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Township Council Tables Proposal To Ban Cigarette Machines; More Public Opinion Sought

Township Governing Body Will Seek Road Improvement Grants For Henry Street, Westfield Road and East Second Street

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
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The Scotch Plains Township Council backed off a proposed ordinance Tuesday to ban cigarette vending machines in the township. The issue which is dividing residents is also dividing the Council.

Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr., Councilman Alan M. Augustine and Councilwoman, Mrs. Irene Schmidt, lean toward favoring the ban with Deputy Mayor Robert Johnston and Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papen, being opposed to a total ban. However, both Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Papen favor some sort of controls on the machines such as having an attendant or a locking mechanism.

The proposed ordinance would have provided for a total ban and featured a \$200 fine for violators. Now, instead of introducing the ordinance at its June 28 regular meeting, the council will conduct a fact-finding hearing seeking public input as to a total ban, a partial ban or no ban at all on the machines.

The council after hearing the public's comments will decide what course of action should be taken. No final action or vote will be taken on the issue at Tuesday's meeting.

Westfield has refused to approve such an ordinance, while East Brunswick has banned the machines outright. The intent of any proposed ordinance would be to keep cigarettes out of the hands of minors.

The Mayor stated he knew someone whose under-aged children purchased cigarettes from many of the town's vending machines as a test to see how the



GOOD WISHES...Seniors at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School have been reading the Purple Hearts and Hands messages prepared for and personalized to them by all elementary students of the district. The approximately 1,500 messages, wishing Class of 1994 members a safe graduation and a happy, successful future after high school, were arranged on the walls of the high school corridors by members of the Parent-Teacher Association Committee earlier this month. The committee has been co-chaired this year by Mrs. Marian Tumolo and Mrs. Pamela Grausso. Seniors have been taking their final examinations this week and proceed to their Commencement and Project Graduation events tomorrow, Friday, June 24, on the Perry H. Tyson Field.

current law is being enforced. The children were not stopped or even questioned, according to Mr. McClintock.

The council heard from Martin Fafette of Mountain Avenue, who read about the issue in *The Times*. "Enough is enough," he repeated.

Mr. Fafette advised the council to represent all of the people and "not just the radical fringe and someone who is on a personal crusade." This reference was apparently to Harry F. "Skip" Ungar, who has been the driving force

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LOFTY GOALS...The Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity National Foundation, an Italian fraternal group, has pledged a total of \$25,000 toward the establishment of an Italian Studies chair at Seton Hall University in South Orange. The \$1 million goal for the Italian Studies Chair is receiving strong support from organization chapters in New Jersey as well as on the national level. The Scotch Plains Chapter recently pledged \$5,000. Shown, left to right, are Thomas Denitzo of the Scotch Plains Chapter; the Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, President and Chancellor of the university; Robert Krowicki, President of the Scotch Plains Chapter; Mrs. Barbara Barnes, Executive Administrator of the national, and John Appezato, also of the Scotch Plains Chapter.

Mrs. Lucille Masciale of Scotch Plains Elected County Republican Vice Chairman

Frank X. McDermott of Westfield Chosen Chairman for Fourth Time

Mrs. Lucille Masciale of Scotch Plains was elected Vice-Chairwoman of the Union County Republican Party at its June 14 reorganizational meeting.

Mrs. Masciale is a former Vice Chairwoman of the Scotch Plains Republican Committee. She serves on the Union County Hospice Board and the county's Board of Taxation. She has served on the tax board for the past 12 years. She is a 28-year resident of the township and has been an active member of the Republican organization for 20 years.

The party also chose former Cranford Mayor Edwin H. Force to fill the unexpired term of Freeholder James P. Keefe of Roselle, who re-

signed last week to become Union County Counsel, replacing Jeremiah D. O'Dwyer, a Democrat, whose four-year term had expired.

Mr. O'Dwyer had held the post since 1988, and Mr. Keefe is expected to assume the post in mid-July.

Mr. McDermott told *The Times* Thursday the party was to have held a special meeting yesterday at The Westwood in Garwood to choose a replacement for Mr. Keefe on the Republican line for the November 8 General Election. The ticket currently includes Freeholder Chairman Frank H. Lehr of Summit and Mr. Force, who is running in place of Freeholder Mario A. Paparozzi. Mr. Paparozzi, a Cranford resident, sought not to seek reelection.

The party will choose among three

candidates: Kenilworth Councilman Dennis Schultz, former Roselle Park Councilman Henry Kurz and Union Township Committeeman Gregory Muller.

Mr. Lehr, Mr. Force and the nominee for the third spot will face the Democratic line of Peter D. Corvelli, the former Hillside Mayor, Robert A. Everett, a member of the Union Board of Education, and Walter D. McNeil, Jr., of Plainfield, who serves on his city's Board of Adjustment. The Republicans currently have a 3-4 edge on the board.

During the Republican Party meeting, two Associate Vice Chairmen, which are new positions, were elected. These spots will be filled by Summit Mayor, Mrs. Janet Whitman, and Anthony DiGiovanni of Union, the husband of the Freeholder, Mrs. Linda DiGiovanni.

William Palermo of Linden was elected to fill the post of Treasurer and Frank Meeks, 3rd, was reelected as Secretary. Former Freeholder and former Rahway City Councilman James J. Fulcomer was chosen to fill the position of Parliamentarian.

A former New Jersey Legislator, Mr. McDermott is a Senior Partner in the law firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy of Liberty Corner. His law firm is one of the largest and most prominent labor law firms in the state.

