

more Swoyersville citizens; 2 mill library tax protested

Brook Street is the forgotten street of both Kingston Township and Swoyersville, according to residents who appeared at the Kingston Township Supervisors meeting last week. Some residents pay taxes to one municipality, some to the other, and all get service from neither. Residents stated they are without snow removal, street lights, road repairs or garbage collection.

Actually, they wish to belong officially to Swoyersville to which they are geographically aligned and where their children would have easy access to schools. Kingston Township Supervisors sympathetically agreed to let them go and instructed that an effort be made by Solicitor Benjamin R. Jones III to aid them in being accepted by the other municipality.

A resident of Terrace Avenue, whose property is adjacent to the Little League practice field, appeared at the meeting to complain about damage to his car allegedly done by a young ballplayer. The president of Back Mountain Baseball for Boys and several team managers also appeared in order to dispute his claim, and in turn stated that he constantly harassed the children who were always under adult supervision. A heated discussion followed until the complainant left the township meeting.

A letter was received from Dave Phillips, a township resident, protesting the placing of the proposed two mill library tax on the ballot because adequate information had not been received as to the library operation. He stated he felt that any municipality assessed should have equal representation by population on the library board; that there should be better school services provided and that any new library building erected should be in a more central location and provide adequate parking.

One woman in the audience at the meeting spoke up agreeing with the letter and seconded Mr. Phillip's proposal that the township reconsider putting the library tax on the ballot. Chairman E. W. Hall replied that the fairest way of finding out how all the people feel is by putting the proposal on the ballot.

The police report for the month showed the cruiser traveled 2,959 miles in 18 days, the increase being due to the 24 hour coverage, and 220 miscellaneous calls were made. A settlement has been received in the amount of \$2,515 for the 1970 police cruiser that was destroyed last month in an automobile accident. The total sum was received from salvage and an insurance claim.

The installation of "children at play" signs on Harris Hill Road and Cliffside Avenue was approved. Chestnut Street was officially adopted by the township and the Road Adoption Committee announced that documents are being prepared for acquiring Woodbine, Greenpalm, Cedar, Hillcrest and Youngblood Streets.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission recommending that beauty parlors be included as home occupations in R-1 and R-2 residential areas. Approval was given for the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Appeals to engage Solicitor Jones for legal advice at their meetings.

The supervisors requested the solicitor to investigate the legal basis for eliminating eyesores in the township for the general health and welfare of the area. Particularly cited as examples were unoccupied homes and overgrown lots. A report will be given by the solicitor at the next supervisors meeting.

police investigate early a.m. calls

Police in Kingston Township responded to two separate calls on Carverton Road, Trucksville, in the early hours of the morning, July 10. The first incident was a report by neighbors of Mrs. Corinne Jones, 118 Carverton Road, that she was being harassed by a group of teenagers.

Patrolman John Appel investigated the report and then searched Carverton Road and the area around the Frances Slocum State Park. He was assisted by Dallas Township Patrolman Douglas Lamoreaux and police from Franklin Township. They found no evidence, police report, nor did they sight any teenagers.

At 3:30 a.m. a vehicle traveling west on Carverton Road hit the guard rail at Pole B26 and went over the bank into the yard surrounding the Hess residence. The driver, John R. Giza, 25 Elm St., Plymouth, by his own statement fell asleep while driving. He will be charged with reckless driving by the police. His badly damaged vehicle was towed to the Sunoco Station. The accident was also investigated by Patrolman Appel, Kingston Township.



This 80 year old home has to go, as do many others along Carverton Road, Trucksville, when construction begins soon on the new three lane highway which will extend from Rt. 309 to West Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner and family have resided in the home for about seven years.

\$6,873 bid awarded for traffic light at 309 intersection

The bid for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Route 309, East Center Hill Road, and Hildebrandt Road, was awarded at the Dallas Township Supervisors meeting last week. The \$6,873.21 bid went to the Inter state Safety Service Company. It was also recommended that warning signs stating "Traffic Signal Ahead" be placed north of the intersection on Route 309.

Representatives of the Troup Fund, Inc., appeared at the meeting to seek approval of slight changes in the master plan of the roads they plan to construct on the former Newberry Estate where they are building a housing development. A secondary entrance is planned through Davenport Street, which will be used primarily as a service entrance. Architect Peter Bohlin presented a map of the proposed development and Richard Powell, engineer, discussed plans for meeting township road requirements. The Troup Fund agreed to abide by all specifications as to base, drainage

berms and right-of-ways. The supervisors approved the plans but Solicitor Frank Townend explained that official approval must come from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Representatives plan to appear at the July 20 meeting to seek approval for the roads and possibly to present their sewage plan for approval.

The resignation of Ben Edwards from the Dallas Township Planning and Zoning Commission was accepted. A successor to this post was not named. Earl Harris, zoning officer and sanitation engineer

for the township also resigned because he is moving out of the area. Fred Dodson was appointed to replace him and assume all his duties.

Approval was given for two dusk-to-dawn lights to be installed at the front and back corners of the new municipal building. It was noted that gas pipes had been put into the building and heaters would be installed shortly. The township was also authorized to purchase a rotary lawnmower for the upkeep of the lawn surrounding the property.

70 more names for Ham 'n Yegg

Seventy more names have been added to the membership roster of the Ham 'n Yegg Club reports Bill Moss, club chairman. He notes that a final reminder will be mailed shortly to those persons who have been Ham 'n Yeggers in the past but may have forgotten to sign up again this year.

Dues for the Ham 'n Yegg Club are \$10 per year, with all proceeds going to benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

The most recent members include: Ira B. Smith, Dr. Alfred M. Camp, Harold M. Cooper, Marlan Frantz, Richard L. Hogboom, Thomas B. Howard Jr., Fred B. Howell, George M. Jacobs, Dr. I. Jacobs, John F. Kistler, Dr. A. A. Mascali, Dr. W. E. Mokychic, Dr. M. U. Rumbaugh; Ray W. Turner, Sister Miriam Teresa, Dr. L. E. Jordan,

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In addition to the Ham 'n Yegg Club dues, Bill says, he has also received cash donations in varying amounts under \$10 from several individuals and business firms. These include: Master Garment Cleaners, Nellie G. West, Lloyd A. Warnaka, Fred M. Templin, Thomas J. Sturm, Charles E. Parente, William J. Pack, Fred H. Ebert, William D. Davies, Mildred Ralston, Brick Oven Bakery, Gerald Bernstein, Joan L. Williams.

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highway takes 80 year home

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The residents received letters from the State Department of Highways, stating that appraisers will be in the area within two weeks to inspect properties and evaluate homes. Many will lose their homes, others their front yards, and still others their businesses.


Mrs. Turner showed a POST reporter over the five acres on which the five bedroom home is situated. A small stream runs through the property.

The Turners have figured from maps of the proposed road that it will go straight through their dining room, chopping off the 30 foot living room, complete with fireplace. The house and four of the five acres must go. Left after the stream is straightened will be a "straight strip not big enough for a doghouse," according to Bette Turner.

Ironically this is the second time the Turners have lost a home through state condemnation. Seven years ago they were forced to abandon another house when Frances Slocum State Park was constructed. Their home then was the old Conklin estate on Pony Farm Poad.

The Turners and their four children moved to this area from Philadelphia 11 years ago "to get out into one country," said Mrs. Turner, "but now the country is being replaced by city roads."

They are dubious that with the present inflationary costs they will be able to find a comparable home. All up and down Carverton Road, other anxious homeowners are having similar feelings now that the official letters signifying the start of the project have been received.



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