

2015 WARRANT
Town of Swanzezy, State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Swanzezy in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Monadnock Regional High School/Middle School Auditorium, Swanzezy, NH on **Tuesday, the 3rd day of February 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** The First Deliberative Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except election of officers and warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual Town Meeting on **Tuesday, the 10th day of March 2015, at the Christian Life Fellowship Church, 211 Whitcomb Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** to vote by official ballot to elect Town officers, to vote by official ballot on warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session and to vote on those other official ballot questions whose wording is prescribed by state law.

As Amended at the Deliberative Session

NOTE: Any amendments made at the Second (Deliberative) Session to any warrant article appear in the manner described below:

Language deleted from original warrant article appears [in brackets and struck through.]

Language added to the original warrant article appears <u>bold and underlined.</u>

Article 1 To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$4,860,000) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, and constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Public Safety Facility for the Fire Department and emergency management operations; Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto? If this article is approved, the Board of Selectmen will withdraw Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000) from the Future Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund for the new Public Safety Facility.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN - 3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

Article 3 Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,012,393? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,852,076, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 4 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$609,250 to be placed in the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town?

Expendable Trust Funds	Amount	Capital Reserve Funds	Amount
Town Hall IMS	\$5,000	Fire Trucks	\$80,000
Revaluations & Updates	\$35,000	Highway & Cemetery Equipment	\$87,500
Police IMS	\$4,000	Town Bridges	\$35,000
Police Facilities	\$4,000	Covered Bridges	\$5,000
Fire Station Maintenance	\$20,000	Recreation Facilities Improvements	\$7,500
Fire Department Tools & Equipment	\$10,000	Conservation Land Acquisition	\$50,000
Emergency Communications	\$10,000	Police Cruisers	\$10,000
Emergency Mgt Facilities & Equip.	\$5,000		
Fire Ponds	\$5,000		
Road Rehab. & Reconstruction	\$170,000		
DPW Facility Improvements	\$10,000		
Cemetery Expansion & Layout	\$2,250		
Mt. Caesar Union Library	\$2,000		
Stratton Free Library	\$2,000		
Whitcomb Hall Rehabilitation	\$50,000		

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 5 Shall the Town vote, pursuant to the applicable provisions of RSA 31:39, to ~~adopt~~ **study the adoption of** an ordinance as proposed by the Selectmen, **to be reported back on the 2016 Warrant**, as follows: A comprehensive ordinance making it illegal to dump, deposit, place, throw or leave litter on any public or private property in the town of Swanzey, with enforcement by means including fines?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 6 Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a,II to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve and expendable trust investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from their respective Income Funds? No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 7 Shall the Town of Swanzey prohibit the use of electronic computerized voting machines, tabulators or other electronic or mechanical devices for sorting and counting votes hidden from the human eye, and require the use of the hand count method, in all elections, to sort and count votes in full public view with full citizen oversight of the entire voting system? (The citizen's right to vote in secret to be maintained).

(SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Article 8 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting, or take any action thereon.

**Approved by the Swanzey Board of Selectmen on January 26, 2015. Kenneth P. Colby, Jr.
Deborah J. Davis
W. William Hutwelker, III**

Amended by the First Session of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting on February 3, 2015.

TOWN OF SWANZEY
Town Ordinance
(RSA 31:39, I(f))

Official text of the Ordinance proposed for consideration at the 2015 Town Meeting, as amended at the February 3, 2015 Town Meeting Deliberative Session, is as follows:

ILLEGAL DUMPING ORDINANCE

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

It is declared to be the purpose of the Town of Swanzey to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare of the residents of town of Swanzey through the control and prevention of illegal dumping of litter (as defined below) throughout the community.

II. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this Section:

- A. Litter:** Means all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, demolition debris, dead animals or other discarded materials of every kind and description.
- B. Person:** Any person, owner, lessee, firm, business, partnership, sole proprietorship, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
- C. Private Property:** Any land or any structure or portion of any structure designed or used for private, commercial or residential purposes which is not public property.
- D. Public Property:** Any and all streets, waterways, public rights of way, easements, medians, sidewalks, boulevards, highways, streets, alleys, or other public parks, squares, spaces, grounds and buildings.

III. GENERAL PROHIBITION.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in the town of Swanzey unless:

- A.** Such property is designated by the Selectmen of the Town of Swanzey or by the State of New Hampshire (or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions) for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;
- B.** Such waste material is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed on such property;
- C.** Such waste material is placed by property owners on their own property.

IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

- A.** Evidence of a specific complaint or complainant is not necessary to establish a violation of this chapter.
- B.** Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation for each offense and shall be subject to a fine of no less than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense. The amount of this fine shall not be fixed and may be adjusted one time per year by the Board of Selectmen.

V. ENHANCED PENALTY

Any person who violates the provisions of this Section three (3) or more times in a year shall be subjected to the provision of an enhanced penalty and shall be subject to a fine of no less than five hundred (\$500) dollars for each offense. For the purpose of this Section, a year shall be defined as the period of January 1 to December 31. The amount of this enhanced penalty shall not be fixed and may be adjusted one time per year by the Board of Selectmen.

VI. SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this Section or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Section and applicability of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be considered to be adopted upon vote at Town Meeting.

Swanzey Board of Selectmen

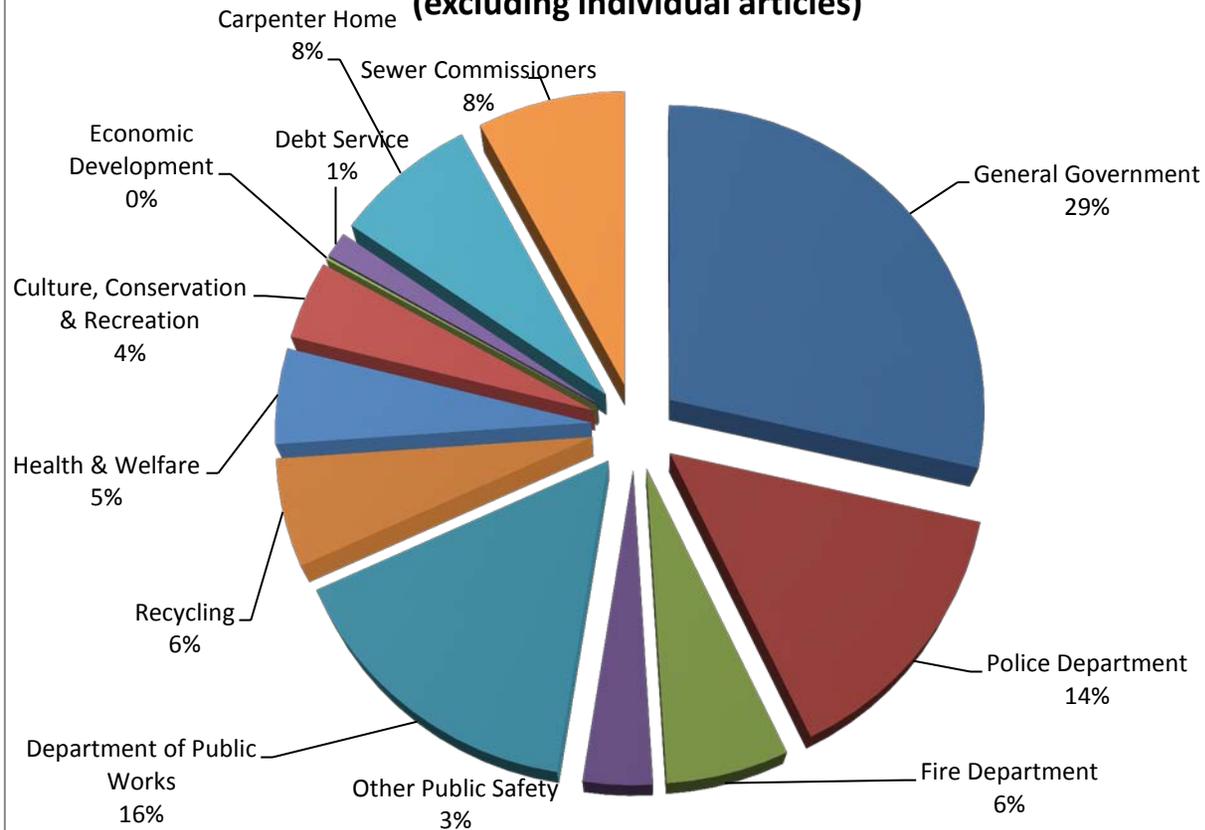
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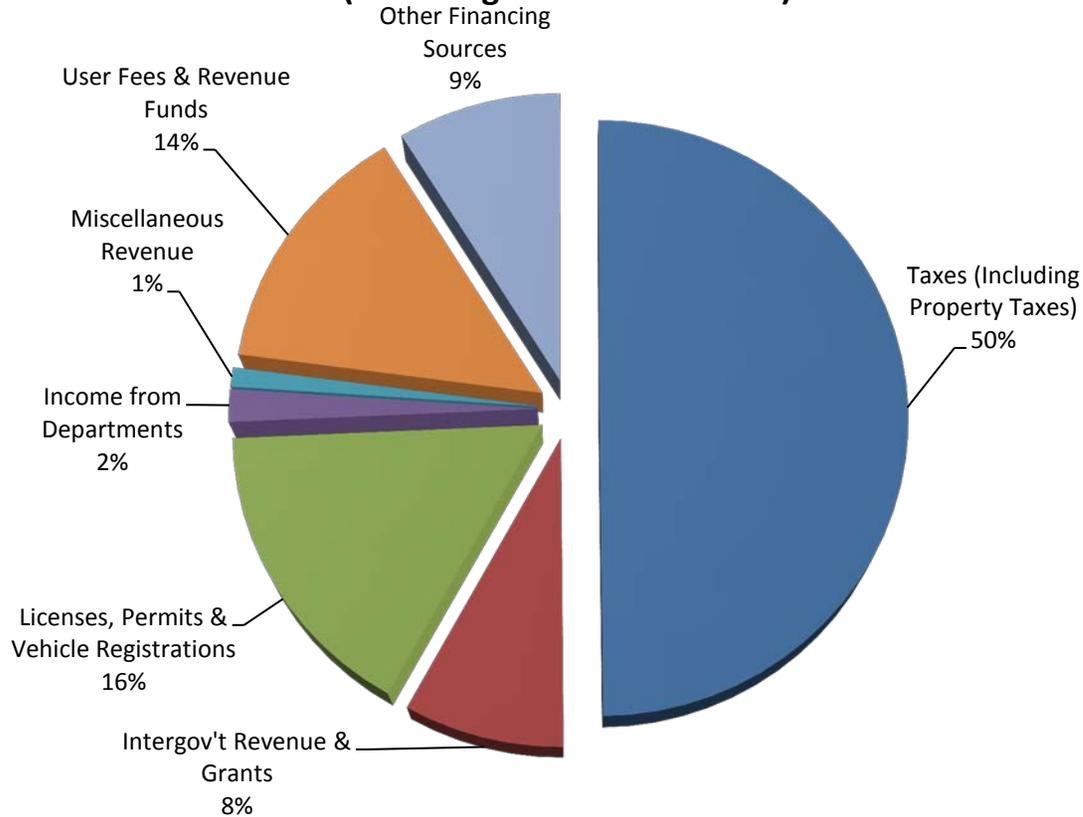
Signed on December 2, 2014

