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Youth Baseball Seeks Donations After Fire

Thomas Eve, the concession stand of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association at Booth Field on Valley Avenue, Scotch Plains, set on fire.

Three volunteer firemen from the township responded to the alarm. The fire was quickly extinguished, but there was extensive damage to the concession stand and the interior kitchen area.

Robert Peterson, the President of the league, said, "This really hurts the league because we are re-counting on the funds that are raised by the sale of hot dogs, popcorn, and soda. This year, the league has expanded again and we need the new equipment to outfit the new teams we have added. We just didn't count on this. Besides losing the revenue from the stand, we will have to fix the damage done by the fire."

Initial estimates received by the league are around \$8,500 to repair damage to the interior of the building and the kitchen.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association is a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers. Parents serve as coaches, umpires, league officers and all other positions needed to keep the program running.

Registration fees and fund-raising by the players are the only source of income for the league. No funding is provided by the Township of Scotch Plains or the Borough of Fanwood.

The organization now is soliciting funds to rebuild the concession stand. Those who would like to make a contribution to the league can mail donations to The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association, P.O. Box 264, Scotch Plains, 07076.

Checks can be made payable to the association.

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION AID COMES TO \$115,000 Scotch Plains Council Votes Appropriation For the Reconstruction of Raritan Road

Part-Time Building, Electrical Inspector Position and Health-Board Alternate Also Receive Approval; Killam Associates May Be Retained to Assist Township in Complying With Regulations on Tank Removal

By GLENN R. KAPLENSKY
Specially Written for The Times

At Tuesday's public meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council, ordinances which passed on second and final reading included an ordinance appropriating \$115,000 for the reconstruction of a portion of Raritan Road. This will be reimbursed by the state.

"No debt is to be authorized in connection with this ordinance," council members said.

An ordinance establishing a part-time Building Inspector/Electrical Inspector position at a salary of \$18,000 to \$24,000 per year also passed, as did an amendment authorizing the appointment of an alternate to the Health Advisory

Board.

Among the ordinances which were introduced were two which dealt with underground storage tanks.

One would retain the services of Killam Associates to assist the township in complying with federal and state mandates on the removal and improvement of these types of tanks.

The tanks are located throughout Scotch Plains. Some are municipally-owned. Killam Associates will perform an engineering study prior to any work being performed at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$57,000.

The second ordinance would enable the township to issue \$95,000 in bonds toward the \$100,000 cost. The remaining \$5,000 represents a down

payment required by bond law. The work is intended to bring the town into compliance with federal and state regulations covering these types of tanks.

An ordinance also was introduced to purchase a new air compressor and self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Bidding specifications will be drawn up.

The costs for these systems will total approximately \$40,000.

Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr. and Deputy Mayor Robert Johnston, who is the Liaison to the department, termed this equipment "essential" for the safety of the township's fire fighters.

A contract also was awarded to Allbright Office Cleaning to provide janitorial services to the municipal complex at the rate of \$1,298 per month.

The job of Mr. DiNizo and his staff was complicated by the fact some of the precipitation was in the form of sleet and freezing rain.

Salt and cinders were applied to local roads, he noted, and cinders were applied for traction.

Mr. DiNizo noted the township is seeing some improvement.

Warm temperatures will help, he noted, but usually snow is not plowed until it reaches a depth of three inches, since damage to equipment and the road could result if the depth of the snow is under that.

Scotch Plains has seven trucks equipped with plows and four salt spreaders.

Main roads, schools, hills, intersections and emergency areas are plowed first, then secondary streets and lastly dead-ends, he noted.

Councilman Alan M. Augustine said Scotch Plains has "new, modern, efficient equipment" which is "state of the art."

Mr. Augustine thanked Mr. DiNizo and his staff.

Councilwoman, Mrs. Irene Schmidt, reminded residents dog licenses have to be renewed and the state requires rabies shots.

