ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1964
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1964

Moderator
GEORGE W. INGLE

Clerk and Treasurer
GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare
CHARLES R. MELVILLE, Chairman, 1965
WILLIAM P. PATULLO, 1966          JOHN M. FLYNN, 1967

Clerk to the Selectmen—RUTH W. WOODS

Assessors
FRANK J. T. KIRK, Chairman, 1965
GEORGE AUDREN, 1966              EDWARD H. DAYTON, 1967

Clerk to the Assessors—ALICE FULLER

School Committee
RAY E. BEANE, JR., Chairman, 1965
JULIA WINETROUT, 1965             ROBERT L. SULLIVAN, 1966
JEANNETTE S. GREEN, 1966          HILLARD H. CLARKSON, 1967

Clerk to the School Committee—DOROTHY ROY

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee
ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., 1966

Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library
C. KILBOURNE BUMP, Chairman, 1967
MILDRED ATTLETON, 1965            ELSIE W. THERRIEN, 1966

Collector of Taxes
DOROTHY S. FLYNN

Constables
PAUL A. BOUCHARD, 1965
ARTHUR H. GERRISH, 1965          JOHN E. PIXLEY, 1965

Cemetery Commissioners
HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1967
DANIEL ISHAM, 1965               ENESTINE F. JOHNSON, 1966
Planning Board
William G. Ertel, Jr., Chairman, 1966
Frederick Maher, 1965 (appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John M. Flynn)
Garfield W. Tracy, 1967
Marion W. Gerrish, 1968
Gordon J. E. Willcutt, 1969

Clerk to the Planning Board—Janet Newton

Auditor
Lester Pauly

Tree Warden
Homer Fuller

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1964

Town Accountant
Rollyn H. Hatch

Dog Officer
Arthur H. Gerrish

Forest Fire Warden
William Allen

Inspector of Animals
Homer L. Fuller

Inspector of Slaughtering
George A. Patrie, deceased
Donald A. Dickinson

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Errol M. Beebe

Moth Superintendent
Charles H. Lemon

Superintendent of Streets
Arthur H. Gerrish

Memorial Park Commissioners
Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Chairman, 1965
Warren Reed, 1965
Wilbur Jenkins, 1966
David Joyce, 1966
James R. Law, 1966
Dalton Philpott, 1967
Lee H. Taft, 1967
Agent for Veterans' Benefits
Thomas J. Faulkner

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal
Homer L. Hatch, deceased
Austin K. Harris

Civil Defense Director
Hamilton Delisle

Shelter Officer
Harry Johnson

Pound Keeper and Field Driver
Homer L. Fuller

Fence Viewers
Donald E. Dickinson
George Patri, deceased
William Patri
Warren Dickinson

Welfare Agent
Mary Cantwell

Town Counsel
Atty. William D. Canfield

Dentist for Dental Clinic
Dr. Douglas A. Bryans

Building Commissioner
Gordon J. E. Willcutt

Electrical Inspector
Charles R. Melville

Plumbing Inspector
William P. Patullo

Board of Appeals
Dalton E. Philpott, Chairman, 1967
Richard A. Jalbert, 1966
Bert Nietupski, 1967
Walter W. Lunden, 1967
Lawrence F. Sullivan, 1967

Alternates
John R. Owens, 1967
Stanley Witkop, Jr., 1967

Clerk to Board of Appeals—Janet Newton
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee

Julia Winetrouth

Advisory Committee

William T. Olmstead, Chairman, 1967

Clerk to Advisory Committee—Eileen Schneeloch

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year
Beginning August 1, 1964

Stephen H. Bartlett
Edward H. Dayton
Hamilton deLisle
Raymond Downey
Henry Dunwoodie
William G. Erkel, Jr.

