervisor of Shade Trees, an Assistant Foreman, a Tree Surgeon and the assistance of such laborers as may be necessary, generally two.

This Bureau takes care of the planting, trimming and removal of trees and shrubs along the Township's streets and in the parks. The Silver Maples are gradually being eliminated as the Poplars have been.

During the year 225 trees were planted and 178 trees removed, so that at present Teaneck has approximately 11,847 shade trees, an asset, the value of which is not shown on the balance sheet.

While no practical remedy has as yet been found for the Dutch Elm disease, it does not seem to be making as rapid progress as formerly. The Township also was free during the year from insect attack on Pin Oaks.

The elimination of ragweed was continued for the third consecutive year. A much more thorough job was done than in previous years because of new spraying equipment. A good start has also been made on the elimination of poison ivy. Persons having either one of these pests on their private property should contact the Bureau.

Any individual desiring to plant trees along the streets must receive permission from the Shade Tree Supervisor as to type, size and spacing. Individual property owners are not permitted to trim or remove any trees along the streets.

**L. PURCHASING**—During the year the Purchasing Agent's control over occasional minor purchases has been strengthened. Twenty-three hundred and eighty-seven requisitions were received and 1465 orders issued.

The system of budget control established through the Purchasing Agent is most important in minimizing over-expenditures or over-commitments of budget items.

Contracts are awarded yearly, after public advertising and bidding, for such materials as fuel oil, gasoline, coal, stone, concrete and bituminous materials. The price for fuel oil and gasoline is based on a fixed amount above or below current market prices. No. 2 fuel oil is now \$.096 per gallon. Gasoline \$.148 per gallon.

**M. INSURANCE**—The recommendations of the Advisory Board on Insurance, made in 1948, have been put into effect. The following classes of insurance are carried—

**Compensation Insurance**—This insurance is mandatory and is written at rates fixed by the State Insurance Department, which vary from year to year depending upon the accident record of previous years.

**Fire Insurance**—All public buildings are covered for buildings and contents under a 90% co-insurance clause. The fire insurance is handled by five insurance brokers on a plan whereby one-fifth of the insurance comes due each year.

**Liability Insurance**—In addition to the usual automobile insurance Teaneck has for several years had a general liability policy which insures the Township, its officials and municipal employees for any occurrences resulting in property damage or physical injury for which they or the Township might be legally liable.

The item for "Other Insurance" covers payroll, burglary, robbery, fire insurance on the mechanical equipment, plate glass and windstorm insurance, fire and theft on cars.

**N. BONDS FOR EMPLOYEES**—The present bonds for the general employees expire this year.

**O. GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND**—The general employees in the Township are members of the State Retirement System. The appropriation provides not only for current services, but also for services rendered by employees prior to 1940, when the pension system was adopted by vote of the taxpayers. Pensions of 50% of the official or employee's salary are granted after thirty years of service, and having reached the age of sixty. An employee upon reaching the age of sixty may retire on a smaller pension proportionate to his actual years of service, as may an employee who has twenty-five years of service and who has not reached the age of sixty.

Non-teaching employees of the Board of Education were granted admission to the State Employees Retirement System in 1947. The law was written in such a way that the Township must provide the municipality's share of these pensions, which this year amounts to \$4,085. In the final budget resolution this amount is submitted separately to the County Board of Taxation and added to the amount which must be raised by taxes for school purposes. The appropriation for this purpose will be found in the Capital section of the budget under "Deficits and Statutory Expenditures".

**P. YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL**—Recent State legislation authorized municipalities to set up Youth Guidance Councils, semi-official groups who, through the cooperation of the schools, the Magistrates and the Juvenile Court, try not only to correct existing problems affecting juveniles, but also to prevent their occurrence and to eliminate conditions conducive to juvenile delinquency. The Council has fairly broad powers, even to the summoning of the child and its parents before it.

During the year such a Youth Guidance Council was established in Teaneck by resolution. The Mayor makes the appointment, with the consent and advice of Council. Although there are no juvenile problems in the Township of alarming proportions, such a Youth Guidance Council can be of immeasurable help in the prevention thereof.

This Council is now actively functioning, and the appropriation of \$1000 is to cover the miscellaneous costs which will be involved.

## PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

### A—FIRE DEPARTMENT

Teaneck has a paid Fire Department with a total personnel of 48, or 1.41 employees per thousand of population. The National average for municipalities in Teaneck's population group is 1.48.

The per capita expenditure for the Teaneck Fire Department for 1950 will be \$5.47 compared with a National average of \$5.26. (1948)

In considering the above comparisons, it must be remembered that Teaneck has less mercantile and industrial hazards than the average city in this group.

The personnel is divided as follows—1 Chief, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 1 Captain, 7 Lieutenants, 21 First Grade Firemen, 5 Second Grade Firemen, 4 Third Grade Firemen and 1 Temporary Fire Alarm Operator, 1 Supt. Fire Signal System, 1 Mechanic, 4 Fire Alarm Operators. During the year one Captain and one First Grade Fireman retired on disability.

The Chief or a Deputy Chief is on duty at all times, with an Officer commanding each company at each house twenty-four hours a day.

The department is now working on a flexible 72-hour week. In case of emergencies the previous 96-84 week prevails. Any time put in beyond this may be paid for.

The new Fire Headquarters, containing Teaneck's Central Fire House, the fireproof alarm station meeting the Class "A" specifications of the Underwriters, the repair shop and the training tower, is completed. It gives the Teaneck Firemen living quarters far different from the former almost slum conditions under which they had been living. The building's cost as completed was \$231,351.85 against the contract price of \$229,405. Lighting, grading, draining, landscaping, paving, sidewalks, architect's fees and furnishings made the total cost complete—\$263,954.34

The original plan of renovating the old alarm system and supplementing it with new equipment proved impractical. An entirely new system, which can readily be expanded, was purchased and installed for \$14,549.85.

The building of a fire station in the western section of the Township has high priority in the Township Council's capital budget.

To the 85' aerial truck and 1000 gallon pumper, delivered in 1948, there was added another 1000 gallon pumper, placed in service at Station No. 2. The Township now has a first line pumping capacity of 3000 gallons a minute with another 1850 gallons in reserve, more than doubling the pumping capacity of a few years ago. Because of the excellent water pressure in the mains, pumping is rarely resorted to.

The Department's reputation for extinguishing fires without water damage continues.

Teaneck's fire losses are very accurately kept. The total loss for the year was \$47,307, again giving a low fire loss per capita of \$1.39 against an approximate National average of about \$6.50. The five year per capita loss for Teaneck is \$1.54 against a National average of about \$5.10. The average loss per building fire was \$520.99 against a National median loss of \$610. in municipalities of Teaneck's class. The loss per building fire increased approximately 10% over the loss per building fire in 1948. This increase may be attributable to a number of factors, for instance delayed discoveries or high replacement costs.

