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The Proposed 1982 Municipal Budget

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The 1982 Budget

Municipal Portion of Property Tax Estimated to be \$1.43, 8 cents per \$100 Higher than 1981

The 1982 municipal tax rate for municipal, school and county purposes is expected to be \$4.60 per \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of 29 cents over the 1981 rate. For municipal purposes, the projected 1982 rate is \$1.43, a 6-cent increase; for school purposes, the projected rate is up 16 cents (from \$2.54 to \$2.70), and the county's share accounts for 5 cents of the increase. All three rates are tentative and will not be determined precisely for approximately 90 days.

The municipal budget was introduced at the Council's February 9, 1982 meeting, after a preliminary meeting for public discussion of budget priorities on December 8, 1981; three workshop budget reviews (on January 7, 9 and 11), and a preliminary budget and revenue sharing meeting (January 26). All Council meetings on the budget were open to the public.

Appropriations in the 1982 budget are \$1.453 million higher than the 1981 budget, a 9.98% increase. Most of this amount, \$828,000, is in the portion of the budget that is excluded from the 5% cap.

Within the cap, the increase is \$626,000, representing 5.35% above the 1981 amount.

In the following brief review of major budget changes, all amounts have been rounded out to the nearest one hundred dollars. The exact budget figures appear in other portions of this report, where the projects are detailed:

Salaries and Wages—This account exceeds \$8 million for 1982, with an increase of \$441,000 over the comparable 1980 figure. The total is based on agreements reached with unions representing municipal employees, agreements which expire on December 31, 1982. For 1982, police and fire department members got an 8% increase, as did managerial employees. Clerical and service employees got a raise of 7.5%, DPW rank-and-file received a 5% increase and DPW supervisors got 6%. In addition to their salary increases, DPW employees sought and received a dental plan, the cost of which is reflected in the Other Expenses account.

Municipal Debt Service—The cost of servicing the Township's debt has increased \$77,000, largely as the result of a general increase in interest rates. The 1982 interest rate, 8.91%, represents a substantial increase over the 1981 rate of 5.44%. The Township has one of the lowest borrowing costs in the state as a result of its excellent credit rating of Aa. Another major factor was an acceleration in the payout of a 1976 bond issue of \$2 million. The first 5 years, the bond was paid out at the rate of \$100,000 a year; 1982 is the first of 10 years with an annual repayment of principal at the rate of \$150,000 a year.

Other Expenses—This account has increased \$144,200. The major contributors are an increase of \$61,400 in hospital insurance premiums and an increase of \$63,400 in the cost of street lighting, fire hydrant service, water, electricity and natural gas. The insurance premium increase became unavoidable when the State plan to which the Township subscribes expanded its coverage and raised rates.

A public hearing on the proposed 1982 municipal budget will take place during the Council's meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 1982 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building. The meeting begins at 8 P.M.

Other major increases in the Other Expenses account include the cost of the DPW dental plan, \$26,000; an appropriation of \$12,000 for the 1982 Council election; a \$22,400 increase in the appropriation for the Bergen County Utility Authority's charges; an additional \$8,800 for fuel oil, and an \$18,000 increase in the appropriation for gasoline and diesel fuel.

Capital Improvements—As a result of state legislation, the entire account is now outside the cap. Since this account contains appropriations for specific projects, a comparison of one year's allocations with another's is not meaningful. For the record, however, the 1982 appropriation of \$627,600 represents a major in-

crease over the 1981 appropriation of \$99,700. These are the components of the 1982 account:

Three projects will add a total of \$1,225,500 to the Township's bonded indebtedness. They are the reconstruction of the State Street bridge (\$950,000), Phase III of the Hirschfeld Brook improvement project (\$152,000), and the purchase of a new fire truck (\$123,500). The current account includes 5% down payments on these three undertakings: \$50,000 for the bridge, \$8,000 for Hirschfeld, and \$6,500 for the fire truck. The Council continues to seek reimbursement from the railroad for the bridge reconstruction (see Legal Department account for details), but is proceeding with the project in the interests of public safety.

Other capital improvement projects for 1982 include:

- \$170,000 for a new communications system for the police, fire and public works departments.
- \$151,000 for new DPW equipment, beginning a 5-year program of updating this department's equipment. The 1982 program includes acquisition of two dump trucks, two 3/4 ton pickup trucks, a bucket loader, and an air compressor/paint sprayer.
- \$92,000 for road resurfacing projects.
- For the renovated library, \$26,900 for new furniture, \$20,000 for a sprinkler system, and \$5,500 for a staff bathroom.
- Facing the band shell.
- For the Police Department, \$20,000 for an emergency generator (the one now in use will be transferred to the DPW) and \$1,000 for a smoke detector system.
- For the municipal building annex on River Road, \$5,000 for roof repairs.
- For the DPW garage, \$5,500 for an overhead door, permitting use of the facility to repair fire trucks.
- \$3,300 to resurface basketball courts at Phelps, Herrick and Sagamore Parks.
- Miscellaneous projects: \$1,200 for sidewalk repairs on municipally owned property; \$4,500 for new lighting in municipal parking lots; \$1,500 for an emergency lighting system for the municipal building; and \$1,900 for a Recreation Center burglar-alarm system.
- \$25,000 for contingencies (of which \$20,000 already has been earmarked for work at the Senior Citizens' Center in the Town House).

1982 Budget and Taxes

	1982	1981	+ or -	%
APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN 5% CAPS				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 7,708,534.	\$ 7,340,392.	\$ +368,142.	4.78
Other Expenses	3,168,370.	3,050,400.	+ 117,970.	3.87
Deferred & Statutory	1,450,826.	1,311,203.	+ 139,623.	10.6
TOTAL	\$ 12,327,730.	\$ 11,701,995.	\$ +625,735.	5.35
EXCLUDED FROM CAPS				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 417,231.	\$ 344,292.	\$ + 72,939.	21.19
Other Expenses	866,285.	840,067.	+ 26,218.	3.12
Capital Improvements	627,620.	99,710.	+ 527,910.	529.45
Municipal Debt Service	721,910.	645,180.	+ 76,730.	11.89
Deferred Charges & Statutory	224,648.	167,788.	+ 56,860.	3.39
Reserve—Uncollected Tax (97.5%)	831,723.	764,653.	+ 67,070.	8.77
TOTAL	\$ 3,689,417.	\$ 2,861,690.	\$ +827,727.	28.92
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 16,017,147.	\$ 14,563,685.	\$ +1,453,462.	9.98
REVENUES				
Surplus	\$ 1,530,000.	\$ 959,000.	\$ +571,000.	59.54
Miscellaneous	3,440,164.	3,117,523.	+ 322,641.	10.35
State & Federal Programs	422,836.	449,749.	- 26,913.	5.98
Delinquent Taxes	250,000.	417,000.	- 167,000.	40.05
TOTAL	\$ 5,643,000.	\$ 4,943,272.	\$ +699,728.	14.16
PROPERTY TAXES				
Municipal	\$ 10,374,147.	\$ 9,620,413.	+ 753,734.	7.83
School	19,494,735.	18,148,745.	+ 1,345,990.	7.42
County	3,400,000.	3,044,951.	+ 355,049.	11.66
TOTAL	\$ 33,268,882.	\$ 30,814,109.	\$ +2,454,773.	7.97
ASSESSED VALUATION	\$722,997,086.	\$715,019,713.		
TAX RATE	1982	1981		
Municipal	\$1.43	\$1.35		
School	2.70	2.54		
County	.47	.42		
TOTAL	\$4.60	\$4.31		