A. King Harris
Richard Jalbert
David Joyce
Louis Levine
Carl F. Libby
Andrew J. Mulcahy, Jr.

John R. Owens
Walter A. Ross
Peter A. Roy
John R. Schmuck
Ruth W. Woods

Board of Registrars

Grace L. Kibbe
Faye Flynn, Chairman, 1967 Virginia Reed, 1965
Ida Lamb, 1966

Special Police

Paul A. Bouchard
Arthur H. Gerrish
Walter J. Lyons
George J. Kealy
Charles Fairbanks

Robert A. Newton
John E. Pixley
Clarke E. Warren, Jr.
Richard Wiencz

School Building Committee

Ray E. Beane, Jr., Chairman

Francis T. Buckley
Louis Levine

Andrew J. Mulcahy, Jr.
Louis Sicbaldi

Fire Chief

R. Gordon Casey

Home Rule Committee

Norman F. Lapine, Chairman

Stanley Parker

Everett S. Woods

School Survey Committee

Gordon J. E. Willcutt, Chairman

Yorke Phillips
Robert L. Sullivan

Eleanor Williamson
Joseph Zaher
IN MEMORIAM

ALTON GREGORY
Special Police Officer 1955-1956
Constable 1946-1957

HOMER L. HATCH
Assessor 1927-1948
Board of Appeals 1948-1952
Measurer of Wood, Bark and Charcoal 1950-1964

ELEANOR MACMULLEN
School Committee 1954-1960

GEORGE A. PATRIC
Inspector of Slaughtering 1950-1964
Fence Viewer 1946-1964
REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As a result of the steadily increasing population of Hampden, this office and the departments under its jurisdiction have experienced a year of consistent work load. The following is a report of our activities:

One of the big events of the year was the construction and dedication of the new firehouse on North Road. Part of the funds came from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. All went smoothly on this project from the ground breaking in May to the dedication and open house on October 24, when a large number of townspeople and invited guests came to inspect the new building, pay tribute to our excellent volunteer fire department, and enjoy their hospitality at the "open house" held that day. We are most grateful for the fine cooperation extended throughout by the representatives of the Federal Government; our architect, David Carlson; the contractor, Joseph Petronella; Fire Chief Casey; and the Town officers involved—Mrs. Grace Kibbe and Rollyn Hatch.

Permission has been granted and installation of gas mains has been made in the following streets or portions thereof by the Springfield Gas Light Co.: Somers Road, Allen Street, Wilbraham Road, Pinewoods Road, Stony Hill Road, Circle View Drive, Hickory Lane, Main Street, Martin Farm Road, Mill Road, Old Coach Road, East Longmeadow Road, Allen Place, as well as in some other streets still privately controlled.

Chapter 90 Construction money was used to continue the widening and surfacing of South Monson Road, and Chapter 90 Maintenance funds were used on East Longmeadow Road and Somers Road. A grant of $820 from the Hampden County Commissioners was used, together with local funds, to paint traffic lines on East Longmeadow and Somers Roads. Hampden's share of State distribution of bond money amounting to $5,012 was used to straighten, widen and pave a portion of Bennett Road. Considerable blasting was necessary in some places.

As instructed by vote of the annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen have established a system whereby a fee is paid to the Town before a permit is issued for any building, plumbing, electrical or gas installation in Hampden.

Remodeling at the Town House this year consisted of work in the girls' toilet room and replacement of ceilings in two of the downstairs rooms. It is felt that the next room which should receive attention in this building is the auditorium; also the roof over the present classrooms and the steps at the rear of the building.

Following advertising and receipt of sealed bids, contracts were awarded for paving materials and installation of same, and for salt to be supplied for highway use.

After a public hearing, permission was granted to William Buereau for the storage of 17,000 gallons of petroleum products underground on Main Street. Four new street lights were installed on Carmody Road; two larger lights were installed on North Road in the vicinity of the Town House and Fire Station, and one was installed on Main Street.

Following the advice of our insurance agent, the Town buildings were insured under a new "package" policy, and a saving of $580 was effected. Due to the efforts of this Board, Hampden's share of the Veterans District expenses was reduced from 40% in 1964 to 25% in 1965. A Special Town Meeting was held on August 10.

The following fees have been reported as received by the Town Clerk and Tax Collector during 1964 and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Town Clerk .................................. $783.00
Tax Collector ................................. 784.61
Fees collected by Selectmen for liquor and other permits and licenses and turned over to the Town Treasurer totaled $1,538.50.

The growth of our town in the past few years has brought about an increase in the amount of police protection required, and the number of cases which must be prosecuted, summonses which must be served, etc. After administering the police department as part of our duties, this Board feels that the time has now come when a full-time Chief of Police is necessary for the efficient operation of this department. Consequently, we recommend favorable action on the article in the 1965 Warrant which would create this office, together with a vehicle and necessary supplies.

