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Township Government Reorganizes Under Mayor Albert Theurer

The Scotch Plains Township Committee, in what will perhaps be its last reorganization under the Township Committee form of government, reorganized on New Year's Day, with Dr. Albert Theurer unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee for the coming year. Theurer served as chairman in 1970, and now succeeds William Kitzsz.

In accepting the Mayoralty, Theurer thanked his fellow committeemen for their confidence in him, and noted that Scotch Plains would march forward and was fortunate to have many dedicated citizens willing to serve the community.

Alan M. Augustine and B. Lawrence Newcomb were administrative program which will continue progress toward the goal of a "better Scotch Plains." Newcomb, thanking the many people responsible for his election, expressed the hope that he will fulfill the obligations of public office as well as those who have preceded him.



ALBERT THEURER

The present Committee will only remain for the current year, under terms of the Faulkner Act, which spells out the approach to governmental change. Voters in Scotch Plains recently authorized a switch to a Mayor-Council Plan B form of government, which takes effect next year. New Councilmen and a Mayor will be elected in regular elections next November.

The following were named officials and employees of the Township for the coming year: Treasurer -- Theodore Sienicki; Township Attorney -- James McGinnis; Supervisor of Public Properties -- Ralph DiPaolo; Building Inspector, Zoning Officer -- James McCann; Court Clerk -- Marie Colarusso; Civilian Defense Director -- D. Margaret Messemer.

Brewster S. Burns was named to a two-year term as Township Engineer. William Sivoletta of Touche Ross and Co., Newark was reappointed as Township Auditor for 1972.

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...the oath of office for committeemen. Both are Republicans, and with the Township Committee, with 100 percent Republican support, is a single year left finally held by Democrat, replacing Committee member Rob Augustine said he will face the challenges of local government and the responsibility to do everything possible in the future to represent all the citizens as fairly and equally as possible and to pursue a legis-

Mayor Trumpp Lists Four Point Program

Search For New Ratables And Better Liason With School Board Are Prime Goals

Theodore Trumpp was sworn in as Mayor of Fanwood at noon ceremonies on New Year's Day and shortly thereafter detailed four goals which he plans to pursue during his mayoralty. "Responsible representation" should be the goal of the Council, Trumpp said. He noted that, although the new Council will have no direct control over educational costs and county taxes, the municipal portion of the total tax dollar would remain at the same level again next year.

Trumpp's four point program includes:

* discussion and possible revival of the Mayor's Committee to Promote Commercial Development. Trumpp pointed out the necessity for continual study of new ratables.

* better liason between the Council and the Board of Education. Toward this end, Trumpp plans that a Fanwood Councilman will attend every monthly Board of Education meeting.

* revival of the Annual Report of the Borough. An annual report has not been printed in the last few years. Trumpp said the new report might be different in appearance and form than past reports, but he feels there is a need for some form of annual presentation. In the new report, each councilman will be

asked to prepare written programs.

* Trumpp's final point proposed that the governing body seek design and construction costs for a new Borough Hall. Trumpp said the lack of facilities has long been acknowledged, but past administrations did not want to act because they didn't want to spend the money. The cost of much needed improvements should be determined, Trumpp feels.

Trumpp is the first four-year Mayor in Fanwood, in accordance with new state law.

Two Republican Councilmen were also sworn in on January 1 -- Charles Coronella and John Coulter. With Trumpp, they maintain the same political setup

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Powers Named Police Chief

Joseph J. Powers became the new Chief of Police in Scotch Plains, on New Year's Day. Pow-



CHIEF JOSEPH J. POWERS

ers, who joined the department in December of 1946, recently was honored on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary with the force. He succeeds retiring chief Harold Hill.

Powers became a patrolman in 1946, and progressed through the ranks, as a sergeant in 1957, lieutenant in 1965, and captain in 1970.

Chief Powers served five years in the Air Force during World War II, attaining rank of staff sergeant and serving in the United States and Europe.