NOTE ERROR 10.6

Deferred and Statutory Expenditures—This account, which appears both within and outside the cap, is up \$196,500 for 1982. The principle cause is an increase of \$217,000 in the Township's share of the pension accounts for municipal employees. The Township's share of Social Security payments is up \$28,900. Reductions were achieved because there were no emergency appropriations in 1981 (which would have shown up in this account in 1982) and because the Township concluded its payments on the cost of the new master plan in 1981.

Revenues—The budget anticipates an increase of \$699,700 for 1982. Most of this is an additional appropriation from surplus of \$571,000, which was made to help pay for the expanded capital improvements program. Another major source is anticipated increases in franchise and gross receipts taxes. For budgetary book-keeping purposes, the account for delinquent tax collections shows a decrease of \$167,000.

Insurance

Group Life Coverage Added to Self-Insurance Program

On March 6, 1982, the Township will add another portion of its insurance coverage to its self-insurance program, already one of the most comprehensive of its kind in the State.

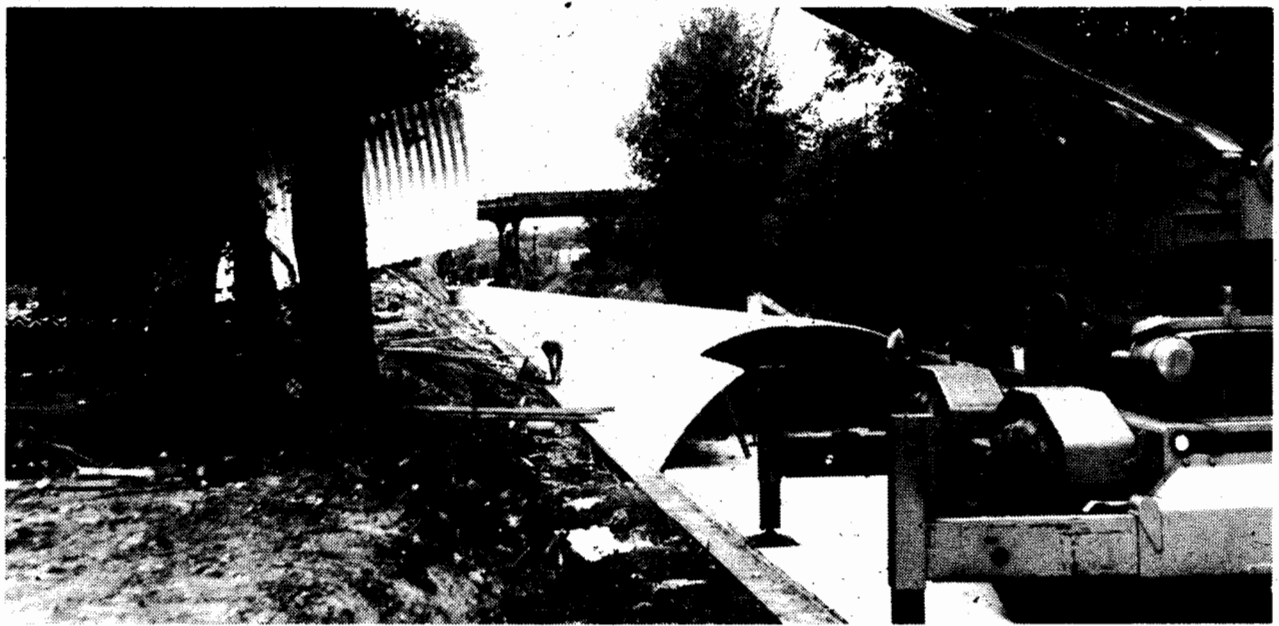
The coverage to be transferred from commercial coverage to the self-insurance package provides a \$5,000 death benefit for all active full-time municipal employees.

The Township also has converted to self-insurance the fire insurance for the contents of all public buildings, with the exception of the municipal building contents, which continue to be covered by a commercial carrier.

The Township now carries property and casualty insurance with a total annual premium of \$218,077 for 1982. Coverage includes the automobile fleet, general liability, catastrophe liability, public official liability, fire insurance and bonds. The auto fleet policy covers injury, death and property damage, with an aggregate limit of \$1 million. The 1982 premium is \$33,870.

The general liability policy also covers injury, death and property damage with a \$1 million limit, for an annual premium of \$133,873. This represents a reduction in premium of nearly \$12,000 from the 1981 cost.

The Township also has a \$5 million catastrophe liability policy which carries an annual premium of \$34,000. Other premiums totaling \$16,334 provide miscellaneous coverage, including bonds, fire insurance and public official liability.



The Hirschfeld Brook project, designed to prevent the brook from overflowing during rainstorms and flooding neighboring lands and homes, advanced substantially during 1981. The brook begins in Bogota and runs north through Teaneck, Bergenfield, New Milford and Dumont. Channeling the brook in Teaneck involved both open and closed culverts. Shown above is a portion of the channelization, employing an enclosed arch-pipe conduit. After the pipe was installed, it was completely covered; when grass grows in the spring, it will be restored to its former park-like status. (Photo by Bergen County Police Department)

against adjoining property owners, Franklin Road from Teaneck Road to Byng Street, began in 1981. The project is to be completed in Spring 1982.

The intersection of DeGraw Avenue and Queen Anne Road was reconstructed in 1981, with funds supplied by the county and the state. The intersection of Palisade Avenue, Grayson Place and Windsor Road is scheduled to get a new traffic signal in Spring 1982; a State Aid grant received in 1981 will cover 90% of the construction cost.

Storm Drains—The Hirschfeld Brook drainage control project, a major, multiyear undertaking, is proceeding on schedule. Phases I and II were completed during 1981, and Phase III is scheduled for 1982.

Sanitary Sewers—Phase II of the Township's manhole rehabilitation project was completed during 1981. For the Glenpointe project, a 14-inch force main was constructed during 1981, and work began on a 20-inch sanitary sewer, which will be completed during 1982.

There were no new sidewalks, curbs, or parking lot projects undertaken during 1981.

Personnel—During 1981, the Engineering Department employed persons in seven of its eight authorized positions. The DPW filled 65 of 68 authorized positions; the other three were frozen for budgetary reasons. In addition, the DPW employed 31 temporary summer workers during 1981.

