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## Nat... HEARD AT TOWN HALL

The recommendation that permission be granted to Public Service Electric and Gas Company for the erection of an Electrical Control House and Substation at 1161 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, came under fire by several local citizens at the August 10th Township Committee Meeting.

Raymond Schroeder, Associate General Attorney for Public Service, stated that more than 70 pages of sworn testimony had been given at the June 17th Board of Adjustment hearing, and that the electric and real estate experts who testified at that time had confirmed Public Service's position.

Although the Township Committee is bound by the testimony given at the Board of Adjustment hearing, the majority of the some 100 citizens that attended the Township Committee meeting had come to air their views on the matter. The Public Service plans call for the use of only 2 acres of the 15 acre tract located in a A residential zone. One citizen contended that he did not feel that the Board of Adjustment had been presented with the "whole picture", and recommended that "disinterested" experts re-examine the Public Service plans to determine if the proposed substation is to be used for local needs, or is of the size and capacity to supply, perhaps five, smaller substations. Other citizens complained of the expected noise; the possibility of a safety hazard; and the altering of the nature of the residential area.

Commenting that they had three courses of action; grant, deny or refer back to the Board of Adjustment for further testimony, the Township Committee referred the recommendation to committee and announced that residents adjacent to the proposed site will be notified by the Township Clerk.

Another point of business that brought cries of objection, was the application of Nat H. Platt for a transfer from 142 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plains, to 2261 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, of a Plenary Retail Consumption License. Points of objection brought up by residents in the surrounding area included the fear of a traffic-safety problem, devaluation of residential properties located in the commercial zone, and the undesirability of having a commercial enterprise that would be open seven days per week until early morning hours. A letter, over the signatures of the Democratic candidates, Edith Powers, Ray Waterkotte, Remo Grimaldi and Natalie Kaplan, was read by Mr. Waterkotte. It stated, in part, that at the time of the first advertising of Mr. Platt's application both the plans and specifications of the proposed building were filed with his application for transfer of license, and that upon checking this file, it was learned that it contained only a rendering of the proposed building and an appli-

### P.S. Control House; Nat Platt Transfer Get Vote Of Disapproval At Township Meeting

cation that did not site a previous violation. Mr. Waterkotte concluded with the statement that upon re-checking this file one week later, the proper plans and corrected application were contained therein, and that the signers of his letter wished to point out that pre-maturity of placing the original ad. Mayor

Patterson pointed out that the question before the Township Committee dealt with solely the transfer of an existing liquor license. Committeeman Anderson moved that in view of the fact that the Township Committee had been presented with a petition signed by 75 residents in the immediate vicinity, the application for transfer be referred to Committee for further study.

Resolutions, authorizing the Township Clerk to advertise for bids for a 1966 Chevrolet pick-up truck for the use of the Department of Public Works; and for a Tarrant Mfg. Co. "Big Scottie" Hopper for use in the same department, were adopted. Bids will be received on September 2nd at 3 p.m. in the Township Clerk's office. It was also resolved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of pavement and curbs on Portland Avenue, Scotch Plains. Bids to be received on September 7th.

Passed on first reading was an ordinance for the improvement of Green Brook. A Public Hearing on this matter is scheduled for the next regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the Municipal Building on September 7, 1965 at 8:30 p.m. Adopted on second and final reading was the "Building Code in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, State of New Jersey, Pursuant to R.S. 40:49-5.1." The Public Hearing on this ordinance revealed that the appointed Building Committee had spent some two years researching the National, State and Boca Building Codes and had adopted or up-dated those features the Committee felt applicable and realistic for Scotch Plains. It was pointed out that future amendments are possible.

Adoption of the resolution appointing Michael Rossi, Alfred Hildick and Joseph Powers to the rank of lieutenants in the Scotch Plains Police Department was met with much public approval. Mayor Patterson introduced the new lieutenants and lauded their past services to the community.

A petition received from the residents of the Country Club Estates, requesting the Township Committee to withhold approval of improvements in sections 1 and 2, prompted the Committee to defer action until further studies could be made. Improvements in Little Falls Way and sections of Brandywine were accepted.

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## Three Lieutenants Appointed To Scotch Plains Police Staff

The number of lieutenants on the Scotch Plains Police Department increased from one to four on Tuesday, August 10 at the

Township Committee meeting. At this meeting, three sergeants in the Department, Joseph J. Powers, Michael Rossi, and Alfred

E. Hildick, were promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Until the meeting, Lt. Robert Jones had been the only lieutenant on the force.

The promotions were made after the three men passed Civil Service tests for the rank. Further examinations are slated in the future for the ranks of sergeant and patrolman. Township Committeeman George Johnston, police commissioner, stated that the addition of new patrolmen and sergeants to the present staff of 26 is in the planning stages.