During the year five civilians were injured due to fires.

No change has taken place in the high rating of "3" (corresponding to "B", N. J. rating) that Teaneck enjoys under the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Out of 195 cities in Teaneck's population class, only four have a higher rating. With the new Fire House and alarm system completed, and with the new equipment in service, Teaneck may shortly attain a "2" National rating (New Jersey "A").

Other Fire Department statistics are—

Total number of alarms—621, of which 416 were for fires; 147 rescue calls; 9 needless alarms; 6 false alarms; 43 investigations. Of these only 25 were sent in from fire alarm boxes, and of these 6 were false alarms. The total number of fire prevention inspections made were—4976.

A home fire prevention service was instituted in 1947. This year it will be extended because it is important. You will be requested to permit a voluntary inspection of your home. By permitting a fireman to point out existing fire hazards, you are reducing the possibility of fire and injury.

Teaneck Fire Department statistics show that 65% of the total fire loss for 1949 came from two factors, children with matches and defective electric wiring.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS—The five pieces of apparatus that are equipped with 3-way radio, plus the secondary alarm system connecting Central Fire Headquarters with Stations No. 2 and No. 3, and the new Gamewell Alarm System, gives the Fire Department three different channels of intra-department communication. Teaneck's Fire Department is one of the few departments in the Nation with its own transmitting station—KEA-888.

Thirty-two thousand feet of telephone wire has been purchased to renew the intra-department secondary alarm and communications system.

PENSION—This appropriation provides the Township's payment to the Firemen's Pension Fund, into which the municipality pays an amount equal to 5% of the salaries. Individuals contribute a like or greater amount, depending upon the age they entered service. Those appointed since 1944 are in a State operated fund. A pension at the rate of one-half of his average final salary is given to a man after 25 years of service, and at an age of 55, (51 for the local Fund.)

The State of New Jersey makes a contribution from the Motor Vehicle Fund to the local Pension Fund of approximately \$86.00 per man for policemen and firemen.

HYDRANTS—Water is supplied in the Township of Teaneck by the Hackensack Water Company, except for the limited area in the southwest corner supplied by the Bogota Water Company. Both companies place and maintain hydrants wherever requested by the Township. The over-all cost to the Township is based on a "ready to serve" and on a maintenance charge as set out by the company and approved by the Public Utility Commission of New Jersey.

	Hydrant Service 1949 Charges			Number of Hydrants	Over-all Cost per Hydrant	1949 Taxes Paid
	Trans. & Dist.	Hydrants	Total			
Hackensack Water Co.	\$36,813.37	\$7,278.75	\$44,092.12	647	\$68.15	\$65,781.50
Bogota Water Co.	1,442.50	400.00	1,842.50	40	46.06	1,498.18
	\$38,255.87	\$7,678.75	\$45,934.62	687		\$67,279.68

#### B—POLICE DEPARTMENT

The personnel of the Department at present consists of 41 men—1 Chief, 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 5 Sergeants, 25 First Grade Patrolmen and 5 Second Grade Patrolmen. During the year one Patrolman died and one Lieutenant retired at the compulsory age of 65.

The present budget makes provision for 7 more patrolmen. This will give Teaneck a complement of 48 men or 1.41 full time members per 1000 of population against a National average of 1.56 for cities in Teaneck's population group. The per capita cost of Teaneck's Police Department will be \$5.71 (1950) against a National average of \$5.07 (1949) for cities in the same population group. Here as in the Fire Department, any comparison of manpower should allow for the fact that Teaneck is solely a residential community.

Of the total personnel, one man is assigned to supervise traffic and safety, one to photography, fingerprinting, pedlars and solicitors, one as a departmental clerk and an average of four to the Detective Bureau.

Increased business activities and traffic problems on Cedar Lane, Queen Anne Road and DeGraw Avenue and The Plaza, now require the assignment of six foot patrolmen to these areas. One additional foot patrolman is also stationed at the Cedar Lane business district on special days.

As an indication of the amount of work handled by the Department, its annual report lists, among other things—6894 service calls; 1990 radio alarms received; 35,039 radio calls made by the Department, 617 escorts furnished to banks and business houses; 689 temporarily vacant houses inspected. Department vehicles covered approximately 393,753 miles during 1949.

The further development of certain areas of the Township has made it necessary for the Police Department to realign its patrol zones. The four large zones have been broken up into five smaller zones, which will enable one police cruiser to cover each area frequently for twenty-four hours a day.

**RECRUIT TRAINING SCHOOL**—A six weeks police training program was recently held for the new appointees and other Police Department personnel. The special School Guards also attended the lectures on traffic. Basic police work and related subjects in criminal psychiatry, court procedure and testifying were given. Representatives of the State Police, New Jersey State Division of Motor Vehicles, and the New Jersey Safety Council, lectured on traffic subjects. First aid, the use of firearms and special weapons, as well as a physical conditioning course, rounded out the program for these new members of the Township's police force.

#### TEANECK CRIME

There was no significant change in the crime situation during the year. The usual table showing the small percentage of crime in Teaneck, as compared to New Jersey averages, is appended—

	RATE PER HUNDRED THOUSAND OF POPULATION								F.B.I. Rate for N. J.	% of N. J. Rate
	1930	1940	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949			
Murder and Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	0%
Robbery	0	4	3	2	3	0	3	3	26	12%
Aggravated Assault	15	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0%
Larceny, Theft	212	192	208	78	106	198	169	169	529	32%
Burglary, Breaking and Entry	242	248	168	190	168	174	174	174	301	58%
Auto Theft	47	64	112	64	48	57	21	21	116	18%

The founded crimes of all kinds reported and known to the police totalled 230. Since 106 were cleared, Teaneck's record in the percentage of "Known crimes cleared" showed a 9% improvement over 1948. Broken down, the "crimes cleared" show a better than National average in auto theft and slightly less than average for larceny and burglary, breaking and entry.

On motor vehicle arrests, 94% of those tried in Court were found guilty.

**"RESIDENTS OF TEANECK ARE AGAIN ADVISED THAT THEY CAN STILL FURTHER LOWER THE TEANECK CRIME RATE BY REPORTING IMMEDIATELY ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OR CARS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WITH THE TWO-WAY RADIO SYSTEM, A POLICE CAR, WHICH MIGHT BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER, COULD BE DISPATCHED."**

(The above paragraph has appeared in every budget since 1939.)

