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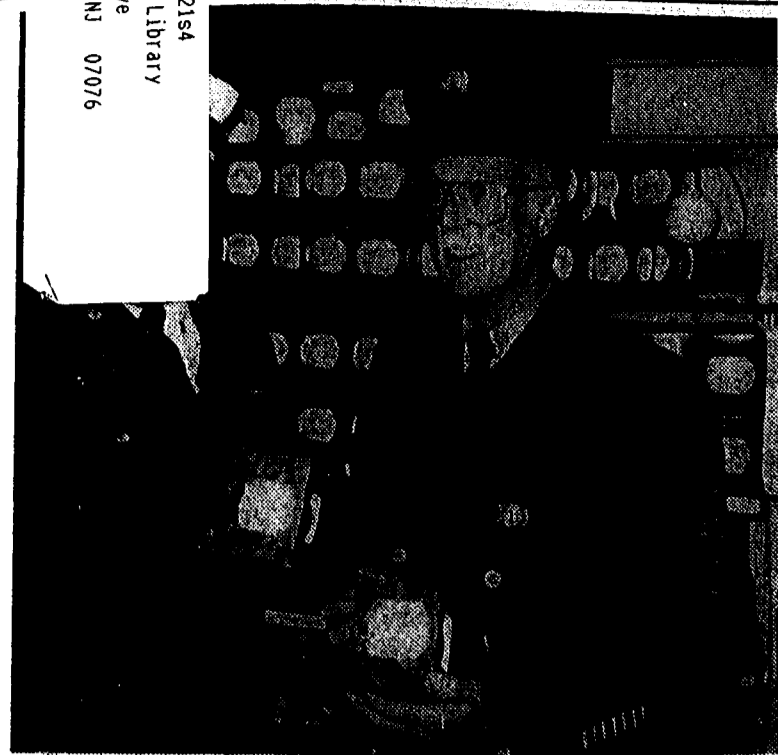
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SALES THAT HELP...Fanwood Fire Chief Daryl Peoples, left, and William Crosby, President of the Fanwood Fire Company, display the ornament, "Memories of Fanwood in Christmas," whose sales will partially benefit the fire company. Offered by Irma's Hallmark of Fanwood, the ornament is the second in a series. Please see a story on Page 2.

ONE MEMBER CALLS FOR DISCUSSION WITHOUT RANCOR

Board, Saying It Did Not Approve Action Steps, Does So in Resolution

One Member Votes Against the Resolution, Stating Steps Were Included in the Original Vote; About 85 Citizens Attend

By ELLEN RADIN
Specially Written for The Times

The "action steps" contained in the 276-page Strategic Plan have not been approved by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, according to a resolution passed by the board at its regular public meeting on September 22.

The resolution, according to its sponsor board member Richard R. Meade, was aimed at settling the confusion and dissension

present in the district since May 26, when the board approved the Strategic Plan without specifying whether or not the action steps were included in that approval.

The administration and several board members had taken the position that the action steps were not passed, but some community groups and members of the public felt that the action steps, which they opposed, had been approved. Mr. Meade stated his motion

was "not designed to state what happened in May but what's happening tomorrow." Rather than arguing over whether or not the action steps were approved in May, Mr. Meade said, the board should simply vote for his motion stating the action steps were not approved and then move on to other issues.

The motion was seconded by board member Morris H. "Butch" Gillet, who read a two-and-a-half-page statement calling for a polite, respectful exchange of views without personal insults. Mr. Gillet also said many of the action steps objected to by some parents were in fact nothing new or radical.

For example, he said, as a youngster he had had a teacher who was special to him, that he could talk to more than others. This is all that is meant by the suggested action step of providing mentors to students.

Similarly, he said, Project Graduation is an example of a "lock in" which saves lives. In Project Graduation, members of the high school graduating class may elect to spend the night in supervised sports, rap sessions and so on at a health club or other facility.

As a safety measure, the students are "locked in," that is, not permitted to leave on their own in the middle of the night.

Board members Mrs. Terry Larkin and Mrs. Jessica L.

Simpson also read statements praising existing programs in the district and calling for public discussion to be held based on what is actually in the Strategic Plan and not allegations by any particular group.

The statements of the board members were greeted with strong applause from the approximately 85 members of the public attending the meeting. The applause lasted from 15 seconds to a full-minute for Mr. Gillet's statements.