Building

Glenpointe Generates Over \$100,000 in Fees

The Glenpointe project at the intersection of Routes 80 and 95 generated \$106,525 in building permit fees during 1981, nearly tripling the fees collected in 1980. Other construction permits for 1981 in the Township totaled \$57,229.15, for total income of \$163,755.06. This compares to a 1980 figure of \$59,231.70.

The department's principal responsibility is the enforcement of various codes and regulations. These include the 1981 BOCA Basic Building Subcode, the 1981 National Standard Plumbing Code, the 1980 National Electric Code, the 1975 BOCA Energy Conservation Code, the 1978 BOCA Mechanical Code, the Barrier Free Handicapped Code, the Township's development regulations (also known as the zoning ordinance), and the Township Code.

In cooperation with the Township Health Department, this department also enforces the property maintenance code. It also enforces conditions imposed by the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board. In the review of subdivisions and site plans, the department acts as a coordinating agency for the Bergen County Soil Conservation

Engineering / Public Works

State Street Bridge Condition Requires Department's Attention

During 1981, the condition of the State Street Bridge spanning the railroad tracks became a cause for municipal concern. A survey was made to determine the extent of deterioration, emergency repairs were made and plans for the rehabilitation of the structure were formulated. The 1982 municipal budget contains funds for initiating the reconstruction project.

The Engineering Department and the Department of Public Works, under the direction of the Township Engineer, supervises and executes the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance and repair of streets, parks, storm and sanitary sewers, public buildings and other Township-owned facilities.

During 1981, the department awarded contracts to acquire three new pieces of equipment: a 1 1/2-cubic-yard dump truck, a 5-cubic-yard dump truck, and a 6.4-cubic-yard salt spreader.

Buildings, Grounds, Structures—Although some minor projects have yet to be completed, the renovation of the Public Library was completed during 1981.

Street Improvements—A contract was awarded for the resurfacing of Queen Anne Road, from Herrick Avenue to the Bogota boundary. A State Aid grant, covering 90% of the construction cost, was received. Construction is scheduled for Spring 1982.

Spring 1982 is also the scheduled starting time for the resurfacing of these Township streets: Hillside Avenue, from Teaneck Road to Queen Anne Road; Terhune Street, from Chestnut Avenue to Larch Avenue; Hillcrest Street, from Linden Avenue to River Road; Kipp Street, from Front Street to Linden Avenue, and Belle Avenue, from Route 4 to Woods Road.

During 1981, 110 square yards of concrete pavement were replaced on Township streets.

Two new streets were completed in 1981, with 65% of the costs to be assessed against adjoining property owners. These are East Oakdene Avenue, from Teaneck Road to its easterly dead end, and Glenwood Avenue, from Lindbergh Boulevard to the site of the senior citizens' housing. Another street project to be assessed

1981 and 1982 Budget Appropriations—By Accounts

Number Account	Description	1982 Appropriations	1981 Appropriations
1000	General Government	\$ 295,945.00	\$ 320,179.00
1100	Elections	18,200.00	5,740.00
1200	Financial Administration	165,203.00	163,127.00
1300	Assessment of Taxes	107,531.00	111,466.00
1400	Collection of Taxes	81,804.00	70,748.00
1500	Liquidation of Tax Liens and Foreclosed Properties	1,000.00	1,000.00
1600	Legal Services and Costs	76,268.00	69,387.00
1700	Municipal Court	127,781.00	118,100.00
1780	Public Defender	6,120.00	5,152.00
1800	Engineering Department	164,802.00	176,756.00
1900	Public Building and Grounds	99,150.00	225,311.00
2000	Planning	19,105.00	30,059.00
2100	Board of Adjustment	19,813.00	17,151.00
2200	Shade Trees	80,848.00	80,042.00
2300	Insurance	771,690.00	769,140.00
2400	Youth Guidance Council	26,452.00	22,550.00
2500	Redevelopment Agency	146,403.00	150,262.00
2600	Environmental Commission	420.00	1,130.00
2700	Maintenance Department	154,722.00	146,103.00
3000	Fire Department	2,279,700.00	2,389,614.00
3100	Police Department	2,636,687.00	2,671,557.00
3200	Police Radio and Communications	11,270.00	29,400.00
3300	School Guards	80,900.00	81,800.00
3400	Inspection of Buildings	149,851.00	121,422.00
3500	Office of Emergency Management	2,670.00	3,110.00
4000	Public Works	404,652.00	706,892.00
4100	Snow Removal	62,600.00	92,210.00
4200	Transportation Bond Issue	—	—
4300	Street Lighting	—	290,000.00
4400	Shop and Garage Maintenance	402,342.00	—
5000	Street Cleaning	76,418.00	88,068.00
5100	Garbage and Trash Removal	75,110.00	77,260.00
5200	Sewers	109,875.00	117,693.00
5300	Bergen County Sewer Authority	850,680.00	828,320.00
6000	Health Department	213,130.00	199,781.00
6100	Public Health Priority Funding	5,605.00	5,747.00
6300	Animal Control	15,000.00	16,000.00
6400	Administration of Public Assistance	18,706.00	13,685.00
6500	Public Assistance (State Aid Agreement)	10,000.00	6,000.00
6600	Mental Health Program	15,750.00	15,750.00
6700	Volunteer Ambulance Corps	25,000.00	25,000.00
7000	Parks and Playgrounds	269,848.00	325,751.00
7100	Recreation	377,302.00	383,672.00
7200	Celebration of Public Events, Anniversary or Holiday	9,460.00	5,770.00
7250	Contribution to Senior Citizens Center	3,000.00	3,000.00
7300	Public Library	597,977.00	554,246.00
7400	Utilities	1,083,630.00	—
7450	Comprehensive Employment Training Act	—	30,000.00
7500	Contingent	10,000.00	10,000.00
7600	Capital Improvements	627,820.00	99,710.00
7700	Debt Service	721,910.00	645,180.00
7800	Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	1,675,474.00	1,478,991.00
	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	831,723.00	764,653.00
	TOTALS	\$16,017,147.00	\$14,583,685.00

District

The staff comprises a full-time Construction Official/Zoning Officer/Building Subcode Official, two assistant Building Subcode Officials, an assistant Zoning Officer, a part-time Plumbing Subcode Official, a part-time Electric Subcode Official, and a Fire Protection Subcode Official, who is the liaison with the Fire Department. The department has two secretaries. One is in charge of department correspondence and issues permits. The other performs secretarial duties for the Construction Official and serves as secretary to the Construction Board of Appeals and the Site Plan Review Advisory Board (a subcommittee of the Planning Board). The clerk-secretary of the Planning Board and the clerk-secretary of the Board of Adjustment are also under the jurisdiction of the department.