	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS										
	1938	1939	1940	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Accidents	219	247	226	174	93	122	151	224	227	189	181
Fatalities	1	7	2	2	4	6	5	0	2	1	1
Injuries	114	163	133	68	77	57	92	98	85	68	79
Arrests for Motor Vehicle Violations							242	374	387	252	441

**MOTOR EQUIPMENT**—The Police Department operates seven radio equipped patrol cars. One of these cars is assigned to the Detective Bureau. Due to the high cost of maintenance and repairs, after a year's operation cars are traded in. The new cars provided for in the 1949 budget are only now being delivered. An appropriation for their replacement will not be necessary in the 1950 budget. Cars are serviced by the Township mechanics at the D.P.W. garage. Six officers use their private cars, for which they receive a monthly allowance of \$25.

**COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**—A new combined radio transmitter and receiving unit for the police cars was adopted in 1950. All future installations will be of this type. It costs less, gives better service and problems of maintenance are greatly reduced.

**SUPPLIES**—This appropriation is for the general supplies and equipment needed from year to year. Keeping the Police Department fully equipped, trained and ready for service at all times, demands a large number of supplies of various kinds, such as ammunition, first aid material, photographic and fingerprinting materials, record books and report forms, lanterns, fire extinguishers, fusees, spotlights, car heaters, rubber boots and coats, badges, safety material, prisoners' meals and expenses incurred in the education and training of the men.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL**—This appropriation is for the traffic signal lights, street marking and signs. Traffic signals are maintained at fourteen intersections. New traffic lights were installed at Forest Avenue and Teaneck Road, Palisade Avenue and Cedar Lane and at the Chestnut Street-Garrison Avenue-Cedar Lane intersections during 1949.

Right-turn arrows were added to the traffic controls at River Road and Cedar Lane.

New installations and changes are planned for the West Englewood-Garden Street-Teaneck Road intersections, Fort Lee Road and Teaneck Road and Queen Anne Road and DeGraw Avenue. The traffic light at West Englewood Avenue and Sussex Road will be changed so as to show double lights in each direction and a flasher signal is to be installed at DeGraw Avenue and Teaneck Road.

Traffic control lights, operated from Central Fire Headquarters when an alarm sounds, will be installed at the intersections of Fairview Avenue, Circle Driveway and Teaneck Road.

Street Marking—32 miles of lines were painted, requiring 290 gallons of paint. Traffic signs—753 are in use; 280 were bought during the year and 31 repaired.

The "personal service" item covers a portion of the salary and wages of the Electrical Repairman and the Maintenance and Repair crew.

**VIOLATIONS BUREAU**—This Bureau, a part of the Municipal Court, is staffed by a member of the Police Department to permit the convenient payment of fines for a limited number of motor vehicle violations. The Bureau can only accept a written plea of guilty from the one charged with the traffic violation and collect the stipulated fine and costs.

**DOCTOR**—This provides for a doctor to examine persons suspected of being under the influence of intoxicating liquor in motor vehicle cases and in checking on policemen who have reported sick.

**PISTOL RANGE & MATCHES**—This appropriation provides for the yearly pistol tournament, which has now been held for eighteen years and has become an International event, attracting approximately 1600 participants. The range is used by civilian as well as police teams.

**PENSION**—(See explanation under Fire Department pensions.)

**NEW POLICE STATION**—A new Police Station, situated on the Municipal Building grounds, is now under construction. Studies showed that the reconversion of the old Fire House to a Police Station, plus the additions necessary, would cost approximately the same as would an entirely new building on the Municipal Building grounds.

The erection of the Station adjacent to the Municipal Building also had additional advantages over the old Fire House, such as adequate parking space for the department and for the public, and the centralizing of control.

The building will also have a small court room and quarters for the Magistrate, and additional sorely needed space for the storage of municipal records.

The quarters now occupied by the Police will be occupied by several of the Township departments, thereby postponing the need for the enlargement of the Municipal Building for several years.

The contract cost of the building was \$124,762. This does not include architect's fees, furnishings or lighting fixtures.

#### C—MUNICIPAL COURT

This Court completed its first year as an integral part of the legal court system of the State of New Jersey under the supervision of the Chief Justice. The change has had no material effect in Teaneck because local court standards and procedures were effective. Fines collected in State Motor Vehicle violations are remitted to the County.

#### D—INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS

The personnel of this Department consists of the Superintendent of Building, a Building Inspector and a Junior-Clerk-Stenographer. Additional inspectors may be employed from time to time for large operations, which additional cost is charged to the builder.

During 1949 building in Teaneck continued active. Department records show a total assessed valuation for new buildings and alterations of \$1,139,665, which brought in \$10,659.84 in licenses and fees against a cost of \$11,086.53 for operating the department.

Permits were issued for—

Type Units	1-Family	2-Family	4-Family	Private Garages	Stores	Misc.	Apts.
	363	1	1	44	11	294	0

Under the guidance of the Superintendent of Building, who is a registered architect, the Department seeks to cooperate with builders and owners in securing not only safe designs, but also suitable and pleasing buildings. Building construction is controlled under an ordinance which permits the Superintendent of Building to liberally interpret Teaneck's old building code so as to allow modern design and methods. When a satisfactory State or National Code is issued it can be adopted by Teaneck by reference.

This department enforces the Zoning Ordinance.

#### E—GUARDS—SCHOOL

School crossings were first guarded as a "make work" project for those on relief. The service has since then been expanded. None of the 22 guards, who receive \$18. a week for 20 hours service, are from relief rolls. The cost of guarding these crossings is about equal to the entire budget of the Health Department and more than half of the recreation costs.



## POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

As a part of their crime prevention work, the Department has established a uniformed Police Athletic League. The principal activities have been basketball and baseball. Individual members have been assigned as "sponsors" to individual teams.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

No statistics exist which would permit the comparison of the Teaneck Department with National averages as to personnel, total or unit costs or over-all efficiency. The work of Public Works Departments is too varied and too much governed by local circumstances in each municipality to permit this. To perform all of the work hereinafter mentioned, the Department has the following personnel assigned and used wherever the exigencies of the moment demand—1 Administrative Assistant, Grade II; 1 Foreman Mechanic; 2 Mechanics; 1 Clerk-Inspector; 1 Shade Tree Supervisor; 1 Foreman; 4 Assistant Foremen; 5 Operators, Motor Equipment; 1 Chief Operator, Disposal Plants; 2 Operators, Disposal Plants; 1 Tree Surgeon; 2 Sweeper Operators; 1 Laborer-Driver; 6 Laborers. The number of laborers varies from time to time. In summer some students may be added.

The functions of the Teaneck Department of Public Works are subdivided as follows—

**STREETS AND ROADS**—The maintenance, repair and resurfacing of 73 miles of improved streets, and several miles of stone and gravel streets, including storm sewers, catch basins and drainage, snow plowing and snow removal.