Board member Albert J. Syvertsen was the only one to vote against Mr. Meade's motion, and Mark W. Koster did not attend. Mr. Syvertsen said that Mr. Meade's motion did not accurately reflect the action taken by the board on May 26, that it gave the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, too much power over the Strategic Plan and that eliminating action steps rendered the plan meaningless.

Mr. Syvertsen did not say that he himself approved of the action steps, but he did feel that the action steps had been passed on May 26.

The board also approved a motion by Mrs. Simpson calling for the New Jersey School Boards Association to seek state legislation reallocating \$31.25 of the monthly Supplemental Security Income benefit for certain disabled and blind children from their

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Speed Limit Lowered on Lake Avenue; Preparation Told for Scotch Plains Day

Health Fair, Flea Market and Ceremonies at Municipal Building Planned

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
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At Tuesday's meeting of the Scotch Plains Council an ordinance establishing a 25-miles-per-hour speed limit on Lake Avenue was approved. The ordinance is subject to review by the State Department of Transportation. The current speed limit is 40 miles per hour. Residents of Lake Avenue have been pushing for the change for years.

The ordinance was originally intended to lower the speed limit to 35 miles per hour. When the change to 35 miles per hour was opposed by Lake Avenue residents, the ordinance was amended to 25 miles per hour. No signs posting the new speed limit will be erected, nor will the 25-mile-per-hour limit be enforced until state approval is given.

It has been determined that Union County, which once had jurisdiction over the road, no longer has such jurisdiction.

Mrs. Sarah Churgin, a Lake Avenue resident, thanked the council for their efforts on behalf of the residents in seeking a reduction of the Lake Avenue speed limit.

A bond ordinance authorizing roadway improvements to St. Ann Street and Jackson and Hoe Avenues, authorizing the issuance of \$109,000 in bonds to finance the township's cost of reconstruction of these streets, was passed.

A contract has been awarded to Tomaro Contracting Company of Fairfield for \$173,000 to finish the job. Tomaro was the low bidder.

Granite block curbing will be installed on St. Ann Street and Hoe and Jackson Avenues. It is hoped work will commence in two weeks. No special assessment will be levied against homeowners on these blocks, as \$65,000, or approximately half the money, will be coming from federal community development funds.

An ordinance was passed mandating that sidewalks in all business zones be of brick or brick and cement. Previously only sidewalks on East Second Street and Park Avenue were affected. This amendment affects all owners in B-2 business zones.

A sole bid by Tomaro Contracting to install granite block on Ridgeview Avenue was rejected as being too high at \$14.70 a linear foot.

The council accepted Township Manager Thomas B. Atkins' suggestion that the contract be rebid immediately as the residents have been waiting some time for the curbing.

Improvements to Ridgeview commenced in 1992 with drainage work.

Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papan, said the re-bidding was in the best interests of the residents in order "to get the best possible price."

Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr. and Councilwoman, Mrs. Irene Schmidt, gave a report on Saturday's "Scotch Plains Day," which will feature a Health Fair, a flea market and ceremonies at the Municipal Building at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1.

The flea market will be sponsored by the Lions Club whose Eye and Ear Mobile will be on hand. Free health screenings will be offered. A complete blood test will be made available for \$18.

Arrangements for the blood test must be made in advance by calling the Health Department at 322-6700.

Mrs. Schmidt said the average cost of the test is \$100 if administered by a private physician.

Dog and cat rabies shots and licenses will be available at the rear of the Municipal Building. Cats will be inoculated, and licenses will be issued from 8 to 9 a.m. and dogs from 9 to 10 a.m. Cast must now by law be licensed.

Senior citizen influenza shots will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon in the Municipal Building.

Those Scotch Plains residents 55 and over are urged to take advantage of this free service. However, those allergic to chicken eggs, chicken feathers and chicken dander should consult a physician prior to receiving an influenza shot.

Antique cars and an antique sale will also be on the agenda for Scotch

Plains Day. The Mayor summed up by stating "it is always a popular day."

The council voted to award a spe-

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cial use permit to Heritage Antiques located on Park Avenue, which will be allowed to fly a flag and have a sandwich board sign in front of their establishment from Tuesday to Sunday every night until nightfall for the rest of the year and from March 1, 1995 until the end of 1995.

Mrs. Papan commented, "I am glad to see the special use permit being used."

A resolution was passed honoring Shackamaxon Country Club on its silver anniversary. Councilman Alan M. Augustine called Shackamaxon "an outstanding jewel in the Scotch Plains environment and a good corporate citizen."

Councilwoman Schmidt said the country club is "a high tax ratable and very beautiful to look at."