Miss Gail Immateo and Michael DiNunzio were appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Atkins also announced Mrs. Carolyn Sorge has been hired as a temporary clerk-typist.

Mayor McClintock announced Daniel Sullivan was reelected President of the rescue squad at a recent dinner he attended.

"The squad answers over 1,000 calls per year," he noted.

Councilwoman and last year's Mayor, Mrs. Joan Papan, was the recipient of an award at the rescue squad dinner, honoring her support.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Again Elects Thomas Barth as the Chairman of the Body

Mrs. Alice Agran Reelected as the Vice Chairman; Anthony D. Rinaldo Will Continue as Legal Counsel

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The year 1994 officially began last Thursday for the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment, as the body held its annual reorganization meeting and looked forward to another year of working with both residents and fellow township officials.

The highlight of last week's meeting was the Zoning Board's traditional election of its officers.

Thomas Barth was chosen by his peers to continue as Chairman of the Board, while Mrs. Alice Agran also was re-elected as the

vice-Chairman.

In addition, the Zoning Board renewed its contract with Anthony D. Rinaldo to continue his services as Legal Counsel to the body.

Mr. Rinaldo, an attorney in New Jersey with law offices located in Elizabeth, has served as the board's Counsel for several years.

Board members, whose next regular meeting is scheduled for today, also reviewed the body's 1993 annual report, concerning business which had been conducted during the previous year, and touched on some

proposals for board business in the new year.

The board also adopted the following meeting schedule for this year.

All meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Mrs. Molly Glover Named Director of Outreach Program

Music educator Mrs. Molly Jay Glover of Scotch Plains has been named Director of the Educational Outreach Program for Opera Music Theater International.

Mrs. Glover, who holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music from Indiana State University in Pennsylvania, was vocal music director at East Side High School in Newark for 31 years and the founder of Choir J, a performing group in the Newark School System. Choir J was chosen to perform at various civic occasions for each of Newark's last three mayors.

In addition to her choral work with East Side students, Mrs. Glover staged fully-produced musicals for audiences at East Side High School for 28 years and was the originator and premier advisor of the Peer Leadership Program in the school. She also has served as coordinator and director for the New Jersey State Opera Festival where she directed productions of *The Magic Flute* and *Carmen* and was the founder and director of The Choristers, an adult choral group which produced original performances throughout the state.

"Molly possesses both a profound knowledge of music and a gift for involving students, we're delighted to have her heading our statewide educational outreach project," the program's founder Jerome Hines observed.

The educational program includes an opera reading orchestra series in which college music students learn to play for an opera, a 20-week interactive program for Newark High School students now in its second year and a statewide Educational Outreach tour to 33 schools in the 21 counties of New Jersey.

on the first floor of the Municipal Building at 430 Park Avenue.

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Fanwood Borough Council Studies Extra Liability Insurance Payment

Double Premium Would Cost the Community an Additional \$7,500 Per Year

By TUCKER TRIMBLE
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Borough Council grappled Wednesday with an issue that many readers can relate to: How much insurance is necessary and how much should one pay for that coverage.

The borough is presently participating in the Suburban Joint Insurance Pool that provides \$10 million for the borough in terms of general liability.

It will pay the pool approximately \$144,000 per year for this coverage, according to Borough Clerk, Mrs. Eleanor McGovern.

For an additional \$7,500 in premiums per year, though, the borough could double its coverage to \$20 million in an extra arrangement with the pool.

Last year Fanwood, then not participating in a pool, paid \$223,000 for \$11 million in general liability.

Five other towns in the pool, out of a possible eight, have purchased the additional coverage, Mrs. McGovern said, including Westfield and Scotch Plains.

"We have to make a value judgement on whether we need it," Mayor Mrs. Linda D. Stender, told the council.

Council President, Mrs. Maryanne Connelly, pointing out the council still would be saving \$70,000 per year if they purchased the additional coverage, said "after what happened in Kenilworth, I think we should do it."