Acting as the Board of Health, we regret the necessity to refuse a permit for the operation of the present pool in Hampden Memorial Park, because of its failure to meet the minimum State standards. We commend to you the article in the Warrant pertaining to the building of a swimming pool which would meet these standards.

The increased work load already mentioned makes us deeply appreciative of the excellent cooperation received from other Town officers and departments, and it is our hope that all these departments will continue to work closely together in the critical years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Melville, Chairman
William P. Patullo
John M. Flynn

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

The question always arises in town meeting regarding Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Construction and Chapter 90 Maintenance Roads so it would seem that the annual report might afford a good opportunity to explain them.

Chapter 81 Funds were established to assist small towns primarily on maintenance yet this fund may be used on any road. Portions of this account could be used for reconstruction if available after the maintenance program is completed. This chapter was inaugurated by the Legislature based on road mileage ratio-valuation. Only towns under $5,000,000 valuation were eligible for Chapter 81.

However, this was based on 1945 valuations. Therefore many large towns still receive Chapter 81. Only the Legislature can change this distribution.

Hampden, in 1964, appropriated $2,925.00 for Chapter 81, the State contributed $10,725.00 making a total of $13,650.00. In the spring of each year the State supervisors meet with the Selectmen and Superintendent of Streets and allot this money to each and every road for various purposes such as drainage, scraping, patching, cutting brush, resurfacing and the like. Some of Chapter 81 can be used for snow removal at the rate of $75.00 per mile or for the purchase of sand and salt. However, if this account were spent as such, there would be much less money available for maintenance essentials and is not recommended by the State Department of Public Works.

As for Chapter 90 Construction, every city or town may have Chapter 90 Construction money if they ask for it and vote to appropriate their share. This is always distributed by the County allocating the same amount as the town or city and the State allocating the total of the appropriations of both the town and the
county. There are 351 municipalities that take advantage of Chapter 90 and they have to share in the amount which the State sets aside for Chapter 90. So often times it happens that each town is cut substantially in their requests. In 1964, the town of Hampden asked for $5,000, $5,000 and $10,000 for South Monson Road. However, we were cut to $3,500, $3,500 and $7,000 making a total of $14,000.

This account has to be completed by June 30th. The State Department of Public Works determines which roads are eligible for Chapter 90 Construction. Usually it is a highway leading directly from one town to another.

The town first took advantage of hard surfacing roads under this chapter in 1924 when I first worked for the town. Over the following years, we rebuilt Main Street, Wilbraham Road, Somers Road, Allen Street, Stony Hill Road, Mill Road, Glendale and North Monson Roads and the end of Chapin Road. Now we are working on South Monson Road.

Chapter 90 Maintenance is another account and is available by town, county and state each contributing one third. In 1964 we had $7,500, split three ways. This account is used for maintenance of those roads which we rebuilt with Chapter 90 Construction money. This is usually spent on resurfacing those roads that need it. Last year we completed resurfacing East Longmeadow Road and started Somers Road at the state line and worked north as far as the Isaac Bradway Road. With this year’s allotment we hope to continue the resurfacing of Somers Road.

Scantic Road is considered a Chapter 90 Road because back about 1915 to 1917 this road was graveled by a Small Town Act.

Last year an extensive drainage project was completed along North Road which required the installation of catch basins and perforated pipe. The ground and surface water from the Robert Sessions place to Main Street is carried to the Scantic River. There is a need for much more of this type of drainage on Chapin, South and North Roads which, when hardened in the 1930’s, were simply gravelled a little, scraped and tared. There was not sufficient money to install adequate drainage at this time. Every farmer along these roads was anxious to get the "black top" up to his place to get his produce to market in better condition.