Lastly, Mayor McClintock issued a proclamation proclaiming October as "National Arts and Humanities Month." The resolution also honored the Historic Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The society will offer tours of 15 historic area homes including Park Avenue's Cannonball House. Programs for school children are also part of the celebration.

Officer Attends Council Meeting to Guard Against Outbreaks Over Jerusalem Road

One Business Owner Says Hickses Have Debris and Old Cars on Their Property

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
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A police officer was in attendance at Tuesday's meeting of the Scotch Plains Council at the request of Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr., after a shouting match erupted between the Hicks family of Waverly Place and owners of businesses on Jerusalem Road during the public portion of the September 13 meeting.

Mayor McClintock found it necessary to adjourn the last meeting.

The Hicks family has alleged the owners of various businesses on Jerusalem Road emit toxic fumes, make loud noise and drink on their premises.

Speaking of the last meeting, the Mayor said, "The situation was a little out of hand" and "our

rules forbid this type of behavior." Mr. McClintock cautioned those in attendance at Tuesday's meeting that if things did "get out of hand" those persons or person causing a disturbance would be "escorted from the room."

Sergio Lourenco, President of the Portuguese Mason on Jerusalem Road, one of the businesses singled out by the Hickses, resumed his comments which were interrupted by the Hicks family on September 13.

Mr. Lourenco inquired of Mayor McClintock as to what is being done about debris including old cars which he said were on the Hicks' Waverly Place property. Mr. Lourenco went on to say that, "Mr. Hicks must be the king of the city" because every time he calls the police they show up right away.

Mr. Lourenco mentioned a retaining wall on the Hicks' property which he believes violates the building code. The Mayor stated he will have the appropri-

ate municipal authorities look into the matter.

Mr. McClintock mentioned, in response to the Hicks complaints,

Township Day to Remember Distinguished Late Citizens

Health Fair, Races, Flea Market, Performance by High School Band Set for Saturday

Scotch Plains will host their annual "Scotch Plains Day Celebration" on Saturday, October 1.

Featured will be a five-mile race, a one-mile "Healthy Stride Walk" and a flea market sponsored by the Lions Club. The Ragtime Band is scheduled to perform, and a health fair offering free vision and hearing screenings as well as additional screenings will be provided by area hospitals.

Influenza shots for senior citizens over age 55 will be provided, and a rabies clinic for pets will be offered. Please contact the Health Department at 322-6700, Extension No. 309, for further information.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Band will perform for the service celebrating those individuals who have contributed towards the success of the town and its programs.

The Health Fair will open its doors at 8 a.m. with the race and flea market kicking off at 9 a.m. The service presented by Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr. will commence promptly at 10 a.m. Honored will be retirees John Powers and Arthur "Art" Bruschetti, both police Lieutenants, and John Wall and Carlton Crawley, both Patrolmen.

The following deceased persons will also be honored: Township employees, the late Mrs. Edna Sanford and the late Robert Dabbie, the late Gilbert Lewis, a school crossing

guard, and the late Anthony Tritanegro, formerly of the Recreation Department. The late John Carona will also be remembered as the Volunteer of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year for 1992.

To reserve a table at the flea market, please call 381-5406.

Scotch Plains Day is a community event sponsored by the Scotch Plains Day Advisory Committee appointed by Mayor McClintock.

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School District Publications Available

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public School District is making available to any interested residents copies of its Program of Studies and of its Strategic Plan booklet with the 1994-1995 Implementation Plan.

Those wishing either or both of these documents should call the district's Public Relations Office at 232-6161, Extension No. 43. Persons requesting the Program of Studies are asked to specify the particular level — elementary, middle or high school — for which they would like a copy.

Copies of the above can also be obtained at the Scotch Plains Public Library and at the Fanwood Memorial Library. Each school also has copies for distribution of the Strategic Plan booklet and the Implementation Plan for 1994-1995 as well as copies of the Program of Studies for its level.

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Leader releases also may be mailed to Post Office Box 250, Westfield, 07091, and Times releases to Post Office Box 368, Scotch Plains, 07076, to meet the above requirements.

For events which happen the week-end prior to publication, press releases should reach the Editor by Monday of the week of publication at 10 a.m.

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.



GETTING A CLOSER LOOK...The Sierra Club Loantaka Group and the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a Stream Cleanup and Appreciation Day at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, for the purpose of working on the Windingbrook stream in the township. Members of the group are pictured learning about ecology. Please see a story on Page 2.

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