Welfare

299 Recipients Receive \$21,053; Federal Cuts Boost Local Requests

As a result of the Federal Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981, which reduced many aid programs, the Welfare Department received a greater volume of requests for general assistance. Numerous requests for aid came from individuals no longer eligible for food stamps, low-income energy assistance, and Medicaid.

During 1981, 299 recipients of Township welfare received a total of \$21,053. By contrast, the 1980 figures were about 100 individuals receiving \$24,132. Of those who received aid in 1981, 70% were disabled persons awaiting Social Security determination or transfer to categorical assistance programs administered by the Bergen County Welfare Office.

The department's Welfare Job Bank, initiated at the end of 1980, has helped to contain a vast increase of 200% in unemployed persons seeking assistance. Those who were eligible received one month's assistance and then referred to the job bank.

Fast-food outlets, supermarkets and other local businesses have helped to contain welfare costs.

For the tenth consecutive year, the Teaneck Welfare Committee, which is supported by the Community Chest and private contributions, provided crisis-intervention assistance for families ineligible for existing welfare programs. During 1981, the committee distributed \$3,800 for food, fuel, pharmaceutical costs and medical care. The Teaneck Lions Club donated 20 turkeys for Thanksgiving. Other contributions of food and clothing for the holidays came from the Teaneck Community Center, the Local Education Organization, and the Teaneck Women's Club.

The Township Social Service Office serves as a counseling and referral resource for all people who are experiencing difficulties.

Recreation

Town House Renovation Will Improve Senior Citizens' Services

Leisure-time activities continue to find favor with residents, young and old alike.

Increasing response to volleyball, soccer, dance, fitness classes, softball, the arts and social programs have been noted.

The renovation of the Town House, geared to improving services for the Township's senior citizens, is expected to be completed soon. An additional room for meetings and activities will have been gained, in addition to the refurbishing of the kitchen, bathroom and small auditorium. A meeting room on the basement level and considerable storage space have been sacrificed.

A program for children from 18 months to three years of age with their parents has provided an avenue of positive interaction.

Additional emphasis was given to programs for track enthusiasts during the summer.

The park areas are heavily used during spring, summer and fall; both informal and organized programs are available for all age levels, and drop-in users are accommodated.

The demand for ballfield facilities for local teams becomes increasingly difficult to satisfy, with more than 100 organized teams—representing organizations, companies, service and social clubs and independent groups—seeking outlets.

Three-, four- and five-year-olds continue to use the services of the Recreation Center during the school year day, and fill the day camp registration during the summer. The teen and pre-teen programs are scheduled afternoons and evenings.

Young people's basketball activity during the summer supplements the winter season program.

Basketball becomes the focal point of open gym programs for young adults during the week, and for teenagers on weekends.

Chess, bridge, photography, quartet singing and

philately continue to draw residents.

The Retired Men's Club marked its thirty-fourth year of continuous operation during the year, making it the longest-running senior citizen program in Bergen County.

A large number of skilled part-time and seasonal personnel supplement the full-time recreation employees in implementing these programs.

Police

New Department Head Initiates A Broad Range of Changes

The appointment of a new Chief of Police on March 27, 1981 became the occasion for a number of changes in the appearance and operation of the department.

The department's fleet of police cars have new insignia, including a door decal which is patterned after the familiar sleeve patch worn by uniformed department members. Police cars now have a large number stenciled on the roof, for participation in the State Police Emergency Network (SPEN). When the statewide network is complete (it is now about two-thirds done), SPEN will provide a total communications link among all law-enforcement units—state, county and municipal. The numerals on the car roofs will facilitate aerial recognition.

The police officer's uniform also has undergone changes: There is a new "TP" collar insignia, the police hats have silver braid instead of black plastic bands, and—with the addition of sergeants in 1981—all superior officers are now wearing white shirts.

During 1981, police headquarters itself was reorganized, with new administrative offices. For 1982, the department is planning the modernization of its 1926-model switchboard. The new communications system is expected to result in considerable cost reduction.

During 1981, the department initiated a new procedure designed to reduce the number of traffic accidents. On a scheduled basis, police officers are assigned to duty at intersections where statistics show there is a heavy incidence of accidents.

During 1982, the department plans to provide distinctive uniforms for the members of the Traffic Division, officers who are regularly assigned to traffic-control work.

The department plans to intensify its efforts to remove from the public streets cars and other vehicles that are stored there. This project is in cooperation with the Department of Public Works' programs of street cleaning and snow removal.

The Auxiliary Police unit is undergoing a total reorganization. When the reorganization is complete, this volunteer force will have a membership of 65 men and women ranging in age from 21 to 65. The auxiliaries are used for traffic control, to help police officers at serious motor vehicle accidents, and to control crowds at parades and athletic events. The auxiliaries are unarmed but carry billy clubs. They will receive special training at police academies and will be required to attend regular monthly meetings. The auxiliaries wear uniforms that are distinctively different from the professional police officers.

The Auxiliary Police are also used for routine checks of businesses, industrial establishments and parks. They have their own police car which maintains radio contact with the regular fleet, and they sometimes accompany regular officers in routine patrol.

The Auxiliary Police unit is seen as a training ground for future department members; some of the auxiliaries are preparing to take competitive Civil Service examinations for appointment to the force.

Another change in police procedures is the timing for acquiring new vehicles. In the past, new cars have been acquired as soon as the municipal budget is approved, in the spring of the year. Henceforth, the department will purchase its cars in the fall, when the next-year models become available.

As a result, the department will have 1983 model cars in the fall of 1982. This is expected to add to the trade-in value of the cars when they are exchanged, and it gives the department the advantage of having new vehicles when the weather is at its worst in the winter months.

The department's Crime Prevention Bureau is spearheading a campaign to make residents and businesses more security conscious. During the past six months, the bureau made 156 security surveys for local residents, schools and business establishments.

Bureau members delivered 23 lectures and demonstrations on crime prevention and self-protection to meetings of civic and professional organizations, churches, schools and neighborhood groups, bringing its message to an estimated 1,500 people.

The bureau has assisted several neighboring communities in the establishment of crime prevention programs.

The current department complement (including three new appointees who joined the force in January 1982) is 85, one less than the current authorized strength. The permanent authorized strength is 90, but the Council has frozen four positions as part of its effort to keep within the State-mandated cap on increasing municipal appropriations.

The department now has 63 police officers, eight sergeants, ten lieutenants, three captains and the chief. Of the 63 patrolmen, nine are detectives.

Fifty-six department members are enrolled in, or have completed, college courses in police science and public safety. Twelve have earned associate degrees in police science, 24 have bachelor's degrees, and one has a master's degree in criminal justice.

The department also employs six civilian clerks and six radio-communications dispatchers.

During 1981, the department made 23,959 service calls (responses to notifications which require prompt attention), an average of one every 22 minutes around the clock. In addition, the department responded to 1,876 burglar alarms. This represents a substantial decline from the comparable figure of 2,432 for 1978, when an ordinance designed to reduce false alarms was adopted. Businessmen and residents who own alarm systems are required by the ordinance to register them with the department and renew the registration annually. Persons who have not renewed the registration for 1982 are urged to contact the department (837-2600) to obtain the necessary form.

