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For Township Engineer Seeks Information

Calpurnio Salomone, who formerly served as Township Engineer in Scotch Plains, has requested a lengthy list of detailed information on engineering department operations and plans to visit the Superintendent of Public Properties on Thursday morning to obtain his information. He wants: specifications furnished for bidding; plans furnished for bidding; tabulation of bids; estimates submitted for payment; vouchers approved for payment; delivery tickets for materials furnished; various dates that the work was performed; other facts that are pertinent.

Salomone asked the Township Committee verbally for this information in June and was asked to submit his request in writing. During the Tuesday meeting of the governing body, Mayor Theurer said the Committee had reviewed Salomone's request, and felt it was too great a list to get documents and information to the committee.

Although Salomone did not identify his reasons for wanting the information, he said his "motive" would come to light eventually. Theurer asked Salomone to inform Superintendent Ralph DePaolo, to enable him to arrange his calendar to be able to find files, etc. for Salomone, but Salomone said he would not telephone, but would arrive on Thursday, stating that the Committee and DePaolo, his successor in the post, have known about his request for a month.

Theurer said the extent of information Salomone desired had grown in length and detail since his initial verbal request in June. Theurer said DePaolo will receive Salomone graciously, and with an accommodating attitude.

Curbs in Frank Street aroused the opposition of two residents of that street. Curbs, paving and storm sewers are all scheduled for installation, as detailed in an ordinance approved Tuesday. It appropriates \$70,000 from capital improvement for the project, with \$37,806 to be paid by assessments to homeowners, and the remaining \$32,194 to come from general improvements.

The paving has been requested by the residents, dating back to

a 1970 petition. The road is only loose stones and has never been paved. However, two homeowners were strongly opposed to the curbing. Edward Markey of 1853 Frank Street, felt it wasn't necessary, and wondered why Frank Street would have curbs when none of the streets in the surrounding area have them. The sewer assessments of last year, coupled with the paving and storm sewer assessments were enough burden for homeowners, he felt.

Joseph Asero, who owns corner property at the intersection of Frank and Karitan, opposed the curbing for aesthetic reasons. "There isn't a curb in the whole area," Asero said, and he doesn't want to see curbs in his property. Asero has found one municipal engineer who doesn't feel curbing is necessary for good drainage and sewerage.

Curbs have long been a problem, Mayor Theurer conceded, and in dozens of instances in the past the township has waived curbing when paving streets. Past history has proven this may have been a mistake, Theurer said. Now, the Planning Board and the Township policy requires curbs in new subdivisions and new streets, which the Frank Street construction job is considered. In some past cases, Theurer said drainage problems would not have developed in some cases if curbs had been included. He said consultations with engineers had led to the curbing position.

Theurer feels curbs are a definite asset, since they delineate property lines, eliminate turn-arounds, direct storm sewer

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Riegel Named High School Principal

Dr. Terry K. Riegel was named principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School at a special meeting of the Board of Education last week. The 30-year old educator has been serving as acting principal of the school since May, when former principal Dr. Perry H. Tyson was appointed assistant superintendent of schools for instruction.

Riegel has been with the local system since September of 1963 when he graduated from Bloomsburg, Pa. State College with a B.S. degree. He started his educational career as a teacher of United States history at the high school, and has assisted in development of courses in elective economics and American government. Dr. Riegel holds a master's degree in secondary school studies from Montclair State College and a doctorate in education from New York University.

The appointment was made on a split vote, with two board members absent. The vote was 5-2, with Fanwood board members Joseph Parry and Richard

Bard in opposition. Another Fanwood member, Mrs. Leonia Reilly, and Scotch Plains board member, John McCormick were not present.

According to Parry, who said he based his vote on an evaluation of the man, the job, and the salary, the salary of \$26,000 was too high.

Riegel, who had been assistant principal at the high school, has assumed the position of acting principal twice in recent years, when Tyson was out with illness in 1970 and again in 1971.

Superintendent of Schools Fred J. Laberge, who recommended Riegel for the position, said there had been 63 applicants for the job. Riegel is director of the Scotch

"Y" Neighbors Seek Relief From Coffee House "Woes"

Listening Post On July 27

The "Listening Post" for July is scheduled for July 27, a Thursday night. Mayor Albert Theurer and Committeeman William Kitzsz will be at the helm for the week-night session, which replaces the Saturday morning sessions held during the remainder of the year.

The Listening Post is an informal meeting usually run by Committeemen Augustine, Grote and Newcomb on Saturday mornings. During the summer months, Theurer and Kitzsz have volunteered to take over, with week-night sessions arranged.

Subdivision Probe May Be Released

A 15-month long investigation of an industrial subdivision granted by the Scotch Plains Planning Board in 1970 has been completed, resulting in a 22-page presentation. The presentation, handed down by a Union County Grand Jury, is believed to be critical of at least two former township officials and methods of the Planning Board. The presentation is sealed at present.