**STREET CLEANING**—The sweeping and cleaning of the Township's improved streets by use of mechanical sweepers. Removal of leaves by vacuum loader.

**SANITATION**—The maintenance and repair of 100 miles of sanitary sewers and of the sewage pumping and disposal plants.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**—The general maintenance of the twelve parks and playgrounds, including minor improvements thereto, and the cooperation with the Recreation Department in supplying and hauling both indoor and outdoor equipment.

**MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS**—The supervision and upkeep of all public buildings, except the Fire Houses, including the cleaning, repair and maintenance of parking lots, bus shelters and benches.

**SHADE TREES**—The planting, removal and care of shade trees on the streets, in the public parks and public grounds, and the control of noxious weeds.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Any and all of the odd jobs which the good "housekeeping" of the municipality requires to be done.

The Department has the assistance of the Maintenance and Repair crew in some of this work.

**EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**—The automotive equipment of the Department has been renewed and expanded during the last few years. A new car for the mechanic and an underbody scraper are all the additions contemplated this year. Last year two dump trucks, a 4-wheel trailer, two sand highway spreaders, and a small roller were added to the equipment.

A new steel building for the storage of the equipment was purchased in 1949, but has not yet been erected.

**ROAD MATERIAL**—This item provides for the materials used in general repairs of the streets, such as stone, asphalt, cement and cinders.

**SNOW REMOVAL**—About 86 miles of streets, including 9 miles of County roads are plowed. This is more than the distance from Teaneck to Philadelphia. The Township is reimbursed by the County for plowing its roads.

The Department now turns out 20 truck mounted plows and 3 sidewalk plows. This includes approximately 13 hired trucks. Fortunately no attempt was made to purchase extremely heavy equipment to meet such a rare condition as the Township encountered in the severe storm of 1947. Such equipment is available from private contractors should the need arise again.

The plowing of sidewalks by the Township was extended last year and met with general approval, except on a portion of one street because of alleged damage it did to property owners' encroachment on Township property. Since there have been no demands for, or public expression of the value of this sidewalk plowing, in spite of repeated requests for the taxpayer's opinion, it is not planned to increase this service.

Ordinance No. 885 provides that no person shall park or leave a vehicle standing on the streets when the snow has reached three inches, until after the streets have been plowed.

**STREET SIGNS**—Teaneck's street signs are being constantly repaired, repainted and replaced by the Maintenance crew. The appropriation this year has been increased primarily to provide street signs for the new sections and to replace plates which have become illegible.

**B. RESURFACING PROGRAM**—Five years ago the Township began a resurfacing program to place a surface or seal coating on all of the bituminous pavements. The appropriation has remained uniform, and that of this year should complete the resurfacing of all such pavements. However, the appropriation will necessarily have to be continued to pay for the resurfacing beginning with those streets which were first treated. Because of increasing prices a less amount of yardage could be done each year.

**C. STREET LIGHTING**—Street lighting is furnished by the Public Service Electric and Gas Company at basic rates approved by the Public Utilities Commission. These rates are subject to a combined discount for quantity and length of contract of 4.02%.

The 1948 report of the Advisory Board on Street Lighting is being acted on. Several conferences have been held with the lighting officials, and a new lighting map of the entire Township has been prepared by them. Starting with this map as a basis, a five year program is to be laid out, at the end of which time Teaneck's streets should be adequately lighted according to modern standards. To start this an additional appropriation of \$3500 was included in this year's budget. Coincident with this improvement, the Public Service has been asked to provide the long promised mast arms and to change the old 1000 lumen fixtures to a modern suburban type. The difficulty of adequately lighting densely shaded streets remains.

In detail the cost of the lights is as follows—

Size	Number of Lights	Total Lumens	Cost per Light
1000	1078	1,078,000	\$21.50
2500	154	385,000	41.00
4000	98	392,000	53.15
6000	27	162,000	62.40
10,000	2	20,000	80.00
Total Annual Cost, with discounts			\$ 34,749.77
Taxes paid by Public Service Electric and Gas Co.			114,797.39

**STREET CLEANING**—The Township received delivery of its two new sweepers during 1949. The two old sweepers were re-built by the Public Works Department and are being held in reserve.

The vacuum leaf loader, built by the department partly out of such spare parts as were available, again did excellent work last year, but the stage has been reached where another vacuum leaf loader is necessary. The budget provides for the purchase of the parts, the machine itself is to be assembled by the department's mechanics.

The normal items under "other expenses" are for the purchase of fibre and steel. The price of fibre and steel used by these sweepers increased in cost more than almost any other item used by the Township.

## SANITATION

**A. SEWERS**—The sewers and pumping plants are cared for by a Chief Operator and two Operators, plus the assistance of a mechanic when needed. In the cleaning and maintenance of the sewers, both storm and sanitary, a varying number of men is used. The disposal plant sludge continues to be removed by contract.

The first stage of the Bergen County trunk sewer and disposal plant is actually in the process of construction, with completion expected in about two years. This stage will serve about three-quarters of Teaneck and will eliminate the disposal plant at the foot of Lindbergh Boulevard and the pumping plant along the railroad opposite Churchill Road.

This will leave Teaneck with two plants along the Hackensack, both overloaded, particularly the one south of Cedar Lane. Their elimination must await the second stage of the County project, whereby a trunk sewer will be brought up the Hackensack Valley.

The construction of these sewers will save Teaneck a great capital expense, which would otherwise have been necessary in the enlargement of its plants and in the building of a tunnel from the pumping plant to the Overpeck Creek.

The work is being done by the Bergen County Sewer Authority. The cost of the sewer will be paid for through a yearly charge to the municipalities, based on the actual number of gallons contributed by each municipality. The municipalities can meet this charge either by general taxation, or by making a service charge to the individual users. The method to be adopted by Teaneck has not yet been decided. This is complicated by the fact that only 75% of the Township will be served by the first stage.

**GARBAGE AND ASH REMOVAL**—This service in Teaneck has always been provided by private scavengers, licensed by the Township. They are members of the Teaneck Sanitary Association, which Association is under an agreement with the Township whereby their rates and services are controlled. The primary conditions of the agreement with the Township as to rates for charges and collections are as follows—

The rates for private dwellings are—

\$1.50 per month where no ashes are collected at any time during the year.

\$2.00 per month the year 'round where ashes are collected.

The charges for apartments vary according to the type of service rendered, and these charges may be obtained at the Township Clerk's office.

Collections are twice a week from November 1st to April 30th and three times a week from May 1st to October 31st.

