

WEST HUDSON
WAR PRICE

and

RATIONING BOARD

(545 Kearny Avenue - Tel. KE. 2-5300)

Chairman: A. J. Buchan

Chief Clerk: Thomas J. Daley

Executive Board

A. J. Buchan

William Kain Harry Lawson

Panel Chairmen

Food: Melvin Perry

Fuel Oil: Thomas Holgate

Gasoline: Howard Oliver

Prices: John Riley

Shoes: Dr. Otto Krauss

Stoves: Harry Oberhauser

Tires and Misc.: Anthony Sabia

Community Services: Mrs. Leverett Jenness

All panels meet Monday and Thursdays,

7:30 to 9 P.M.

Daily Office Hours:

Monday, 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.;

Tuesday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.;

Saturday, 9 A.M. to Noon



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Facts

About Kearny's

Government

and its

Finances

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TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor

ERIC GILZEAN

First Ward

WILLIAM E. McGLYNN
CHARLES G. McALLISTER

Second Ward

JOSEPH M. HEALEY
FRANCIS A. VINCENT

Third Ward

GEORGE S. ZACHAU
JAMES A. ROSS

Fourth Ward

JAMES D. JOHNSTON
JAMES McFARLAND

The Mayor and Council meet in official session on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M. They meet in caucus on the Tuesday evenings preceeding each official session. All meetings are public but persons desiring to be heard are requested to address the caucus sessions.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance

Ross — Zachau — Healey

Police

Zachau — McGlynn — McFarland

Fire

McGlynn — Zachau — Johnston

Streets

McFarland — Johnston — Ross

Water

Johnston — McFarland — McAllister

Buildings

McAllister — Ross — McGlynn

Purchasing

Zachau — McGlynn — McFarland

Transportation

Johnston — McFarland — McAllister

License

Ross — Zachau — Johnston

Lighting

Healey — McGlynn — Johnston

Legislative

McGlynn — Zachau — McAllister

Welfare

McFarland — Johnston — Ross

Ordinance

Vincent — McGlynn — Johnston

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Clerk: Donald Allan

Tax Collector

F. S. Jacobson

Treasurer

James Ness

Engineer

Arthur Brokaw

Attorney

Calvin S. Koch

Police Chief

John N. Hemsley

Fire Chief

William G. Wandras

Water Purveyor

Arthur Hauck

Street Commission

Charles Chapman

Municipal Supt.

Charles Warren

Police Recorder

Harold Heller

Health Inspector

Amos Field, Jr.

Forester

Philip E. Alden

Plumbing Inspector

Thomas Wallwork

Registrar

Belle M. Howe

Welfare Director

Sarah Brierley

Purchasing Agent

William Small

Recreation Director

Walter Oliver

Insurance Director

Reuben I. Lundy

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Frederick E. Portz

Charles Ferguson

David Hunter

Bertha Finigan

William Bersey

Superintendent: Dr. Edmund L. Tink

Business Manager: Edmund Stevenson

Meets 8 P.M. on Fourth Wednesday at

Board Office, Garfield School

BOARD OF HEALTH

President: Fred Fischer

Dr. Howard Dukes

Hugh Adamson

Wilfred Armitage

Joseph E. Bever

Samuel Shaw

Thomas McManus

Meets 8 P.M. on Third Tuesday at Town Hall

BOARD OF RECREATION

President: Howard Oliver

John Pettigrew

G. Russel Clark

James MacFayden

J. Wilbur Mitson

**Meets 8 P. M. on last Tuesday at the
Community House**

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

President: John I. Kirk

John Benson Alex Finigan

Meets 8 P. M. every Tuesday at Town Hall

ZONING BOARD

President: Walter F. Burns

Henry Laing John M. Clow

Edward Corrison

**Meets 8 P. M. on First and Third Tuesdays
at Town Hall**

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Chairman: Rev. Richard Jones

James Forsythe Mrs. Irving Smith
Councilman McFarland William Howatt

**Meets 8 P. M. on Third Wednesday at the
Welfare Office, 352 Maple Street**

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

President: Leo Pollak

Harry Hosker George King

Meets 8 P. M. on Fourth Monday at Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman: Nils Bolin

Thomas G. Walker Mrs. Pontus Nelson

Albert S. Lord Elmer B. Torrance

Walter F. Burns Arthur Brokaw

Mayor Gilzean Councilman Zachau

Meets 8 P. M. First Wednesday at Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

President: Wilson J. McDonald

James Dobson, Jr. Jessie Lone

William Nydam Robert Brown, Jr.