The Borough of Kenilworth recently lost a \$16 million decision, according to Fanwood Attorney Dennis Estis, in a court case proving negligence on the part of Kenilworth in failing to fix a street light that had burnt out, resulting in an accident that left a man partially paralyzed.

At the same time, said the Mayor, Kenilworth had only a half million dollars in coverage.

"The question is, do we need it?" asked Councilman Bruce Walsh. "If we thought we needed it, we could have bought it last year."

The Mayor told him the savings in coverage is "so substantial we can do it."

Councilman Walsh responded, "That's irrelevant; if we need it, let's get it."

Councilman Andrew J. MacDonald told the Mayor he wanted to think more about it.

"The issue is so important," he said, and pointed out two Councilmen were unable to attend the meeting, Donald J. Kolterjahn and Kevin McGonigle.

In a related issue, Mrs. McGovern reported to the council the insurance pool provides \$2 million in coverage for public officials, including wrongful discharge and denied zoning issues, and for \$8,500 more the coverage could be doubled to \$4 million.

"When can we discuss this further?" asked Mrs. Connelly. "It's not appropriate at a public meeting; it takes too long. We need to talk about both issues at the same time."

The council was to meet to discuss the issues yesterday.

The issue of the Commissioners for the pool should also be discussed at the same meeting, said the Mayor.

Presently, Mrs. McGovern is the Insurance Commissioner with Mayor Stender serving as alternate.

In other business, the council decided against allowing petitions to be placed in public buildings in the borough.

"In the past our policy has been not to accept petitions," said the Mayor. "We don't have the time to know all the information about all the petitions," Mrs. McGovern noted.

She said people ask the office staff questions about the petitions placed in the buildings.

The Mayor pointed out allowing the petitions "implies sanction."

The council also approved the application for a Green Communities Grant.

"Last year we didn't get it," said the Borough Clerk. "It's a grant for new trees at a location other than South Avenue, which needs state approval since it's a state street. That could take over a year to receive."

Concerning senior citizens, Fanwood will have an increase of \$300 per year over the \$6,000 currently being paid to Scotch Plains in its agreement to jointly run the senior

citizen bus. It runs twice a week; one day to a meeting at the senior citizen center and one day of shopping.

The council also will receive a copy of the senior citizen housing study, dealing with the feasibility and need of one in Fanwood.

The Mayor pointed out, once you accept federal funds for a project such as this, you cannot restrict from where the senior citizens come, and Fanwood would like to house their own seniors before others.

"We'll get the study and look at it," she said.

Borough Engineer Richard Marsden also brought to the council's attention a letter he received from Robert McCarthy of LaGrande Avenue.

The borough is ready to begin reconstruction work on the road and sidewalks in that area, he said, and had requested a release of liability by the borough from Mr. McCarthy.

In his letter, Mr. McCarthy refused to accept the release of the borough from liability.

"Do we have to go on their property to do the work?" asked Mr. Estis, and Mr. Marsden replied they did, to do the curb work.

"Could we ask the county what they think of this letter; if they'll accept liability?" asked Mr. Estis.

"Perhaps we should let Mr. McCarthy know because of his letter the job is being held up," said the Mayor.

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Obituaries will be taken until Tuesday at 5 p.m.

For events which are planned weeks or months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

The above deadlines are meant to enable us to prepare your copy carefully.

DOG LICENSES DUE IN TOWNSHIP

Dog licenses are now due in the Scotch Plains Township Clerk's Office.

Owners are reminded the rabies vaccination must be valid for the licensing year.

The fee for spayed and neutered dogs is \$6.20 and that for non-spayed or neutered dogs is \$9.20. Licenses can be obtained by mail.



HISTORICAL LANDMARK...The W. I. Dregans Hotel, the Old Historical Inn, in Scotch Plains, is shown in this postcard which dates around 1907. The photograph was supplied to *The Times* courtesy of the Scotch Plains Public Library.