The dumps are sprayed by the Bergen County Mosquito Commission twice a week from May to October for the control of flies, insects and vermin. The dumps are occasionally treated for rat extermination.

When fires occur, the Township furnishes the necessary pumps and hose, and the scavengers the manpower for extinguishing the fire.

Many acres of good future park land have been made in the swamps through this method. It is realized, however, that it cannot continue indefinitely, and the Teaneck Council has suggested to the other municipalities, and to the County, that a County Authority, similar to the Sewer Authority, be formed. Such an Authority would have the power to consolidate the operations for the disposal of garbage and ashes. It could employ such different methods as the differing local conditions might call for. In some places incinerators might be indicated. In the majority of cases the sanitary fill method, which is being increasingly used by municipalities, might be employed. This method, requiring covering and compaction of the fill, is far cheaper and at times more satisfactory than are incinerators. It is hoped that the County will have a survey and recommendation made by experts as the first step.

## HEALTH AND CHARITIES

**A. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**—Department of Health is at present headed by a Director of Health, at a salary of \$1.00 per annum, who also holds the office of Health Officer at \$4392. There is also the Child Hygiene Nurse, a Senior Clerk (who is also Registrar of Vital Statistics) and a part-time Clerk. The appropriation for the Plumbing Inspector, in order to conform with the State's model budget for municipalities, has been transferred to the division of Protection to Persons and Property, although he will actually continue to work in the Health Department.

The three main divisions of the Department of Health work are—

1. **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**—including pre-natal and post-natal care; maintenance of three weekly Child Hygiene Stations; classes of instruction for expectant mothers; free injections of small-pox and whooping cough vaccine, diphtheria toxoid and Shick testing; contact with and continuing check on tuberculosis cases; health work in St. Anastasia's School and social service consultation.

2. **SANITATION, FOODS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**—including supervision and inspection of food-vending establishments; inspection and licensing of beauty parlors and barber shops, beauticians and barbers; supervision and control of all communicable diseases, studies of sources thereof, the isolation of cases and quarantining of contacts; supervision of milk and ice supply and licensing of dealers; licensing dwellings in back of stores; supervision of the few existing cesspools; supervision of garbage collection and disposal; supervision and examination of public eating places and of food handlers; control of rabies; investigation of complaints regarding public health problems, lack of heat and unsanitary conditions in apartment houses; preparation of publicity articles; distribution of public health bulletins; addressing group meetings.

The Department is aided in some of this work by the Plumbing Inspector.

3. **VITAL STATISTICS**—issuance and recording of birth, marriage licenses, death certificates, burial permits; the furnishing of certified copies thereof, and the recording of communicable diseases.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**—This report highlights the following—

Total Births—1719 (263 to Teaneck Residents)  
 Total Deaths—308 (158 of Teaneck Residents)  
 Total visits of children to Child Hygiene Stations—2565  
 Total number of home visits made by Child Hygiene Nurse—1065.  
 Marriage Licenses—255.  
 Milk and Ice Licenses—132. Plumbing Permits—524.  
 Plumbing Licenses—78. Beauty Parlor and Barber Shop Licenses—33.  
 Permits to reside in back of stores—22.

**SUPPLIES**—This appropriation includes the allowance of \$25. per month to the Health Director for the use of his car, printing, milk samples and miscellaneous supplies.

**CHILD CLINIC**—The personal service item is for the Nurse's salary and a vacation substitute. Included in "other expenses" are doctors' fees for attendance at Child Hygiene Stations, nurse's car allowance and supplies.

**MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION AND VERMIN CONTROL**—This appropriation is mainly an allotment to the Bergen County Mosquito Commission to aid in the mosquito control in the Township. This Commission maintains about ten miles of ditches, makes weekly inspections for mosquito breeding in the Township, oils catch basins and possible breeding places and sprays public parks, spending thereon more than Teaneck's appropriation. The rest of the appropriation is for fly and rat control, mentioned under "Garbage and Ash Removal".

#### VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

A group of volunteer workers has for several years given valuable service to the sick and injured whenever and wherever an ambulance was needed. Their main support is through voluntary contributions by the citizens. They own their own ambulance and building. The Township pays for the water, gas and electricity used in their headquarters on Teaneck Road.

#### POOR RELIEF

Local relief in New Jersey is administered by a non-salaried Local Assistance Board appointed by the Township Manager and approved by the Township Council. In Teaneck this Board consists of a minister, a doctor and a business man. The Board appoints the Director of Welfare, and is responsible for the administration of relief in Teaneck. Assistants to the Director are appointed by the Township Manager.

The position of Director of Welfare is at present being filled by the Deputy Township Manager, (without additional compensation) assisted by a Case Investigator. Should the relief rolls rise, the appointment of a separate individual as Director of Welfare will probably become necessary. The amount of \$2,277.82 was spent for administration, while cash relief expenditures were only \$6,147.19. The proportion of expenses to relief is high because a considerable part of the time of a Director of Welfare and Case Investigator, the most important part, is spent in preventing individuals or families from becoming relief cases, and in passing on those who are on relief to the proper State Agencies. Such work requires family counselling, constant contact with the various social agencies, physicians and hospitals in this and other States, such as the Board of Old Age Pensions, Social Federation, Red Cross, State Board of Children's Guardians, County Welfare Board, Parole Boards, N. J. State Commission for the Blind, and various veteran and private organizations.

Through the Community Chest a fund is available to extend relief or aid in cases in which the municipal relief is hindered or prevented from participating. Excellent use has been made thereof. The Local Assistance Board works closely with the Community Chest officials.

Receipts and Expenditures for Relief in 1949 were—

Received		Expended	
Balance in Account 1-1-49	\$ 7,048.92	For Direct Relief	\$ 6,147.19
From 1949 budget for Direct Relief	4,000.00	Balance Jan. 1, 1950	7,323.73
*From State of N. J. for Direct Relief	2,522.00	Approximate 1949 bills outstanding	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,570.92</b>		

#### Relief Load:

Maximum Load	11 Cases	30 Persons
Minimum Load	7 Cases	18 Persons
Average Load	7 Cases	23 Persons
Total number of persons receiving relief sometime during the year—48.		

\* The State repays to the Township about 40% of approved expenditures.

**SUPPLIES**—This item includes car allowance for the Case Investigator, telephone and general supplies.

## CONTROL OF DOGS

Last year, with State aid, approximately 600 dogs were innoculated. This year, again with State aid, permanent innoculation is going to be offered to the dog owners. A "rogue's" gallery is maintained; that is whenever a dog is suspected of rabies a picture is taken so that anyone who has been bitten can determine whether it was by this particular dog.

Teaneck's Dog Warden's car is equipped with a two-way radio.