The growth of the town is reflected in the new streets to maintain and does create more expense especially in snow removal and icy roads. We hope to purchase another sanding body this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur H. Gerrish,
Superintendent of Streets
REPORT OF ASSESSORS

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1964

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Number of Persons Assessed:</th>
<th>Individuals</th>
<th>All Others</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>On Personal Estate Only</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>On Real Estate Only</td>
<td>754</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>767</td>
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<tr>
<td>On Both Personal and Real Estate</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>121</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Number of Persons Assessed</td>
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<td>918</td>
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Value of Assessed Personal Estate:
- Stock in Trade: $18,990.00
- Machinery: 17,475.00
- Live Stock: 30,345.00
- All Other Tangible Personal Property: 366,630.00

Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate: $433,440.00

Value of Assessed Real Estate:
- Land exclusive of Buildings: $1,457,715.00
- Buildings exclusive of Land: 9,024,000.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate: $10,481,715.00

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate: $10,915,165.00

Tax Rate Per $1,000: $32.00

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES INCLUDING OVERLAY

On Personal Estate: $13,870.08
On Real Estate: 335,414.88

Total Taxes Assessed: $349,284.96

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ESTIMATED UNDER SECTION 36, CHAPTER 59

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<th>Farm Animals</th>
<th>General</th>
<th>$5 Excise</th>
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<td>Horses</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cows</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>169</td>
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<td>Bulls—4; Yearling—1; Steers—52; Heifers—16</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Swine</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sheep</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fowl</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>2,700</td>
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<tr>
<td>All Others: Ponies—20; Mink—1,400; Donkey—1</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1,401</td>
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NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED ........................................... 12,062 more or less

NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED ...................................... 852

Each building used as a dwelling counted as one without regard to the number of families housed.

1964 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation ................................ $473,504.00
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1964 .... 102,146.98
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1963 after 1963 tax rate was set 11,050.00
State Parks and Reservations .................................................. 1,263.08
State Parks and Reservations underestimated in 1963 ................. 116.61
State Audit of Municipal Accounts ............................................ 1,574.35
State Assessment System ....................................................... 93.80
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills ............................................... 266.25
County Tax ............................................................................. 4,428.22
County Tax underestimated in 1963 .......................................... 93.96
County Hospital Assessment .................................................... 14.69
Overlay of current year ......................................................... 11,444.99

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED ................................................. $605,996.93

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax ............................................................................. $51,188.50
Corporation Taxes ................................................................. 8,399.06
Old Age Tax (Meals) .............................................................. 902.99
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .............................................. 31,312.51
Licenses .................................................................................. 1,510.50
Fines ....................................................................................... 63.00
General Government .............................................................. 1,454.75
Health and Sanitation ............................................................ 122.05
Charities (other than Federal Grants) ........................................ 6,623.93
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants) ....................... 8,455.97
Veterans’ Services ................................................................. 97.50
Schools ................................................................................... 20,565.14
Interest on Taxes and Assessments .......................................... 951.29
State Assistance for School Construction (Chapter 656, Acts of 1948) 11,591.99
Farm Animal Excise ............................................................... 275.81

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ................................................... $143,514.99

Available Funds Taken by Vote:

June 10, 1963 ......................................................................... 11,050.00
March 2, 1964 ......................................................................... 102,146.98

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS ........... $256,711.97

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY ... $349,284.96
Total of Personal Property .................. $ 433,440.00
Real Estate .................................. 10,481,715.00

**Total Taxes Levied on Property** .................. $349,284.96

**Omitted Assessment:**
Real Estate—Valued $2,000.00 ................. 864.00
**Total Taxes Levied** .................. $349,348.96

**Taxes Abated in 1964:**
1962 Personal Tax .................................. $224.00
1963 Personal Tax .................................. 67.20
1964 Personal Tax .................................. 49.60
1963 Real Estate Tax ................................ 60.48
1964 Real Estate Tax ................................ 566.60

**Statutory Exemptions:**
1963 Real Estate .................................. 64.00
1964 Real Estate .................................. 5,302.08

Farm Animal Excise ................................ $286.38

**Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:**
Committed in 1964
1963 Excise .................................. $ 2,563.99
1964 Excise .................................. 63,069.38

Recommitted Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:
1961 Excise .................................. 824.75
1962 Excise .................................. 29.70

**Commissioner Value of Vehicles:**
1963 Commitment .................................. $ 112,635.00
1964 Commitment .................................. 1,164,590.00

**Motor Vehicle Abatements:**
Commitment of 1962 ................................ $ 209.91
Commitment of 1963 ................................ 2,950.37
Commitment of 1964 ................................ 5,056.93