Mr. McDermott is admitted to practice in New Jersey, New York, the District of Columbia and before the Supreme Court of the United States. Elected to the General Assembly of New Jersey in 1963, Mr. McDermott was chosen leader of the Union County Assembly delegation in 1964. In 1965, he was elected Assistant Majority Leader and became Assembly Minority Leader in 1966. After his election to the New Jersey Senate in 1967, he was chosen to serve as Senate Majority Leader in 1968.

He assumed the top post of President of the State Senate in 1969 and served as Acting Governor during

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Home Renovations Subjects Of Fanwood Zoning Board

Moratorium on Sewer Connections in Borough Discussed

By SUZETTE STALKER
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The Fanwood Zoning Board of Adjustment heard four new applications during its regular meeting Thursday as borough residents came forward seeking to renovate or accessorize their homes. Board members also briefly discussed a ban recently leveled by the state department of environmental protection and energy on new sewer connections in municipalities, including Fanwood, which are served by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority.

The meeting opened with an application by Mrs. Donna Dolce of 5 Carsam Street, who sought and was granted permission to install an eight-foot-by-10-foot prefabricated storage shed on the side yard of her corner lot for the purpose of keeping seasonal furniture and equipment protected from exposure. She claimed having the shed rather than leaving the items out in the open would also be an aesthetic contribution to the neighborhood.

Board members, after receiving favorable reviews of the proposal from the borough's Environmental and Shade Tree Commissions, Board

of Health and other entities, granted her variance, which was necessary since the location of the shed will encroach an extra five feet over the mandatory minimum 35-foot side yard setback requirement.

Robert Smith of 48 Fourth Street successfully petitioned the board for rear yard and side yard setback variances for the planned expansion of his home in order to accommodate his growing family.

The proposed renovation, he explained, would increase the size of one bedroom and provide another, plus expand bathroom and closet space and extend living quarters in the home. The proposal called for the reduction of the rear yard setback from 25 feet to approximately 22.75 feet and the side yard setback from ten to seven feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodge of 67 Glenwood Road received board approval to build a 16-foot deck onto the rear of their home, the location of which was chosen in order for the deck to coordinate with the interior arrangement of the residence. The deck, which will overlook a wooded area in back of the house, required a variance, since it will reduce the rear yard setback from the required 25 to 17 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shu Hua Wang of 235 King Street were granted their application for a 10-foot-by-12-foot shed, though their application had to be amended since another variance was needed for a structure exceeding 100 square feet. Mr. Wang told the board he required that size shed to fulfill his storage needs and was advised by officials to consult with the Building Department regarding foundation requirements for the structure.

Finally, board members reviewed the state ban on sewer connections imposed June 3, which stemmed from the discovery of excess solid waste in treated waste water processed by the Middlesex Authority during October, November and December of last year. The authority is expected to correct the problem over the summer through the installation of four secondary clarifiers at its Sayreville Plant.

Two Subdivisions for Single-Family Homes Occupy Most of Monday's Planning Session

Two Professional Groups Hired to Review the Township's Master Plan

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The Scotch Plains Planning Board held two public hearings Monday on subdivision applications, each of which required several variances in order for single-family homes to be built on the lots. Officials also memorialized a resolution confirming the board's recent decision to retain the services of The Atlantic Group and Moskowitz, Heyer and Gruel to review the town's Master Plan.

The first applicants, Tussel, Tussel and Peterson, were granted minor subdivision approval for two adjacent properties at 920 and 940 Raritan Road, including the incorporation of a flag lot. The bid required several variances for front yard and sideyard allowances for the lots. The property, which spans the town's zone line, places one lot in the R-1 zone and the other in R-2.

Applicant Frank Tussel, who purchased the lots in 1986 and 1987,

explained he wanted to preserve the two existing homes on the lots, and the planned subdivision would not disturb the existing central driveway leading into the properties from Raritan Road.

In addition, the dense tree screening would also be maintained, and storm water provisions would conform to municipal regulations, according to Mr. Tussel and his representatives. The sanitary sewer system would pitch toward the street, rather than neighbors' properties, they said, eliminating the need for use of ejector pumps.

Several neighbors came forward to comment on the application during the public portion of the meeting, being primarily concerned that the proposed subdivision would not jeopardize the "integrity of the R-1 zone," as stated by Ray Krov of 950 Raritan Road, who admitted having been opposed to an earlier proposal but wanted to express his support for the current application.

The second public hearing, featuring an application by Mastrocola Family Limited Partnership, was postponed midway after a neighbor complained she had not received notification of the proposal even though she lives within 200 feet of the subject property, explaining she and her husband wanted a chance to review the applicants' plans.

Mastrocola Family Limited is seeking minor subdivision approval for two lots at 1060 Hetfield Avenue at the corner of Princeton Avenue, where the applicants hope to demolish an existing two-family house which has experienced structural problems in recent years, reconfigure the lots and construct two new single-family dwellings for resale.

Licensed professional engineer and land surveyor, Donald Ciurillo, speaking on behalf of the applicants, fielded questions from neighbors about the proposed impact the two new homes would have on the corner lot as well as potential parking and

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TRAPPED INSIDE...Scotch Plains firemen assist a resident (through rear window of 234B Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains, in the afternoon of June 13. The interior of the dwelling which was undergoing renovation partially collapsed, trapping the occupant inside.

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