Crimes against persons or property that were investigated by the department totaled 3,708 in 1981, down from 4,411 in 1980. Crimes against persons (known as Part I offenses) declined from 324 in 1980 to 294 in 1981. Crimes against property (known as Part II offenses) totaled 1,717, down from 2,035 in 1980. Part II offenses include breaking and entering, larceny and theft, and auto and minibike theft, but exclude thefts of property worth less than \$50. There were 362 incidents in 1981 (compared to 467 in 1980) in the under-\$50 category.

The greatest decrease in Part II offenses was in the incidence of breaks and entries, which dropped nearly 50% from 1,069 in 1980 to 699 in 1981. This statistic includes attempts, as well as successful burglaries.

Since nearly half of all those apprehended for breaks and entries during 1981 were under the age of 17, the department has enlisted the cooperation of public school officials in its campaign to continue the downward trend in these offenses.

Public cooperation is equally vital; residents are asked to report all suspicious activities immediately. Particularly, stay-at-home neighbors are requested to keep an eye on the homes of families with two working adults.

These are traffic and crime statistics for the Township for the past five years:

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Accidents	1,505	1,568	1,538	1,427	1,351
Fatalities	2	1	1	2	1
Injuries	385	524	556	553	356
Arrests for Motor Vehicle Violations	12,368	18,355	18,440	22,959	26,914

CRIME STATISTICS

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Murder/Manslaughter	0	3	0	2	0
Rape	3	2	1	4	15
Robbery	37	31	54	61	38
Aggravated Assault	34	35	75	57	59
Larceny/Theft	995	1,006	1,320	1,273	1,213
Burglary, Break and Entry	589	580	716	1,069	699
Auto Theft	72	127	127	160	167
TOTALS	1,730	1,784	2,293	2,626	2,189

Other 1981 statistics include 2,142 police escorts to banks and business establishments and 764 checks of temporarily vacant homes. As participants in the Bergen County police radio network, the department received 5,059 radio alarms. The department's fleet of 26 vehicles, of which seven are 1981 models, covered 631,300 miles in 1981, compared to 573,300 in 1980.

Operation Decal, the department's system for identifying the cars of residents, continues to assist the police in the isolation of the vehicles of non-residents. Residents are urged to scrape the decal off cars they sell, and to acquire a new decal for a new vehicle. Operation ID, the department's program of loaning engraving tools to residents for inscribing valuables, helps trace and identify stolen goods.

Teaneck Township Council

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Andrew Edelman, Deputy Mayor
Bernard Brooks
Eleanor M. Kieliszek
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Peter Zelony

Teaneck Township Administration

Werner H. Schmid, Manager
Gary A. Saage, Assistant Manager
Roslyn Endick, Clerk
Jacob Schneider, Attorney
Bryan Burke, Police Chief
Joseph P. Krupinski, Tax Assessor
Anthony Lombardo, Construction Official
Carl Anderson, Fire Chief
Milton Robbins, Engineer
Richard E. Rodda, Superintendent of Recreation
Gary A. Saage, Treasurer/Fiscal Officer
Leo Wielkocz, Health Officer

Court

Township Revenues up 10%; County, State Revenues Dip

The municipality's share of revenues from fines and costs collected in Municipal Court increased during 1981, but the fines and costs remitted to the County and the State declined.

During 1981, the Township received \$133,235.50 from the court, compared to \$117,845 in 1980. The County received \$63,399 compared to \$72,479 in 1980, and the State received \$33,818 compared to \$43,992 in 1980.

The increase in local revenues is attributed to an increase in summonses issued by the Police Department, as well as more Failure to Appear notices and warrants issued by the court.

Since June, penalties for assault convictions have been assessed and forwarded to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, as required by a new State law.

Here is a summary of 1981 fines and costs:

Fines Remitted to the Township

Motor vehicle cases \$46,247.50
Criminal and general ordinance violations ... 7,223.00

Costs Remitted to the Township

Traffic court 76,992.50
Criminal and general ordinances 2,772.50
TOTAL: \$133,235.50

Remitted to Bergen County \$63,399.00
Remitted to the State of New Jersey 33,818.00
Remitted to Violent Crimes
Compensation Board 385.00

Fire

Departmental Calls Decline 16.7%; Building Fires Total 118 in 1981

During 1981, the department responded to a total of 1,724 calls for assistance, a decline of 346 (16.7%) from the comparable 1980 figure.

The 1981 total included 662 fires and fire-related emergencies, of which 118 were fires in buildings; 198 were smoke conditions (no fire); 95 were automobile fires, including 13 autos on leaf piles; 65 brush fires; and 186 other fires, including 66 piles of leaves on streets.

The 1981 total also included 231 non-fire emergencies. These were responses to auto accidents, rescue and Emergency Medical Service calls, and natural gas leaks. The total also included 380 calls for which no service was required, 255 malicious false alarms, and 196 community service calls.

Among the 118 building fires, the most frequent problems were cooking-related (36), incendiary (18), electrical (16), and heating-related (11). There were a total of 8 suspicious building fires in 1981.