Real Estate Abatements were granted to the following in 1964:
Edward N. Subjek—1963 tax .................. $ 60.48
Dennis J. Gardner ................................ .96
Joseph F. and Lucy Piazzo .................. 2.88
Lawrence R. and Gladys Bauer .............. 21.76
William H. and Frances Burns .............. 1.92
Betty Anna Johnson .............................. 112.96
James Reardon ................................ 2.56
Nicholas T. and Marguerite G. Thalassinos . 32.96
Edward M. and Nancy Salerno .............. 66.56
George W. and Helen M. Lavallee.......................... 15.68
Balei J. and Gloria A. Fabhri.......................... 32.64
William H. and Irene F. Graves.......................... 27.52
Thomas Poulin........................................... 82.88
Sidney and Allena Johnson.............................. 3.52
Robert and Opal Sazama................................. 9.92
Gerald F. and Dolores Pratt............................ 17.12
William J. and Eleanor Donnelly........................ 63.36
Ralph W. Streeter....................................... 29.76
Robert M. and Mary B. McGee.......................... 41.64

The Town owns the following real estate:

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<th>Property Description</th>
<th>Acres</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ames Road</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>$110.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cross Road (Dump)</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>North Road</td>
<td>½</td>
<td>$510.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thresher Road (Moore Lot)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$390.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wilbraham Road (Leach Lot)</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>$1,430.00</td>
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The Assessors meet the second Wednesday of each month at eight o'clock in the Assessors' office. The clerk is on duty each Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. T. KIRK, Chairman
EDWARD H. DAYTON
GEORGE A. AUDREN
Board of Assessors
# REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

## 1957 REAL ESTATE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $7.20
- Transferred to Tax Title Account: $7.20

## 1958 REAL ESTATE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $23.94
- Transferred to Tax Title Account: $23.94

## 1959 REAL ESTATE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $26.46
- Transferred to Tax Title Account: $26.46

## 1960 REAL ESTATE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $28.98
- Transferred to Tax Title Account: $28.98

## 1961 REAL ESTATE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $372.48
- Collected and paid Town Treasurer: $342.24
- Transferred to Tax Title Account: $30.24
- Interest paid Treasurer: $29.64

## 1962 PERSONAL PROPERTY
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $256.00
- Collected and paid Treasurer: $32.00
- Abatements: $224.00
- Total: $256.00

## 1962 REAL ESTATE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $2,197.54
- Collected and paid Treasurer: $2,111.14
- Transferred to Tax Title: $33.92
- Total: $2,145.06
- Balance due January 1, 1965: $52.48
- Interest paid Treasurer: $139.27

## 1963 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
- Balance due January 1, 1964: $27.50
- Collected and paid Treasurer: $27.50
1963 Personal Property
Balance due January 1, 1964 ........................................... 530.24
Collected and paid Treasurer ........................................... 463.04
Abatements ................................................................. 67.20
                                             530.24

1963 Real Estate
Balance due January 1, 1964 ........................................... 24,085.78
Refunds ...................................................................... 64.00
                                             24,149.78
Collected and paid Treasurer ........................................... 21,157.28
Abatements ................................................................ 124.48
Transferred to Tax Title .................................................. 33.92
                                             21,315.68
Balance due January 1, 1965 ........................................... 2,834.10
Interest paid Treasurer ..................................................... 477.20

1962 Motor Vehicle Excise
Balance due January 1, 1964 ........................................... 244.30
Collected and paid Treasurer ........................................... 64.09
Abatements ................................................................. 180.21
                                             244.30

1963 Motor Vehicle Excise
Balance due January 1, 1964 ........................................... 18,449.71
Committed March of 1964 ................................................ 2,563.99
                                             21,013.70
Refunds ...................................................................... 948.89
                                             21,962.59
Collected and paid Treasurer ........................................... 18,927.62
Abatements ................................................................. 2,950.37
                                             21,877.99
Balance due January 1, 1965 ........................................... 84.60

1964 Motor Vehicle Excise
Total Commitments ....................................................... 63,069.38
Refunds ...................................................................... 1,520.10
                                             64,589.48
Collected and paid Treasurer ........................................... 50,479.12
Abatements ................................................................. 5,056.93
                                             55,536.05
Balance due January 1, 1965 ........................................... 9,053.43
Interest paid Treasurer ..................................................... 62.40