Powers and Rossi both joined the Police Department in December, 1946, and Hildick became a member in November, 1952. They are members of PBA Local 87. With the new total of four, one lieutenant will be in charge of each shift and Powers will serve as detective lieutenant.

Lieutenant Powers, of 320 Haven Avenue, is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School, the basic training course of the Union County Chiefs of Police Association, the Faurot School of Fingerprinting in New York, Newark Police Academy Detective School, a police photography school, and has attended juvenile delinquency and human relations conferences at Rutgers.

He served as an Air Corps staff sergeant for four years in Europe during World War 2 and for a year during the Korean

war. He is a member of Union County Municipal Investigators Association and New Jersey Identification Officers Association.

Lieutenant Rossi, of 2092 Westfield Avenue, has been a Scotch Plains resident since 1939. He has been a sergeant since 1957, and has a background of basic police training courses.

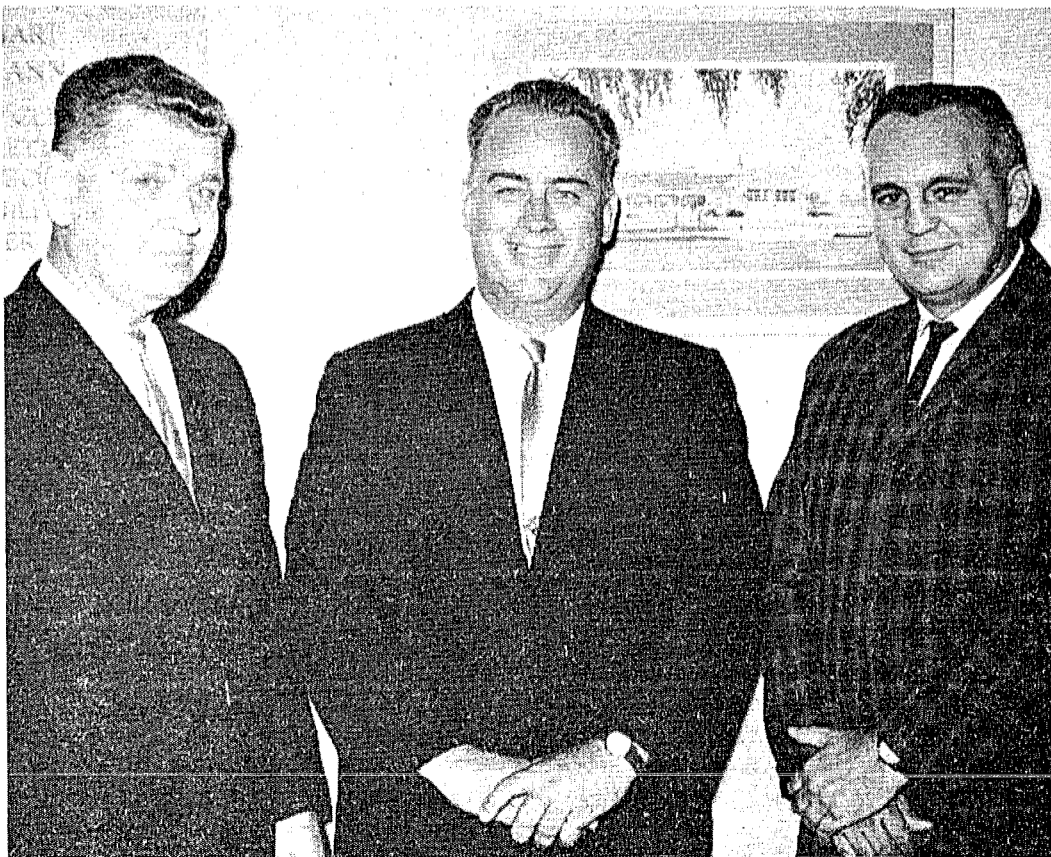
Rossi was the recipient of the first commendation plaque ever awarded to a local policeman in 1960. The award was made by the township for his efforts in thwarting a robbery attempt of a local gas station by three armed men.

During his five years in the Army during World War 2, Rossi saw action in Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, and the Phillipines, and was awarded the Silver Star. He was a staff sergeant with the 25th Division.

Lieutenant Hildick, of 2281 Morse Avenue, has been a local resident for most of his life. He was promoted to sergeant in 1959, and has also taken police training courses.

In 1956, Hildick and Sergeant Howarth of the Department were commended for apprehending holdup men at another local service station.

As a fireman first class in the Navy, Hildick's World War 2 experiences included action in eight major battles in the Pacific Theatre.



Pictured above are the newly promoted Officers of the Scotch Plains Police Department. From left Joseph J. Powers, (Det. Lt.); Alfred Hildick, (Lt.); and Michael Rossi, (Lt.).