Meets 8 P. M. on First Monday at Library

POLICE AND FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND COMMISSION

President: William Elwood

Herbert Hood Roland Johnston

Mayor Gilzean James Ness

Meets 8 P. M. on First Caucus Night

CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL

Commander: Mayor Gilzean

Chairman: Robert J. Robinson

Executive Secretary

Walter Oliver

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

All municipal offices are closed on Saturdays between June 15 and September 15.

STREET DEPT. COLLECTIONS

There are no collections on the following holidays: New Year's, Decoration Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

TELEPHONES

Town Hall (All Departments) : 2-2700

Police:2-0001 Fire: 2-1400

Engineer: 2-1114 Attorney: 2-0471

Recorder: 2-3222 Welfare Dept.: 2-2441

Public Schools All Depts.): 2-1500

Community House: 2-0797

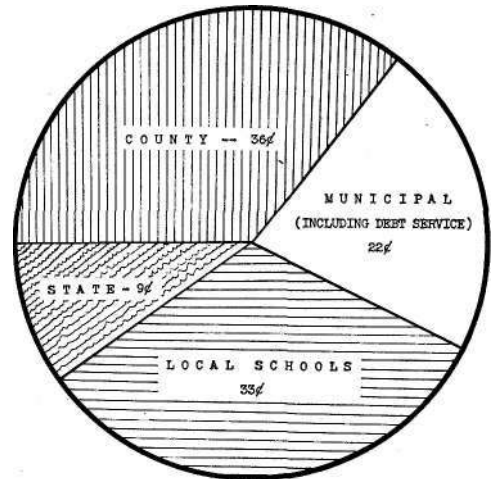
Main Library: 2-0894 — Branch: 2:2116

Defense Council Secretary: 2-0797

Draft Board No. 35: 2-2894—No. 36: 2-1139

Who Gets Your Tax Dollar

Every dollar of your 1944 taxes is apportioned as follows:



You will note immediately that 78 cents out of every tax dollar (all the shaded area) goes to agencies over which your Town Council has no control. Even in the case of local school funds, although the Council has majority representation on the Board of School Estimate, it is powerless to dictate apportionment of funds and can only pass on aggregate amounts. As for County and State funds, your Council has no control whatever. It is therefore, responsible only for 22 cents of your tax dollar—*less than one-fourth*.

TAX RATE COMPARISON

	1944	1943	1942	1941
State.....	\$ 2.98	3.26	2.99	2.78
County.....	12.95	12.98	12.05	11.38
Municipal (Inc. Schools)...	23.34	23.21	23.62	24.88
TAX RATE...	\$39.27	39.65	38.76	37.97

The above analysis of the 1944 tax rate indicates a *decrease* in the State and County share, whereas the analysis of the tax levy in the table below shows both the State and County levy *higher* than last year. The explanation is that figures in the levy table below were *estimated* when the 1944 budget was adopted and the *actual* State and County levies later proved lower than estimated.

COMPARISON OF TAX LEVIES

	1944	1943
Council Approp.	\$1,174,812	\$1,173,287-
Debt. Retirement	680,237	736,850

TOTAL TOWN

APPROP.....	1,855,049	1,910,137
Less		
Total Revenue—	1,256,498	—1,306,750

TOTAL MUNICIPAL

TAX	598,550	603,387
SCHOOL TAX	917,168	910,863
COUNTY TAX	995,500	995,401
STATE TAX	250,150	250,122

GRAND TOTAL

TAX LEVY	\$2,761,368	\$2,759,773
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BONDED DEBT PICTURE

	Paid Off	New Bonds	Net Reduction
1940.....	\$530,000	\$320,000	\$210,000
1941.....	570,000	418,000	152,000
1942.....	588,000	142,500	445,500
1943.....	603,000	None	603,000
1944.....	588,000	250,000	338,000
Tot.....	2,879,000	1,130,500	1,748,500

The above table illustrates the major fiscal policy of recent administrations; i.e. to add less new debt each year than the amount of old debt paid off — so that a net reduction is effected every year and we steadily approach complete liquidation of all bonded debt. The graph below illustrates that steady decline.

