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Town Council Adopts New "Dirt" Ordinance

A new "dirt" ordinance was introduced by the Scotch Plains Township Committee on Tuesday. It replaces the initial ordinance, introduced last month and never acted upon.

The ordinance is aimed at setting standards for the business of transportation, storage and processing of dirt, topsoil and other earth materials in order to protect the health and safety of citizens.

Like its predecessor, the new ordinance prohibits storage of earth within ten feet of side or rear property lines or 25 feet of front property lines, and restricts mounds to not over 10 feet. On corner lots, mounds of earth must not exceed two and one-half feet in the area within 25 feet of the intersecting front and side lines.

The former ordinance set standards over what portion of a property may be used for storage and operations, which has been removed. The new ordinance sets a daily time period (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) for operations and specified that state noise regulations are applicable.

The public hearing is April 3. Councilmen emphasized that the ordinance was drawn up without consideration of any one specific property, but as a guideline for the general future in all such cases. Although the Council had originally asked Mr.

Fredericks of Lake Avenue for a survey of his property and his topsoil business, they noted that they did not use the material after all, in order to keep the ordinance impersonal.

Several residents commented on the new ordinance. One wanted an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. time limit instead of the one set, and also wanted a specific prohibition of such work on Sundays and holidays. Another asked for limits on the amount of large industrial equipment possible on a lot.

Mayor William Kitsz, who is involved in the nursery business, left the chambers during discussion, as he has during all conversation involving the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Walter Grote presided. He noted that the Council spent several evenings on the legislation, and it is considered fair since it protects people living adjacent to such businesses while also protecting the rights of the businessmen.

Final approval was given to an ordinance which establishes a range of \$1,500 to \$4,800 (a lower figure than previously paid for

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School Redistricting Plans Approved By Board Of Education

Town Manager Candidates To Be Interviewed

The Manager Selection Advisory Committee met with the Township Council and discussed the criteria that was used to recommend candidates for the position of Township Manager.

A high priority was placed on finding a professional Municipal Manager with experience and education in the field. With this as a primary requirement, other consideration was given to selecting candidates with a sound background in financial affairs and a demonstration of successful relationships with the public and their co-workers.

Personal interviews are being scheduled with members of the Manager Selection Advisory Committee and members of the Township Council comprising the interviewing teams.

Personal interview guidelines and reference documents will be used by the interview teams that can be referred to for final selection.

The Township Council commended the Committee on their accomplishments to date and for their willingness to participate as part of the personal interview procedure. The Manager Selection Advisory Committee functioned under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Mohn. Other Committee members were Mrs. Polly Kremer, Mrs. Evelyn Chaiken, Dr. Edward Peterson and Mr. Robert Smith.

Dog Licenses Are Overdue

Scotch Plains Township Clerk Helen M. Reidy has issued a reminder to dog owners that dog licenses are overdue. The Police Department is now conducting a canvas of dog owners, and summonses will be issued to owners of unlicensed pets.

on the Board of Health to replace Robert Martin, term ending December 31, 1975. Councilman Stephen Ritter, Councilman representative to the Board of Health, registered no vote on the appointment. He first requested formal permission to abstain, which permission requires a Council vote. The vote on abstention followed party lines, with only Democratic Councilman Swindlehurst supporting Ritter's desires. When the permission was denied, Ritter did not vote at all.

He said he did not oppose Mrs. Terry, but the fact that the mayor did not discuss candidates in advance caused the opposition.

The Council introduced an ordinance which adds \$19,000 to

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Slight Changes In Fringe Areas Provide Adjustment For New Construction

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education voted last Thursday to accept an administration plan for redistricting of schools to allow for most effective utilization of new space which will be available at the elementary level next September.

The redistribution has been done in order to provide virtually similar educational facilities at each elementary school, while allowing for a racial balance plan which will meet state guidelines.

Only two elementary schools show no change at all in their current district lines and enrollments. These are Shackamaxon and Coles. In other elementary schools, the movement patterns are basically as follows: Willow Avenue, 550 students, which includes present enrollment of School One plus an additional 125 students; McGinn, 600 approximately 40 new students added to present enrollment; LaGrande, reassign approximately 100 students to different schools, leaving an enrollment of 350; Evergreen, 600 students, with about 25 present students reassigned to another school; Brunner, 600 enrollment, with 35 students reassigned to another school.