The fee for a dog license is \$2.25, of which 25 cents is transmitted to the State Department of Health. The remainder, plus receipts from the redemption fees of \$3.00 per dog, is placed in a separate fund which can be used only for expenses in connection with the enforcement work, such as the salary of the Dog Warden, and the maintenance and equipment of the pound.

The Dog Account had \$5,148. receipts for 1949 and disbursements of \$5,563.62. This Account has a reserve of \$4,762.17.

Last year 2,506 dogs were licensed; 324 were impounded; 39 redeemed. Dogs not redeemed were either turned over to the S.P.C.A. or humanely disposed of in a gas chamber and the bodies incinerated. There were 145 dog bites, 5 cat bites and 1 parrot bite.

## RECREATION AND EDUCATION

**A. PARK IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**—Teaneck's park system dates from 1932. There are at present twelve parks and playgrounds in Teaneck, aggregating ninety-five acres, including a playground which has been conducted on leased ground.

For many years the possibility of a Marine Park in the Overpeck Creek meadows has been discussed. Progress on this has advanced considerably during the past year. The construction of the trunk sewers, which was a "must", has been started. The Bergen County Park Commission has funds to acquire land, and the neighboring municipalities, with Teaneck leading, are preparing to turn over the property which they own within this area. While the time when this park is completed may be indefinite, the fact that it will be completed is now a certainty.

The future program for Teaneck's local parks will entail the opening of one or two more neighborhood parks, particularly in the northwest corner of the Township; the completion of Central Park and the gradual improvement of existing neighborhood parks.

The principal improvements during 1949 were the grading and seeding of Terhune Park, the acquisition of the remaining ground in Central Park, minor improvements in all of the parks, particularly Phelps Park; and the acquisition of further land on the north side of Route No. 4, immediately west of the West Shore Railroad, which was graded and seeded.

The schedule for this year contemplates the clearing and some grading in Central Park, the completion of the ball fields in Terhune Park and the setting up of a children's playground therein, and further miscellaneous improvements in the existing neighborhood parks, including the re-location of the Civic Center playground to a larger and safer area to the rear of the Municipal Building.

**RECREATION**—Teaneck's recreation program has now been developed to the extent where it provides some activity for all ages, from the children's movies each Saturday morning in the Town House, to the Retired Men's Club. In all almost forty different activities are carried on, ranging in scope from physical fitness classes to symphony orchestras.

A call to the Recreation Director will bring any interested person a detailed list of the programs.

In developing this all inclusive program, the Teaneck Board of Education has been most helpful by permitting the Recreation Department the use of many school facilities.

The full time staff consists of the Recreation Director and a Junior Clerk-typist. During the year about forty other persons are employed on a part-time seasonal basis. These are "specialists" who officiate at ball games, direct play activities at a park or playground, supervise tournaments, conduct a band, lead calisthenics, teach square dancing, instruct in modelling, or in some other specialized activity. Many of these are drawn from the teaching staff of the Teaneck school system.

The Town House continues to be the headquarters, not only for many phases of the recreation program, but also as a meeting place for many clubs and organizations which exist in the Township. About twenty-one such organizations now use the quarters in one way or another, some of which pay rental and others do not, depending upon their organization and purpose. Arrangements for such use can be made through the Recreation Director.

**GUARDS**—A large number of playground guards are also employed while the outdoor activities are at their height, and in guarding sleigh streets.

**SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS**—These programs require an ever increasing and varying amount of supplies, from yarn to playground equipment.

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Community celebrations are supervised through a Patriotic Observance Advisory Board. The greater part of the appropriation is spent for the 4th of July, the remainder for a part of the cost of the Xmas decorations of the business districts.

## TEANECK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Teaneck Public Library is widely used by the residents of Teaneck.

The Library Board has accepted architect's plans for additions to the present building which is badly overcrowded. The proposed expansion provides space for a broader program of library activities and services.

Residents of Teaneck borrowed 231,300 books (including 110,042 juvenile titles) during 1949. More than 48% of the adult books read were non-fiction, proving that the Library has a serious purpose.

The Library receives many requests for reference material on every conceivable subject. Many inquiries are made by telephone.

The students of the public schools, as well as Teaneck residents who attend college in the Metropolitan area, use the Library in large numbers for source material and assistance with their studies. These students often fill every available chair and reading table.

Collections of pamphlets, periodicals and pictures supplement the book collection of 40,000 volumes. A collection of record albums was added to the library services in May. Since that date 2,043 records have been circulated.

During the past year 2801 books (including 1405 non-fiction and 679 juveniles) were added to the shelves. The Junior Room is a most popular section of the Library. Special features such as story hours, picture book mornings for the pre-school child, summer reading clubs, attractive exhibits and a Children's Theatre are arranged to promote an interest in the library and reading. Deposits of books are maintained in the seven elementary schools.

Displays of interest, such as minerals, old jewelry, silver-craft, model vehicles, campaign buttons and exhibits of art and photography lent by local residents are a feature of the Library.

The Auditorium is in constant use by local civic and cultural organizations.

The Librarian and staff are always glad to be of assistance to all residents and organizations of the Township.

### VETERANS' HOUSING

This year 130 veterans are comfortably housed in Teaneck in three developments—

1. U. S. Government temporary housing on State Street and Tryon Ave.—50 families.
2. N. J. State and Township Permanent Housing on Walraven Drive—72 families.
3. N. J. State and Township Permanent Housing on Palisade Avenue—8 families.

1. These temporary houses were built and paid for by the U. S. Government at an unknown cost, perhaps \$6,000 per family, exclusive of the site, drainage, grading, walks and public utilities, which the Township provided.

Teaneck's share of the cost was \$21,001.98, paid for through the budget. The land they occupy was either owned by the Township or leased at a nominal amount. The rent is \$31. a month, the tenant furnishing his own heat, gas, electricity and garbage disposal. Out of the rent the repairs, upkeep and maintenance are paid, as well as a modest payment to the Township, County and State in lieu of taxes. The balance is transmitted to the Government.

The Township regretfully declined the offer from the U. S. Government to turn these houses over to it. Refusal was made necessary mainly because of the complication on State Street where not all of the houses are on Township property. The Government refused to separate these from the Tryon Avenue group which the Township was willing to take over. As it stands now all houses must be vacated by January 1, 1951, except for the possibility, that the Government will extend the time.

2. These permanent apartment houses were built with State and Township money. The buildings were erected on land owned by the Township. They were designed by the Township's Superintendent of Building, and built under private contract after public bidding. The sewerage, drainage, grading or planting was paid for by the Township and installed under the supervision of the Engineering Department.