He took courses at several police training schools, including FBI Schools of Investigation and Photography, and the FBI Bureau of Narcotics Training Schools.

Powers is a past president and member of the Union County Municipal Investigators Association, the New Jersey Identification Association, and Scotch Plains Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 87.

Chief Powers graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He lives with his wife and son on Mountain Avenue.

Listening Post

The regular monthly Listening Post session conducted by Scotch Plains Committeemen Alan Augustine and Walter Grote has been set for Saturday, from 10 to 12 noon. The sessions have been planned by the two committeemen in order to provide for Scotch Plains residents an opportunity to present their views, seek information, and inform themselves on questions of concern. The public is invited to the informal meeting, which is held on the first Saturday morning of each month in the Committee Chambers, Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Township Committee Gets "Earful" On Heliport Proposal

The Scotch Plains Township Committee set a precedent for punctuality and brevity as they began their regular year with a brief half-hour meeting Tuesday night.

The Committee heard complaints from Mrs. Adele Vreeland concerning Board of Education lack of interest in community opposition to a heliport sought by D'Annunzio Brothers of Plainfield Avenue.

Mrs. Vreeland, an outspoken leader of neighborhood opposition to a heliport near residential land, has been active in soliciting citizen attendance at a 10:30 a.m. January 5 hearing on the matter by the State Department of Transportation.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Vreeland and Mrs. Trudy Picarillo attended a Board of Education meeting to seek Board representation at the state hearing. They said they were distressed at the ill-treatment and negative thinking they encountered.

Mayor Theurer said he has been in touch with Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge, and

Board President Owen P. Lunch and hopes for a good reaction.

Many groups plan to attend and oppose state granting of a heliport landing area to Mr. D'Annunzio, who plans to hire helicopters occasionally for personnel and equipment.

In other action, the Commit-

tee appointed Anne Shea as Senior Clerk Typist in the Tax Collector's office, effective Jan. 1, 1972.

The Committee accepted an offer of Harry Perrine to purchase Lot 19, King Street, for \$4,800.

Deeds were accepted from School Estates and Mial Realty on Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue for widening of the roadway.

The Committee designated Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade and Douglass as the engineering firm representing the township for possible TOPICS projects. TOPICS represents Traffic Operational Programs to Increase Capacity Systems, funded by federal and state sources. Alternate firms named are Goodkind and O'Dea and Edwards and Kelcey, Inc.

The Committee received a request from John A. Appezato for a hearing before the Township Committee relative to a decision made by the Planning Board on December 20, 1971 with reference to the site plan application submitted by A.C.J. Realty Corp., Inc. for development of a parking lot.

Drug Outreach Center Plans Open House

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Drug Abuse Committee for Dare is finalizing plans for the two community activities on the agenda for this week. A kickoff program explaining the Dare program to be undertaken here was presented last night at Scotch

Plains-Fanwood High School.

Tomorrow night, January 7, an Open House will be scheduled at the Dare Drug Outreach Center at 1834 Front Street, Scotch Plains (right near the cannon). Everyone in the community is invited to visit the center, where volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions and to serve coffee. The Dare Drug Abuse program, including the outreach center, has been undertaken with the affiliation of the Plainfield Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Two activities are planned for Sunday, January 9 -- both geared toward raising community funds to support the proposed Outreach Center. The first is a community Pancake Breakfast to be held at Italian-American Hall, Valley Avenue, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the same day, a bell-ringing throughout the two communities of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be conducted by volunteers, seeking funds to support the existence of a community drug outreach center for local residents.

Candidates Night Next Tuesday

All candidates for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education elections have been invited to participate in a candidates' night on Tuesday, January 11, at 8 p.m. at Terrill Junior High School. The sponsoring organizations include: Association for Good Schools, Black Coalition, Common Sense Education Committee, Fanwood and Scotch Plains Jaycees, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Joint Civic Committee, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Human Rights Council, and Scotch Plains-Fanwood unit of the League of Women Voters of the Westfield area.

The public is invited to attend.