Assessor

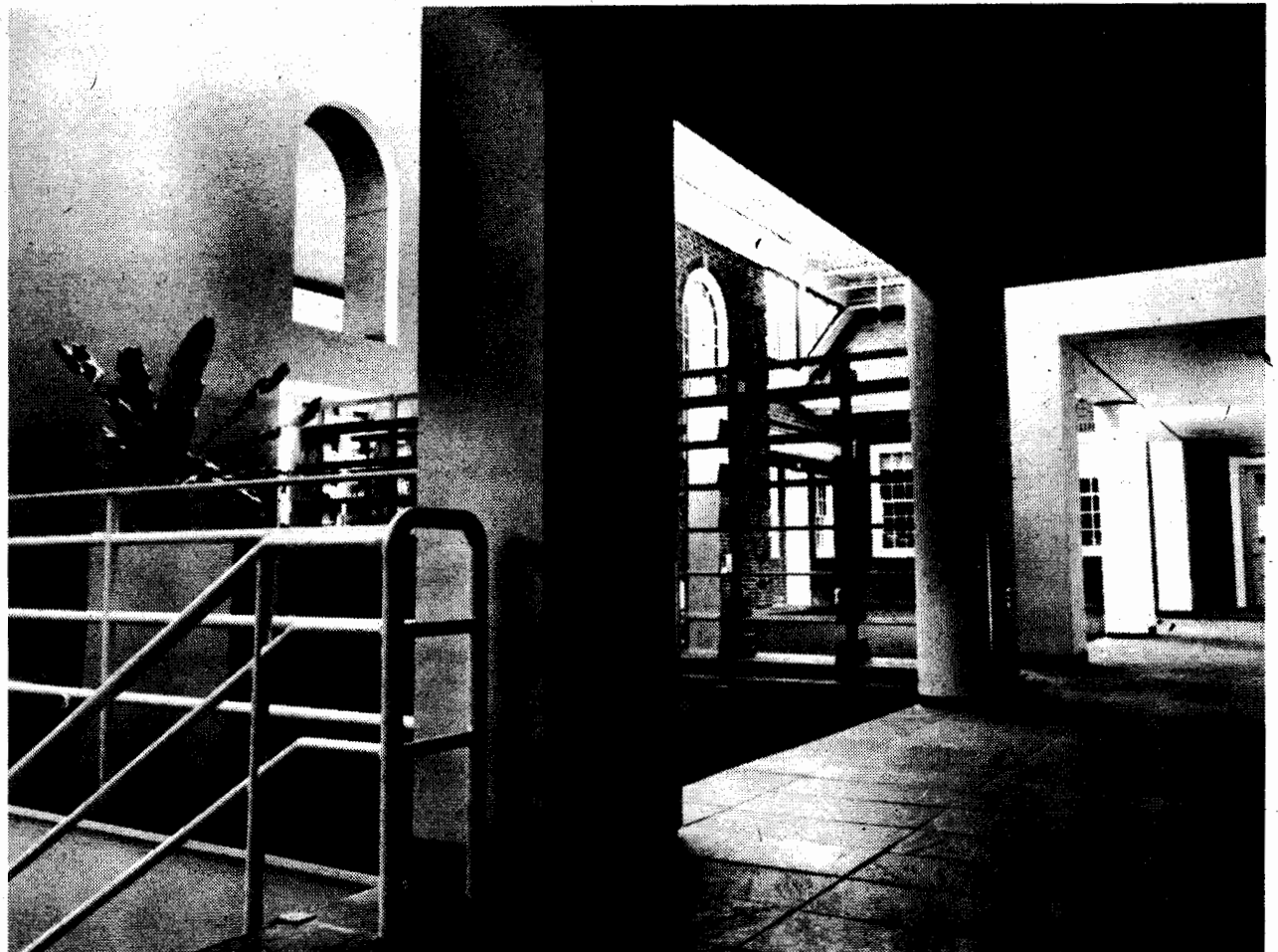
Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal Project to be Completed in 1982

During 1981, the Assessor's office has been in the process of conducting an in-house Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal program, which is to be completed during 1982. Two members of the assessor's staff are inspecting and converting the records for 10,600 residential properties to a computerized system. During 1981, the records of approximately 7,500 properties were completed and the data was stored on a computer. When the transition is completed, revised assessments will be calculated for the 1983 tax year, and the data will be maintained on a current basis, enabling the updating of assessments according to market conditions.

Since the last townwide reappraisal program in 1978, the trend of market values has been steadily upward. According to the table of Equalized Valuations prepared by the State Division of Taxation, the average ratio of assessed-to-market value was 95.95% in 1979, 84.77% in 1980, and 76.92% in 1981. Based on the equalization ratio, the aggregate true value of real property in 1979 was \$736,187,077. In 1980, it was \$835,568,597 and in 1981 it was \$922,517,031.

It is the responsibility of the Assessor's office to assess all real and personal property throughout the Township in accordance with State statutes, and to maintain records on ownership, description and assessed valuation of approximately 11,500 taxable and exempt properties in the Township.

The Director of the State Division of Taxation and the Bergen County Board of Taxation supervise the administrative functions of this office. The staff consists of the assessor, an assistant assessor, an assessing analyst, an assessing clerk and a clerk-typist.



One of the principal features of the library renovation is a central hall with a skylight. The picture shows a portion of the upper level of the central area. (Photo by Theo Solomon)

Library

1981 Was a Year of Frustration As Renovation Project Lingers

A year ago, the library staff was looking forward to a return to normalcy during 1981, because the major renovation project was nearing completion. The close of 1981 found the project still almost, but not quite, completed.

Despite the frustrations caused by seemingly endless delays, 1981 has been a year of some optimism, because there has been a decided improvement in the volume of library use.

Residents who apparently turned to cleaner, quieter libraries during the height of reconstruction during 1980, appear to have begun coming home to the nest in 1981; the library did circulate more materials and answer more reference questions in 1981 than in 1980 or 1979.

In addition to the 173,306 items that were borrowed by patrons in 1981 from the Teaneck Library's shelves, another 35,487 items were borrowed by Township residents from other cooperating libraries in the Bergen County network. The library answered 12,727 questions (that averages out to almost 40 per working day) and reserved 5,373 books.

The Children's Department returned to a full schedule of programs: Sunday afternoon family occasions and the Fabulous Friday Club, in addition to story hours, Library in the Park during the summer months, game night and others.

Here is the library's schedule for 1982:

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday through Friday 9 AM to 9 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday (October through April) 1 PM to 5 PM

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 AM to 9 PM
Thursday, Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday (October through April) 1 PM to 5 PM

Redevelopment

50 Acres Sold for \$1 Million; Agency Monitors Daily Progress

On March 18, 1981, after more than a decade of planning, land acquisition, law suits and delays, the Redevelopment Agency conveyed title for approximately 50 acres in the Glenwood Park section to a development firm called Glenpointe Associates.

Almost immediately, land-clearing began. The first structure, a model and sales office for what is projected to be 292 town-house condominiums, has been completed. Four other town-house buildings are in various stages of construction. The developer plans to deliver the first condominiums in April of this year.

Piling has been completed for the first of two office buildings (which will have a total of 450,000 square feet of office space), a 350-room hotel/convention center, and 60,000 square feet of retail shops.

Structural steel for the first office building arrived during the first week of February 1982. This structure is scheduled for occupancy in September of this year.

Health

Variety of Health Tests Aimed at Disease Prevention

Throughout 1981, the Health Department continued to offer residents a variety of free health tests, in keeping with the goal of the prevention of disease and the maintenance of good health.

Free blood pressure checks were available in the Municipal Building every Wednesday from 1 to 4 PM, and on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 PM. This program was also offered monthly to older residents at the two senior citizens' locations, and, by request, to other Township organizations, including service clubs and religious organizations. In 1981, a total of 1,629 blood pressure checks were made under the direction of the public health nurse.

In 1981, the Keep Well Station was moved to Holy Name Hospital's out-patient clinic, and was renamed the Maternal and Child Health Conference. The program continues under the supervision of the department's public health nurse and an attending pediatrician.

At Holy Name, the clinic is usually open the first three Fridays of the month from 10 AM to noon. The service remains the same: For a one-time registration fee of \$1, any Township resident is entitled to bring a newborn for regular monthly visits during the first year of the infant's life. Thereafter, the parents may continue to bring the child for periodic examinations and for all State-required immunizations. The sole condition is that the child must be in good health; parents are referred to their own pediatrician or to local hospitals if the child is ill. During 1981, 1,319 visits were recorded at the clinic. To make an appointment, call the public health nurse at 837-1600.