2015 Proposed Town Operating Budget (excluding individual articles)



Town of Swanzey Budget 2015 Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2014	Expended 2014	Proposed 2015	Variance 2014-2015	% Change
General Government	1,727,408	1,502,078	1,718,648	(8,761)	-0.5%
Police Department	841,155	809,112	862,035	20,880	2.5%
Fire Department	349,260	342,593	366,910	17,650	5.1%
Other Public Safety	187,698	242,215	207,810	20,112	10.7%
Department of Public Works	941,860	913,045	942,307	447	0.0%
Recycling	354,425	327,321	344,025	(10,400)	-2.9%
Health & Welfare	260,385	287,270	304,815	44,430	17.1%
Culture, Conservation & Recreation	237,110	233,704	251,245	14,135	6.0%
Economic Development	7,500	8,441	7,500	0	0.0%
Debt Service	97,692	87,994	82,455	(15,237)	-15.6%
Carpenter Home	465,275	506,653	454,390	(10,885)	-2.3%
Sewer Commissioners	482,060	550,850	470,254	(11,806)	-2.4%
Proposed Operating Budget	5,951,828	5,811,277	6,012,393	60,564	1.0%
Individual & Special Articles	63,046	63,046	4,500,000	4,436,955	7037.7%
Reserves & Trusts	561,750	561,750	609,250	47,500	8.5%
Total Proposed Appropriations	6,513,578	6,373,027	11,121,643	4,608,064	70.7%