The total costs involved were as follows—

	Walraven Drive 72 Apartments	Palisade Ave. 8 Apartments
State of New Jersey for buildings	\$250,000.00	\$44,800.00
Township for buildings	294,715.82	37,976.00
Township for on-site and off-site improvements	29,913.30	2,208.05
	\$574,629.12	\$84,984.05
Gross cost per apartment for 4½ rooms	7,980.96	10,623.00

The Township's costs were bonded. These bonds for the building itself have a maximum maturity of thirty years, but contain a callable provision permitting them to be paid off when the buildings are publicly sold after five years. The bonds for the site and improvement are non-callable, but have a maximum maturity of only five years. The Township stands in the position of first mortgagee and will receive its investment back out of the proceeds of the sale when this takes place.

The development is operated by the Township under a State approved budget. The total rent of \$56., is the sum of two factors—1—shelter rent of \$45. and 2—utility charges of \$11. Shelter rent includes all charges for keeping the buildings in repair. Utility charges are those for heat, garbage removal and water.

Tenants are drawn from an eligible list of veterans established by an Advisory Board of prominent citizens.

### DEBT SERVICE

TEANECK'S BONDS—All of the main facts pertaining to Teaneck's bonded indebtedness are shown on the chart immediately following the detailed budget figures. It will be noted that the last of the refunding bonds issued originally to pay the cost of the large capital improvement program terminating in 1930 will be paid off in 1954, after which total maturities will become \$50,000 a year or less, compared to maturities this year of \$293,000.

It was to meet these maturities that the large surplus has been built up, a surplus which will have to continue to be used as Township properties for sale become exhausted. Through these years there will also, of course, be a corresponding decrease in the interest requirement. Summed up, it would seem that with these decreased demands on debt service, and with a continuing increase in the assessable value of property due to further development, enough tax funds would be left free to pay for the necessarily increasing operating costs and that the taxpayers can look forward to a rather static tax rate.

Improvements still to be made are capital improvements, with a long term life, so that even with a million to be so expended, the yearly payments might not amount to over \$40,000. a year.

The favorable change in Teaneck's debt structure since 1930 is indicated by the following—

	1930	1950
Net Municipal Debt per capita	\$301.00	\$57.34
Per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	227.00	55.64

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**—No bond ordinance, except for certain exceptions, as in the case of veterans' housing, and where State aid is involved, can be passed by New Jersey municipalities unless there is available a 5% down payment of cash, to provide which is the purpose of this appropriation. As of the first of the year Teaneck's Capital Improvement Fund contained a total of \$2,745.17. The 1950 appropriation is \$10,000, giving us a total down payment available of \$12,745.17, permitting bond issues in the amount of \$254,000.00. As far as is at present known, the improvements for 1950 will be limited to street paving, all of which are to be assessable.

Capital improvements which must be made in the near future are the erection of a fire house on the western side of the track in the vicinity of Cedar Lane and the extension of the library, plus such bond issues for the further development of the park system as may seem advisable from time to time.

The erection of a new police station will postpone the necessity for the immediate addition to the Municipal Building.

Bonds issued during the year were:	
Capital Bonds issued Fire Alarm System	\$ 14,000.
Capital Bonds issued Police Station	124,000.
Assessment Bonds for street paving	48,000
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	\$186,000.

#### DEFICITS AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES

**EMERGENCY, 1949**—This appropriation raises money to pay back to surplus \$1500, borrowed from it during 1949 to pay for fencing and other improvements on the veterans' apartments on Walraven Drive.

**COST OF ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS REVERTING TO TOWNSHIP**—When improvements are made by assessment, in this case paving assessments, almost inevitably some of the cost reverts back to the Township. This may be that part of the cost which is set out in the improvement as being the Township's share, though this particular cost does not enter here. Other ways in which the Township becomes responsible for paying part of the cost of the improvement is that some of the improvements may lie in front of public properties, such as parks or public buildings, or it may lie in front of property acquired by the Township through foreclosure, or the Assessment Commission in assessing the property may find it equitable to charge a part of the cost against the Township as a whole. Also if assessments become in arrears and there is not enough money in the trust funds to meet the maturities and the bonds, the Township must pay the difference, which difference may or may not be eventually recovered.

Improvements in front of properties of the Board of Education may be paid for by the Board of Education, but up to the present these costs have not been assumed by them, thereby throwing an additional charge against the Township.

To meet these costs which the Township must pay, a lump sum appropriation of \$15,000 is made. This will be distributed by the auditors to the particular charges originating as above outlined.

**EXPENDITURE WITHOUT APPROPRIATION**—This expenditure arose as follows—during the year rubber mats for the hallways and other maintenance items were purchased for the veterans' houses and charged against the operating budget for these houses. The State Auditors, however, did not agree with this and declined to accept this item against the operating budget of the housing. Since Teaneck had no specific appropriation to which the item might be charged after it was taken out of the State Housing Budget, it had to be set up as an "expenditure without an appropriation", even though the Township's budget appropriations were under-expended by many thousands of dollars; a super-technical auditing procedure.

**PENSION FUND—NON-TEACHING SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**—The pension for non-teaching school employees must be included in the Township's budget. Subsequently, in certifying to the County Board of Taxation the total amount to be raised for Township taxes, this amount is transferred from the Township's budget to the Board of Education's budget. The reason for this round about method is due to a quirk in the law providing for such pension payments.

#### OVERLAY

The "overlay" in a New Jersey Municipal Budget is an additional appropriation which must be added to the net budget to assure that enough cash will be collected during the year to meet all expenditures, assuming that the percentage of taxes collected is the same as that of the previous year. This results in a "cash basis" budget.

Teaneck's percentage of collections last year was 95.74%. The appropriation is slightly larger than that theoretically required because of the possibility of the present percentage of collection decreasing.

#### TEANECK'S BORROWING CAPACITY

The official Annual Debt Statement prepared as of December 31, 1949, shows:

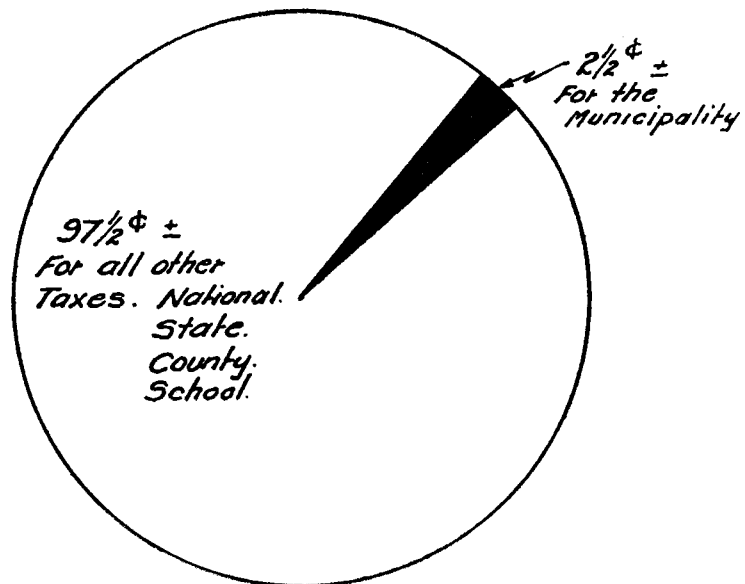
Total Net Debt December 31, 1949	\$ 1,949,647.50
Averaged assessed valuations, exclusive of personal, 1947-1948-1949	29,485,785.00
Percentage of Net Debt of Average Assessed Valuations of real property	6.61%

Teaneck is once again under the 7% legal debt limit.