The fourth Friday of each month is reserved for school-required immunizations, which are administered free of charge. Appointments should be made with the public health nurse.

The department's nurse maintains records of communicable diseases and makes follow-up visits in cases of hepatitis, venereal diseases and food-borne illnesses. Home visits are also made in cases of accidental poisoning, to instruct parents in poison prevention. The department also provides complete dental-health services for children who comply with local guidelines.

During 1981, the Vial of Life program was made available to residents. This life-saving arrangement consists of an information sheet listing the individual's pertinent medical history, and whom to contact in an emergency. The list is placed inside a vial and stored in the refrigerator. A decal on the refrigerator door alerts responding emergency personnel to the vital information. The program already has been credited with saving two lives.

Free blood pressure readings were also offered at the Methodist Church Fair in June, and at the fourth annual Take-Care Health Fair in September, with the assistance of student nurses from Holy Name Hospital, one of the fair's co-sponsors. The Urban League of Bergen County

also sponsors the fair.

At the health fair, Holy Name Hospital professionals performed free blood tests, including hemoglobin, sickle-cell anemia and diabetes. Local doctors and dentists offered eye tests, dermatology consultations, dental checks (including examinations for oral cancer), and podiatrists discussed foot problems. Free screening tests for colorectal cancer were also available. For the first time, medical examinations for testicular and prostate cancer were performed by a physician, who instructed men in self-examination techniques. A volunteer nurse instructed women in breast self-examination.

The department's health educator, who served as health fair coordinator, provided brochures, film strips and display posters. Members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps demonstrated life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques, Fire Department members explained fire-safety procedures, and Police Department members presented crime-prevention measures. Planned Parenthood displayed educational materials, and the Bergen Regional Blood Bank mobile unit was on hand.

The Health Education division participated in school and community programs throughout the year, stressing the individual's responsibility to make wise choices to protect and preserve good health. The programs included the use and abuse of drugs (including alcohol and nicotine dependency), noise and its effects on health, environmental concerns, health careers, and good nutrition. Articles concerning many different aspects of health and safety were published in local newspapers and disseminated through other media. The public health educator is available to make arrangements for a variety of health-related programs and discussion groups.

Health Department sanitarians routinely inspect restaurants, other food establishments, mobile caterers, ice cream vendors, and milk dealers and their products. Random samples of cream, milk and other potentially hazardous foods are taken to county laboratories for bacteriological examination. Crockery, glasses and cooking utensils are subjected to swab tests. Chopped meat is evaluated for fat content. Dry cleaning establishments, laundries, pet shops, and barber shops are routinely inspected.

Proprietors are required to post inspection placards displaying, in conspicuous view of consumers, the department's rating of the premises. During 1981, the department issued 321 satisfactory (white) ratings and 50 conditional (yellow) ratings. There were no unsatisfactory

(red) ratings during the year. Sixteen summonses were issued for food-related violations, resulting in fines totaling \$2,810.

The Health Department, Fire Department and Building Inspector share responsibility for enforcement of the property maintenance code. The Health Department inspects all vacant apartments (including those in two-family houses) before occupancy, and licenses and inspects all single-family rented dwellings and lodging houses. In 1981, 873 apartment units were inspected, and 2,522 reinspected, in cooperation with the State Department of Community Affairs.

This is a three-year comparison of department activities to enforce the property maintenance code:

	1979	1980	1981
Total inspections	3,622	5,329	3,388*
Total notices	2,675	2,599	2,149*
Cases abated	1,482	1,518	1,232
Repeat notices	1,002	993	756
Compliance pending	191	88	161
Unfit for human habitation	0	2	1
Dwellings rehabilitated	0	1	2
Demolitions	3	0	6
Hearings	5	8	12
Cases to Municipal Court	20	21	16**
Guilty	20	20	16
Not guilty	0	0	0
Dismissed	0	1	0

*Elimination of a CETA inspector position in the department was the principal reason for the decline of the number of 1981 inspections.

**Sixteen offenders were issued summonses in 1981 for failure to comply with the property maintenance code. All were found guilty. Fines totaled \$3,350.

The department sprays certain areas not covered by the Bergen County Mosquito Commission. Free rat extermination service is available to all single-family dwellings, as part of the continuing rodent-control program. The cleanup of unsightly, debris-strewn properties and the eradication of ragweed and other noxious growths are also departmental responsibilities.

Throughout the season, municipal swimming pools are inspected daily for general sanitation, and inspected weekly for proper bacteriological standards. Enforcement of environmental health statutes, including air, water, noise and heating requirements in rental and commercial units, is the department's responsibility.

Residents are required to apply to the department for a dog license when a dog is acquired. The \$8 licensing fee includes a free rabies inoculation, by cooperating veterinarians, once every three years.

In order to increase the efficiency of animal control service, with special emphasis on improved complaint-response time, the Township has contracted with the City of Englewood for these services. Residents should call the Teaneck Health Department Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM, and the Teaneck Police Department at all other times; to request assistance.

A total of 717 deaths were recorded in Teaneck in 1981; of that total, 256 were Township residents. Births totaled 1,173, including 346 newborns to Township residents. The department issued 253 marriage licenses. Fees for licenses, permits and certificates totaled \$25,293.50 in 1981.

Finance

More Than \$36 Million Disbursed During 1981

The Finance Department is responsible for receiving, keeping safe and disbursing municipal funds—more than \$36 million in 1981.

The department includes the purchasing office and the tax collector's office, and is headed by the Township Fiscal Officer, who also serves as assistant manager and treasurer.

The department prepares a biweekly payroll for some 370 full-time employees, as well as part-time and seasonal employees.

During 1981, nearly 4,500 vouchers and 2,500 purchase requisitions were processed for goods and services received. This was done by the purchasing office, which is headed by the assistant Fiscal Officer/Purchasing Agent.

The tax collector's office is in charge of billing and collecting taxes for some 11,500 Township properties. It also serves as a central collection agency for all licenses, fees and permits issued by other departments.

For the convenience of property owners who pay their taxes directly, the tax office is open from 7 to 8:30 PM on the first Monday of February, May, August and November, and the last Monday of January, April, July and October. The office is under the direction of the Tax Collector.

Our Citizen Volunteers

One of Teaneck's special characteristics is the willingness of so many of its residents to participate actively in municipal government, as unpaid members of its statutory and advisory boards. It is impossible to place a monetary value on these countless hours of volunteer service. The Township Council takes this opportunity to express its gratitude to the volunteers who served in 1981.

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*New appointees in 1981

†Retired in 1981

‡Appointed by Mayor

•Appointed by Manager

§Appointed by Council

Legal

New State Laws Require Department's Study, Analysis

A great deal of legislative activity in Trenton during 1981 kept the Legal Department busy studying and analyzing a variety of bills that directly affected municipal government.