2015 Proposed Revenue Estimates (excluding individual articles)



Estimated Revenues	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015
Taxes (Including Property Taxes)	3,211,228	3,301,728
Intergov't Revenue & Grants	541,685	540,541
Licenses, Permits & Vehicle Registrations	1,048,500	1,077,000
Income from Departments	117,030	117,030
Miscellaneous Revenue	55,800	68,700
User Fees & Revenue Funds	952,335	929,644
Other Financing Sources	587,000	587,000
Total Estimated Revenues	\$6,513,578	\$6,621,643

2015 Recommended Budget

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2014	Expended 2014	Proposed 2015
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	146,623	128,630	155,727
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	73,215	71,567	72,925
Financial Administration	169,340	160,752	169,830
Reappraisal of Property	50,560	50,963	51,210
Legal & Professional Services	87,350	74,004	83,350
Personnel Administration	352,950	321,802	371,210
Land Use Boards	125,160	115,922	144,517
General Government Buildings	18,200	15,242	19,700
Insurance	663,450	527,348	607,018
Other General Government	40,560	35,849	43,160
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	841,155	809,112	862,035
Fire Department	349,260	342,593	366,910
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			
Special Duty Police	10,000	65,143	10,000
Prosecution Services	40,000	34,674	56,110
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid	61,213	64,770	68,000
Special Duty Fire	1,775	10,209	1,775
Ambulance Service	33,000	33,000	33,000
Emergency Management	41,710	34,419	38,925
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Highways, Streets & Bridges	804,625	802,263	812,667
Cemetery, Parks & Facilities Maintenance	99,085	82,603	92,115
Street Lighting	27,500	25,529	27,500
Dams	10,650	2,650	10,025
RECYCLING CENTER			
Recycling Center	354,425	327,321	344,025
HEALTH & WELFARE			
Health Officer	7,175	5,293	7,325
Animal Control	4,900	4,506	4,900
Health & Welfare Agencies	61,630	64,898	64,230
General Assistance	186,680	212,573	228,360
CULTURE, CONSERVATION & RECREATION			
Libraries	117,850	118,565	124,045
Swanzy Historical Museum	5,000	4,772	5,000
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	7,200	6,785	7,200
PEG Access Channel	42,000	41,068	42,000
Conservation & Open Space Committees	5,000	8,665	5,000
Recreation Committee	60,060	53,850	68,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Swanzy Revenue Development District	5,000	-	5,000
Economic Development Advisory Committee	2,500	8,441	2,500
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal - Long Term Bonds	13,000	13,000	12,800
Interest - Long Term Bonds	9,696	9,696	9,306
Capital Leases	71,496	65,299	56,849
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	3,500	-	3,500
TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ 5,004,493	\$ 4,753,774	\$ 5,087,749
OTHER FUNDS			
Carpenter Home	465,275	506,653	454,390
Sewer Commission	482,060	550,850	470,254
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	947,335	1,057,503	924,644
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 5,951,828	\$ 5,811,277	\$ 6,012,393
INDIVIDUAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES			
2015 - Safford Drive Fire Station	Included in Debt Service 2014		4,500,000
2014 - Police Department patrol vehicles	29,823	29,823	
2014 - Fire Department breathing apparatus	33,223	33,223	
Capital Reserves and Expendable Trust Funds	561,750	561,750	609,250
TOTAL PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 6,513,578	\$ 6,373,027	\$ 11,121,643

