

Lake Township Seeks Applications For Coordinator to Secure Funds

Lake Township Board of Supervisors agreed Saturday to accept an offer from the Department of Human Resources to fund the salary of a township coordinator. The position is open for applications and entails seeking Federal and State monies for township projects. Salary will be \$7000 per annum or \$3.36 per hour. The supervisors felt that the job would not take a 40 hour week and it would be better to pay on an hourly basis.

Applications will be received until Dec. 21 when the board will choose a coordinator. One application has been received and anyone else who is interested can contact supervisor John Adams, 477-5188 or secretary Judy Steltz, 477-5463 for further information.

Mrs. Steltz announced that there was enough money in the bank to meet the payroll for the first half of December but there was not enough to cover the payroll for the second half or for the bills. According to a state law, the township cannot borrow any money until after Jan. 1, 1975 and there is no other revenue expected before that time, Mrs. Steltz reported.

The board discussed the annual budget meeting scheduled for Dec. 9 at the home of the secretary, Walter Hoover, chairman, stated that he regretted the action but felt it would be necessary to increase the present seven mills tax for the coming year. Increased prices of materials, labor, etc. would make it

necessary, he said. One mill is equal to more than \$1000 in revenue to the township, it was related. Earned income tax netted the township about \$10,000 last year. Mr. Hoover stated that the township cannot exist on the present tax rate.

The board will attend a special meeting on the West Side Landfill scheduled for Dec. 9 in Kingston Township. A letter was received from Congressman Dan Flood replying to an inquiry about keeping the Lake Township landfill open. He said that it is a state matter and the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) should be contacted along with Rep. Fred Shupnik and Sen. Newell Wood. DER regulations might make it necessary to close the landfill and the board is making every attempt to see that it stays open.

The board received a mandate from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Federal Flood Insurance Agency, stating that if the board did not take immediate action, residents in flood areas could not be eligible for Federal Flood Insurance benefits. The secretary was advised to write a letter explaining that there are only two areas in the township, Fades Creek and Bryants Pond, which could be flooded, and that it was not necessary to have flood insurance. The township advertised April 1973 that applicants could obtain insurance in flood plain areas in the town-

ship but there were no applications received, the secretary reported.

One resident asked if the Petty-Ray Geophysical Company, Tunkhannock, had the right to explore for minerals on private property in the township. He was informed that the company could explore 25 feet from the center of the road and that they had a permit to operate in the area. The information they want is obtained by hydraulic vibration and it is being gathered for a Houston, Texas, firm.

Atty. Jonathon Valentine, township solicitor, cautioned the board on creating a position because of the increased unemployment, Social Security claims and increased crime. The government will need additional monies, he explained, and they might not be able to keep up with the programs they have scheduled to combat unemployment and inflation.

Dal-Hi Choristers Plan Musical Christmas Treat

The Dal-Hi Choristers will present a program entitled, "A Musical Christmas Treat," at the annual Christmas tea and meeting of the Wyoming Valley Women's Club, Dec. 10, at the YM-YWCA auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

This group, under the direction of Florence H. Sherwood, consists of 36 young people from grades 10, 11 and 12 at Dallas Senior High School and is selected through audition from a larger mixed chorus. The energy and excitement the group generates in an audience and their own enjoyment in their performance has placed them in great demand throughout the valley. In fact, much of their booking is done a year in advance.

The Choristers have performed for Consistory at Masonic Temple in Scranton, on stage at Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes College for Performing Arts, as well as many performances at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas; for a variety of organizations, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Luzerne County Federation of Women's Clubs, auxiliaries, fire companies, church groups, Eastern Star, Penns Woods Girl Scouts, Masonic orders and senior citizens.

They have also appeared at Valley Crest, VA Hospital, Sutton Home, Salvation Army, Leader Home, Court House,



Photo by Alex Rebar

Members of the Dal-Hi Choristers from left to right, are, first row: Florence H. Sherwood, director; Carolyn Vail, Kate Godwin, Gene Fiorini, Jim Balmer, Louis Rismondo, Tom MacAvoy, Karen Aicher, Anne Crist, Terri Roman and Gary Cutter, seated. Second row: Kristin Plashinski, Beth Ann Dungey, Dottie Anthony, Kevin Bonawitz, Anders Jonsson, Michael Duncan, Maureen Dexter, Anne Purcell and Debra Thompson. Third row: Mary Ann Mariani, Dianne McCue, Carol Kreidler, Scott Davis, Mark Kloeber, Jeff Odell, Charles Emil, Katie Gray and Dawn Morgan. Fourth row: Meagan Davis, Anne Gray, Steve Roan, Mark Engler, Ray Kuhnert, Carol Evans and Daryl Dymond.

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(continued from PAGE ONE) building if they interrupt the meeting.

Councilman Carl Disano objected to the new rules as an "attempt by someone to rule the council as he sees fit." He asked for Atty. Piccone's opinion on ejecting a council member and taking away his vote.

"If the man is disruptive the council president has the right to remove him from the meeting," Atty. Piccone said. "A disruptive individual is depriving the rest of council and the people of the town of their right to state their business and hold an orderly meeting."

At the start of the meeting Mr. Osolnick asked Mr. Disano if he still lived in the borough, since he understood Mr. Disano had moved out of his parents' house and purchased property outside the borough.

Mr. Disano said he lived at 650 Charles St., Luzerne, and had purchased several other properties outside the borough prior to his last move. Mr. Osolnick said Mr. Disano would have to sign an affidavit stating he still lived in the borough.

Atty. Piccone, responding to a question by Mr. Disano, said it was up to the council president to determine if a vacancy exists on the council and a sworn affidavit was the best protection council and the borough had if the question ever came up.

In other business, council opened bids for an extension of the sanitary sewer lines up Cottage Avenue. Low bidder was William Heck Construction Co., Wilkes-Barre, with a bid of

\$6,815. The job includes an estimated 475 linear feet of pipe, five manholes, and an estimated 160 square yards of blacktop. Other bids opened included B.G. Kuhn - \$14,847; American Asphalt - \$10,971; Park Sanitation - \$9,885; and Lindy Enterprises - \$9,570.

One citizen complained of a drainage problem at the Ruggles Lumber Co. He said the company's blacktop alley causes flooding of neighboring properties between Bennett and Charles Streets. He said the inside of the alley has rain gutters but the outside does not.

Atty. Piccone was instructed to contact Swoyersville Borough Council president Joseph Piazza to see what Swoyersville intends to do about a section of Diamond Street the Inzana Construction Co. ripped up while installing Swoyersville sewers.

Council agreed to hire Joe Paratore as a full time policeman in the borough with a six month probation period. The borough elected to hire another policeman with a grant from the Luzerne County Human Resources Program.

Council agreed to enlarge three storm drains on Main Street. Mr. Bogovic, Mr. Disano and Mr. Martino voted against the measure. Mr. Disano said they should not pass the measure until they were sure the pipe was sufficiently large to accept more water. Other council members disagreed, saying the drains should be enlarged anyway so they would not be so easily blocked with debris during heavy rains.

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