Of particular interest to the Township was a bill, enacted into law, that set the number of Council members at seven; under prior statutes, the Township would have been required to reduce the number of its Council members from seven to five in 1982, because the population dipped under 40,000 in the 1980 census.

An assembly bill now in progress is also of great interest, since it would fix the liability for the repair and maintenance of bridges spanning railroad property. The deteriorating condition of the Township's State Street bridge makes this bill of particular importance because neither the State nor the County nor the railroad will accept responsibility for the cost of repairs.

There is now pending before the Administrative Court a precedent-setting application by the Township for a solid waste collection franchise. If the Township's application is successful, it could enable Teaneck to help control rates and services in the Township. Conferences with representatives of the Public Board of Utilities and the Attorney General's office are in progress; in the pre-trial order, Judge Sybil Moses has set court hearing dates of May 3, 4 and 5, 1982.

The following is a brief summary of some of the major cases being handled by the Legal Department:

Exxon Co. v. Teaneck—Two actions are pending in connection with the application by plaintiff for variances required for a gas station at River Road and New Bridge Road. The cases involve precedent-setting questions of a statutory grant of a variance by the Board of Adjustment, as well as the question of the right of the Township Council to hear an appeal by objectors. Argument in the Supreme Court case was set for October 1981, but the case has been marked off the calendar, pending determination of the Superior Court in the second case.

A. Milton Bell v. Teaneck—This is another action involving complex questions which arise out of the application of the Municipal Land Use Law. The plaintiff sought judgment declaring that a variance application made to the Board of Adjustment had been granted by operation of law. Plaintiff also contested the propriety of an appeal by objectors to the Council. The Superior Court found in favor of the Township.

Two lawsuits were instituted in the Superior Court challenging actions of the Teaneck Rent Board. The first case, **Paskevich v. Teaneck**, was tried in October 1981. It involved the Rent Board's classification of certain improvements as ordinary replacements or capital improvements. The court upheld the Rent Board. The second case, **Saron Associates v. Teaneck**, challenges the validity of the ordinance itself. April 6, 1982 has been set as the trial date.

Mahwah v. Bergen County, Paramus v. Bergen County—In these two separate cases, the municipalities are seeking rebates of county taxes which would require substantial additional payments by all other Bergen County communities, including Teaneck, if they are successful.

After a lengthy trial, the State Tax Court rendered a decision against the Township of Mahwah, holding that the rebate statute, under which Mahwah made its claim, is unconstitutional because it is special legislation. The constitutionality issue was raised by Teaneck in its trial brief.

Mahwah has filed an appeal with the Appellate Division, and the Township Attorney continues to oppose the granting of any rebates.

The Paramus case, originally scheduled for trial in the State Tax Court in December 1981, has been stayed pending the action of the Appellate Court in the Mahwah case.

Glenpointe Associates v. Teaneck—Plaintiff has filed complaints with the State Tax Court appealing the judgments of the Bergen County Board of Taxation, which upheld the Township's assessments of the Glenpointe properties. Answers have been filed on behalf of the Township. No trial date has been set.

Jaffe v. Teaneck—An appeal was taken to Superior Court of the Council's decision to reverse the Board of Adjustment and grant a variance application made by

Innwood Manor. Trial took place on October 29, 1981. The court upheld the Council.

Hilliard v. Teaneck, National Guard, et al—A former Teaneck police officer brought action against the Township, the National Guard and various individuals, alleging violation of his civil rights. The U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed the complaint, concluding the case.

Ferguson v. Teaneck—Judge Sherwin Lester of Superior Court dismissed the complaint, thus effectively disposing of the final phase of long-pending library litigation.

Batton v. Teaneck—The Township upheld the Board of Adjustment's denial of variances to permit construction of two-family houses on an undersized lot in a one-family residential zone, and plaintiff appealed to Superior Court. The court saw no reason to reverse the Council, but remanded the case to the Council on a technicality: the Council is now permitted to make independent findings of fact and conclusions, and is not limited to a finding as to whether the board was arbitrary and capricious. The Council reaffirmed its denial, together with findings, and on January 6, 1982, a final order was entered in Superior Court in favor of the Township.

There are a number of other cases now pending and awaiting trial before the Tax Court, approximately two dozen of which have been assigned trial dates. Pre-trial procedures are now taking place, including possible settlements where feasible.



Looking west on Cedar Lane, a Teaneck High School student caught this view of the Township's main thoroughfare. The photo was part of a display created by high school students in conjunction with a school production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." (Photo by Stuart Silberman)

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Township departments are open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday, unless other hours are listed in this directory. All departments are staffed during the noon-to-1 P.M. lunch hour.

All departments are closed Saturday, Sunday and on legal holidays, except as noted.

During 1982, all municipal departments (except police, fire and public works) are closed on the following holidays: New Year's, Jan. 1; Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 15; Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12; Washington's birthday, Feb. 15; Good Friday, Apr. 9; Memorial Day, May 31; Independence Day, July 5; Labor Day, Sept. 6; Columbus Day, Oct. 11; Veteran's Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day and day after, Nov. 25 and 26; and Christmas, Dec. 24.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 837-1600
Roslyn Endick, Township Clerk

The Council meets on the first four Tuesdays of each month at 8 P.M., except for July, when it will meet on the 1st, 6th and 13th, and August, when it will meet on the 2nd and 3rd.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER 837-1600
Werner H. Schmid

AMBULANCE CORPS (24 hours a day) . 837-2600

ANIMAL CONTROL
Information—Police Department ... 837-2600
Service—Health Department 837-1600

ASSESSOR OF TAXES 837-1600
Joseph Krupinski, Assessor

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE 837-1600
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Emergency Management Director

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS 837-1600
Milton Robbins, Engineer
Warren Ridley, Superintendent
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FINANCE, TAX COLLECTION 837-1600
Gary A. Saage, Treasurer/Fiscal Officer
Sandra Kaye, Tax Collector
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on the first Monday of February, May, August, and November and the last Monday of January, April, July and October.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 837-2085
Carl Anderson, Chief

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 837-1600
Leo Wielkocz, Health Officer
Doris Quarles, Health Educator
Confidential help 24 hours a day 567-0500

LEGAL DEPARTMENT 837-2050
Township Attorney: Jacob Schneider
Board of Adjustment: Temporarily Vacant
Prosecutor: J. Howard Solomon
Planning Board: Michael Kates

LIBRARY 837-4171
Hilda Lipkin, Director
Hours: Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Saturdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Sundays (October through April), 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICE ... 342-4357
If you need medical help, call your family doctor. If neither the doctor nor an alternate is available, dial 342-4357 (342-HELP).

MUNICIPAL COURT 837-2512
Lorraine A. Abraham, Judge
Ann Marie Kraemer, Clerk

Court is in session every Monday at 5:30 P.M. and Wednesday at 9 A.M. in the Council Chamber.

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