2015 Recommended Budget - Continued

Estimated Revenues	Estimated 2014	Actual 2014	Proposed 2015
TAXES (Excluding Property Taxes)			
Land Use Change Taxes	3,000	12,710	3,000
Yield Taxes	20,000	28,340	20,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	100,000	136,935	100,000
Excavation Taxes	1,250	817	1,250
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE & GRANTS			
Shared Revenue	320,000	351,216	320,000
Highway Grant	160,000	162,879	160,000
Water Pollution Grant (WS System)	9,886	9,886	9,587
Water Pollution Grant (NS System)	51,799	51,799	50,954
NHDOT Bridge Aid	-	-	-
Misc. State Grants & Forest Fires	-	1,421	-
LICENSES, PERMITS & VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS			
Vehicle Registrations	975,000	1,203,815	1,000,000
Dog Licenses & Dog Fines	9,000	12,417.5	10,000
Town Clerk Licenses & Permits	30,000	34,437	32,000
Building Permits	32,000	35,216	32,000
Event & Other Permits	2,500	3,610	3,000
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS			
General Government	4,500	5,279	4,500
Land Use Boards	5,000	4,473	5,000
Police Department	4,000	8,652	4,000
Special Duty Police	10,000	65,384	10,000
Fire Department	2,000	2,604	2,000
Special Duty Fire	1,775	9,355	1,775
Emergency Management	21,755	15,372	21,755
Highways, Streets & Bridges	1,000	6,456	1,000
Cemeteries	10,000	14,635	10,000
Recycling Center	32,000	36,475	32,000
Recreation Committee	25,000	26,875	25,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Interest on Deposits	8,000	3,099	4,000
Sale of Town Property	5,000	45,723	20,000
Old Home Day Income	1,300	1,253	1,200
Fines, Forfeitures & Miscellaneous (New 2015)	-	2,472	500
Repayment of General Assistance	5,000	22,986	5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	36,500	42,521	38,000
USER FEES & REVENUE FUNDS			
Income from Sewer Department	482,060	588,565	470,254
Carpenter Home Special Revenue Fund	465,275	493,058	454,390
Swanzy Revenue Development District	5,000	-	5,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Safford Drive Fire Station Bond (New 2015)	-	-	4,500,000
Cable Franchise Fee	42,000	37,695	42,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal (Bridge Projects)	-	-	-
Energy Efficiency Projects	-	-	-
Trust Fund Withdrawal (Cemeteries)	5,000	5,011	5,000
Swanzy Historical Museum	5,000	4,120	5,000
Insurance & Other Returns	-	3,375	-
Fund Balance	535,000	697,000	535,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 3,426,600	\$ 4,187,937	\$ 7,944,165
TOTAL PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 6,513,578	\$ 6,373,027	\$ 11,121,643
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 3,426,600	\$ 4,187,937	\$ 7,944,165
NET PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 3,086,978	\$ 2,185,090	\$ 3,177,478

2015 Default Budget

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2014	Adjustments 2014-2015	Default 2015
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	146,623	(1,759)	144,865
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	73,215	(1,160)	72,055
Financial Administration	169,340	(2,610)	166,730
Reappraisal of Property	50,560	(1,170)	49,390
Legal & Professional Services	87,350	-	87,350
Personnel Administration	352,950	4,330	357,280
Land Use Boards	125,160	(3,891)	121,269
General Government Buildings	18,200	-	18,200
Insurance	663,450	(56,952)	606,498
Other General Government	40,560	650	41,210
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	841,155	(2,240)	838,915
Fire Department	349,260	6,880	356,140
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			
Special Duty Police	10,000	-	10,000
Prosecution Services	40,000	16,110	56,110
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid	61,213	6,787	68,000
Special Duty Fire	1,775	-	1,775
Ambulance Service	33,000	-	33,000
Emergency Management	41,710	(6,000)	35,710
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Highways, Streets & Bridges	804,625	(3,908)	800,717
Cemetery, Parks & Facilities Maintenance	99,085	(8,880)	90,205
Street Lighting	27,500	-	27,500
Dams	10,650	375	11,025
RECYCLING CENTER			
Recycling Center	354,425	(1,550)	352,875
HEALTH & WELFARE			
Health Officer	7,175	-	7,175
Animal Control	4,900	-	4,900
Health & Welfare Agencies	61,630	-	61,630
General Assistance	186,680	(320)	186,360
CULTURE, CONSERVATION & RECREATION			
Libraries	117,850	-	117,850
Swanzy Historical Museum	5,000	-	5,000
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	7,200	-	7,200
PEG Access Channel	42,000	-	42,000
Conservation & Open Space Committees	5,000	-	5,000
Recreation Committee	60,060	-	60,060
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Swanzy Revenue Development District	5,000	-	5,000
Economic Development Advisory Committee	2,500	-	2,500
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal - Long Term Bonds	13,000	(200)	12,800
Interest - Long Term Bonds	9,696	(391)	9,306
Capital Leases	71,496	(14,647)	56,849
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	3,500	-	3,500
TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ 5,004,493	(70,545)	\$ 4,933,949
OTHER FUNDS			
Carpenter Home	465,275	(20,905)	444,370
Sewer Commission	482,060	(8,301)	473,759
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	947,335	(29,206)	918,129
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 5,951,828	(99,751)	\$ 5,852,077