Union County Assignment Judge Walter Hetfield III, who ordered the document sealed, announced that the officials named in the papers have a 10-day period to respond and request a court hearing for presentation of their case.

At issue in the probe was the subdivision of a 24-acre tract in the area off Lake Avenue, earmarked for industrial development. Regal Properties, headed by Richard Goldberger of Scotch Plains, was granted preliminary approval for subdivision of the tract into 14 industrial sites.

During a hearing before Union County Judge Harold Ackerman, it was disclosed that Milton Seavack represented Goldberger while he was attorney for the board, and that former township committeeman Michael Regan conducted business with at least one official of Regal while he was a member of the board.

Those named in the presentation not only have the option of seeking a court case, but also may examine relevant grand jury testimony. Judge Hetfield pointed out that information will then be reviewed, and it is possible that the presentation may eventually be made public.

Plains-Fanwood summer school session this year, as he has been for the past two summers.

He lives with his wife, Carol, at 215 Midway Avenue, Fanwood. Mrs. Riegel is a school psychologist.

Charge Nuisance, Noise And Acts Of Vandalism

Scotch Plains Township officials will ask to meet with YMCA officials in the near future in an attempt to solve problems created for residents by the operation of a teenage coffeehouse, "Mama's Illusion," in the YMCA building on Grand Street. Residents of the Grand Street area spoke to the Committee last Tuesday, pointing out the difficulties.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hauck of 1970 Grand Street, next door to the YMCA building, said they have never complained about other activities of the YMCA such as day camp, basketball, gym, etc. but the Friday and Saturday night coffeehouse creates noise and disturbance in the street. It runs from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the two nights.

In and out patterns of attendance, bringing the kids into the streets, was mentioned as a top problem, as was the presence of out-of-towners. The Haucks and another resident complained that teenagers come to the coffeehouse, but are not supervised sufficiently, and mill around outside. On one recent night, according to Mrs. Hauck, the coffeehouse was closed at 11:30 p.m., staff and chaperones left, and kids came back, entered with their own key and stayed another half hour.

Mrs. Hauck complained of a fence broken three times and obscenities written on her automobile. She called her family weekends "lost weekends" because of the annoyances created by the coffeehouse, and asked for an early closing.

Residents praised the efforts of the police in coming whenever complaints were received and in trying to keep teens moving, but the control of the coffeehouse should not be a police duty, it was stated. She and her husband want a much earlier closing.

Jesse Coyle of 1967 Grand Street has served extensively in helping the YMCA, as an advisor, fill-in chaperone, etc. He has often attempted to settle problems created by out-of-towners outdoors at the coffeehouse, but said he really does not have the authority to keep specific teens out. Coyle said he has had good relations with the YMCA and is on the parents committee. He feels the YMCA is providing a service for teenagers -- one of the few groups doing anything for this age group, but would like to see the township provide more, possibly through the Recreation Commission.

Committeeman Walter Grote said the township tried a teen center, with teens consulted about the operation and activities. It was run at Green Forest Park, with resultant vandalism which was "so atrocious" it was necessary to board up windows. The problem of parental involvement and chaperonage is such that teen programs are difficult to get off the ground, Grote said. He pointed out that two churches run coffeehouse activities, there are dances at the high school, and outdoor summer dances provided by the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Theurer agreed, stating that it "all breaks down when you try to get adults to work on it." He said meetings had been held with teenagers trying

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Police Report On Vandalism

VANDALISM REPORT - COMPILED BY THE SCOTCH PLAINS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB AS REPORTED BY THE SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Damage to gas pump at Del Nero's Gulf Station on South Avenue.
 2. Two broken windows at Deluxe Tool and Mold Company on Jerusalem Road.
 3. Stained glass window broken at Temple Israel on Clifford Street.
 4. Broken window at Circuit Drilling.
 5. Five broken windows at McGinn School.
 6. A broken window at Union Catholic High School.
 7. Flowers pulled out of pots and pots broken at private home on Heritage Lane.
 8. Rocks thrown at passing car, causing dents to vehicle on Johnson Street.
 9. Chairs and benches thrown into pool at Willow Grove Swim Club.
 10. Broken windows in vacant home on North Avenue.
- Why does the sound of breaking glass fascinate our township children? In the past week alone, a dozen windows in private homes, businesses, schools and places of worship have been broken. Is it frustration, anger or just spitefulness? Have we as parents failed to teach our children respect for other people's property? If you have any of the answers to the above questions, please inform the Scotch Plains Juniors by writing to: Mrs. William Sidun Jr., 210 Catherine Street, Scotch Plains.

The Junior Woman's Club of Fanwood report no complaints of vandalism in the borough of Fanwood last week.