The decrease in our debt percentage of almost 1% from 1949 to 1950 is due to the increased valuation, and also to the fact that less was borrowed in 1949 than was paid off.

Teaneck can borrow during 1950 approximately the following—

1950 budget appropriations for bond redemption	\$217,000.00
Special borrowing power created while Teaneck was over the 7% debt limit	32,389.31
Regular borrowing; difference between 7% limit and 6.61% actual percentage	114,994.56
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	\$364,383.87



### **YOUR WHOLE TAX DOLLAR.**

*Apportionment based on an article in the December 48, issue of the News Letter of the National City Bank of New York.*

## TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

C. W. BRETT, Mayor

GEORGE E. CLAYTON

CECIL J. HAGGERTY

HENRY DEISSLER, Deputy Mayor

MILTON G. VOTEE

PAUL A. VOLCKER, Township Manager

JAMES T. WELSH, Deputy Township Manager

CLARA CHRISTENSEN, Township Clerk

EDWARD M. YOUNG, Assessor of Taxes

JOHN J. DEENEY, Township Attorney

JOSEPH A. KENYON, Collector of Taxes

WILLIAM F. HAEKER, Township Treasurer

CORNELIUS J. HARTE, Chief of Police

FRANCIS A. MURRAY, Chief of Fire Dept.

GEORGE M. CADY, Supt. of Building

DR. B. S. BOOKSTAVER, Director of Health

RICHARD RODDA, Supt. of Recreation

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Council of the Township of Teaneck desires to publish the names of the following citizens of Teaneck who have and are giving freely of their time and knowledge in service to the Township without any compensation therefor:

### Free Public Library of Teaneck

Philip W. Fraleigh, President  
Mrs. Geraldine Huston, Secretary  
Mrs. Marguerite Tuttle, Treasurer  
William Moore  
Allen Walsh

### Local Assistance Board

Dr. Gladys Winter, Chairman  
Duncan E. Hill  
Rev. Albert P. Stauderman

### Planning Board

A. Thornton Bishop, Chairman  
Leland Ferry  
Carl H. Henrikson, Jr.  
William Lohr  
Robert H. Pike  
Frank A. Weber

### Members of Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps

### Pension Board

Christian Gloeckler

### Board of Adjustment

William Slack, Chairman  
Rudolph Boesch  
Kenneth Gulick  
Joseph McCrane  
Stanley Willey

### Advisory Board on Recreation

Fred P. Buschner, Chairman  
Mrs. E. G. Conoscenti  
Thomas Durkin  
E. H. Hastings  
Leroy Schubert

### Advisory Board on Street Lighting

Harry W. Goldsmith  
G. T. Riley  
Dr. Herbert J. Stack

### Patriotic Observance Advisory Board

Harry J. Steeper, Chairman  
John W. Stucke, Secretary  
George Jacobi  
R. Harry Vitters  
David Foley  
Mrs. Dolores Weber  
Thomas J. Costa  
P. E. Littlefield  
E. J. Mueller  
Frank Milano  
George Peck  
Edward Koelin  
Councilman C. J. Haggerty  
Richard E. Rodda  
Mrs. Carl H. Henrikson, Jr.  
Mrs. J. A. Kenyon  
George C. Ahrens

### Youth Guidance Council

William H. Wilson, Chairman  
Mrs. L. T. Aistrup  
Ivan H. Frye  
Councilman C. J. Haggerty  
Everett Hines  
Capt. Frank Klimm, Police Dept.  
Dr. R. D. Weitz

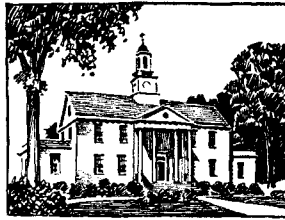
### Public Relations Director

Alvin I. Gardner





BERGEN COUNTY



TOWNSHIP



LOCAL SCHOOLS



**ALLOCATION OF TOWNSHIPS SHARE OF THE TAX DOLLAR AND UNIT COSTS.**

	PORTION OF TAX DOLLAR IN CENTS	PER CAPITA COST IN DOLLARS	COST FOR A HOME ASSESSED AT \$3500.
<i>DEBT, DEFICIENCY and RESERVE</i> .....	11.21	9.02	26.61
<i>PROTECTION TO PERSONS and PROPERTY</i> .....	12.46	13.99	29.59
<i>POLICE • FIRE • HYDRANTS • GUARDS • BLDG INSP • PLBG INSP</i>			
<i>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</i> .....	6.03	6.78	14.32
<i>ADMINISTRATION • ELECTIONS • ASSESSMENT • AND COLLECTION OF TAXES • LEGAL • AUDIT</i>			
<i>BONDS • ENGINEERING • PURCHASING • TREASURER • ACCOUNTING • COURT • PUBLIC BUILDINGS • SHADE TREES • INSURANCE • PENSIONS • ZONING • YOUTH GUIDANCE • PLANNING • VETERANS HOUSING • CONTINGENT</i>			
<i>STREETS and ROADS</i> .....	3.40	3.81	8.07
<i>REPAIR AND NEW CONSTRUCTION • STREET CLEANING • STREET LIGHTING • SNOW REMOVAL</i>			
<i>SANITATION</i> .....	1.35	1.51	3.18
<i>SEWERS</i>			
<i>RECREATION and LIBRARY</i> .....	2.99	3.37	7.10
<i>PARKS • LIBRARY • RECREATION • COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS</i>			
<i>HEALTH and CHARITIES</i> .....	.61	.67	1.43
<i>HEALTH • CHILD CLINIC • RELIEF</i>			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38.05</b>	<b>39.15</b>
	<i>Debt Service</i>		<b>9.02</b>
	<i>Per Capita Operating Cost</i>	<b>30.13</b>	<b>63.69</b>

**1950**