Only four areas of the total Scotch Plains-Fanwood community show shifts in student population. These include: the area of Fanwood bordered by Burns Way, Helen Street, Martine Avenue, and Marian Avenue; the southeast corner of Fanwood, encompassing areas of Farley, Hunter, Tower, Stewart, Thorne, etc.; a portion of Fanwood which includes Pleasant, Montrose, Woodland, etc., and a section of northside Scotch Plains which includes Montague, Cook, a section of Mountain, etc.

The feeding patterns for junior high school remain as they are now with one exception. Beginning in the 1973-74 school year, all students from LaGrande school will henceforth attend Park Junior High School. Heretofore, the LaGrande population had been split by the railroad tracks, with those residing on the north side attending Park, those on the south going to Terrill. Regardless of side of the tracks, all LaGrande students will go to Park. However, this excludes children now in the LaGrande sixth grade who live in the area which will change from LaGrande to McGinn School. These students will attend Terrill, since their families will live within the McGinn area next year.

Families who live on the south side of the railroad tracks within the LaGrande area which heretofore was Terrill Junior High area do not have to breakup their families, if they already have a child attending Terrill Junior

High. In these situations, each family will have the opportunity for individual discussion regarding their children's junior high attendance patterns.

The enrollment figures at the junior high schools are based on an attendance pattern which provides that students from Willow, Evergreen, Brunner, and LaGrande attend Park, while students from Coles, Shackamaxon, and McGinn attend Terrill.

Under the new plan, School One and Muir School will be phased out as educational facilities. Evergreen and Brunner will expand to include sixth grades once again.

Although optimum enrollment for Coles is listed as 600, only 550 students will be assigned there for next year, to allow for population growth as a result of new housing development in that area.

Using a guideline of 25 students per teacher, the Board will make an effort to balance classes to make possible a reduction by four of the total elementary professional staff, anticipating a drop of approximately 100 elementary students.

Depending upon success in the balancing of enrollments, each elementary school, with the exception of LaGrande, should have

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Fanwood OK's Funds For Defense Of Two Borough Policemen

The Fanwood Borough Council added \$2,000 to its annual budget for 1973, which sum will be used for legal defense of two Fanwood policemen. This amendment, and a second amendment which reduces the amount to be raised by taxation by \$38,000, caused the Council to resubmit the revised municipal budget to Trenton for a second approval. Action on the budget is anticipated at a special meeting called for March 28.

The legal defense involves Patrolmen Mitchell Arnold and Robert Furchak. A case brought against them by Carl Napolitano of Farley Avenue, Scotch Plains, had been scheduled to be heard in municipal court last Monday, March 12 but was postponed until March 26.

Arnold was charged with malicious assault, threat to take a life, misfeasance and malfeasance and false arrest. Furchak has been charged with assault and battery and with aiding and abetting Arnold in the following three charges: malicious assault, threat to take a life, malfeasance and misfeasance.

The charges stem from an alleged incident which occurred on February 9 on Locust Avenue.

The borough statutes specify that the borough fund such defense actions, according to Police Commissioner Van Dyke Pollitt, who indicated that the Borough Council would take such action regardless of whether dictated by statute or not. The two officers were on duty when the alleged incident occurred and responded to a call in a patrol vehicle, Pollitt said. An altercation ensued and the charges

Pollitt said both officers had been encouraged to select their

own counsel, and had selected two different attorneys.

In response to a question, Pollitt said the Borough Attorney would not act as counsel for the two in such matters to avoid any possible conflict of interest.

Melford Tietze asked whether there has been a departmental hearing in the case and was told that such a hearing might have a possible effect of pre-judging the outcome. In the judgement of the Police Board, no hearing should be made until the case is adjudicated.

Napolitano has been charged with being disorderly, threat to kill, and possession of a dangerous weapon. The police case will be heard first, and when that case is adjudicated the Napolitano case will be heard.

The two police officers are still on duty, in line with a judgement reached by the Police Board.

Final approval was given to an ordinance creating the new position of deputy borough administrator, an appointed post to assume the duties of the regular administrator in his absence. Mrs. Fisher, who was office manager, was named to the deputy post for a single year term. She is also borough treasurer.

Dorris Terry of Paterson Road was named to an unexpired term

Nope - It Won't Be School Two

For generations, students in the northside of Scotch Plains received their elementary education at School One - the ancient facility on Park Avenue. Now, School One will be replaced, starting sometime soon after the opening of the school year next September. What's the replacement? School One.

No, we're not crazy. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education voted last week to name the new elementary school under construction on Willow Avenue School One. Actually, numerically, it's the ninth elementary school to be built here.

In voting for the name, board member Mrs. Robbie Mason commented that the continuance of name will help "the spirit to move from one building to another."