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Dallas stops dental building work

Dallas Borough Council will issue a work stop order against the construction of the new dental offices on Route 309 until the builders come before council and make arrangements about tearing up the road, and determining which property is owned by them, it was decided at the meeting Tuesday night.

The decision was made by council following a complaint by Mrs. Thomas Kingston that the street which provides access to her residence had been torn up preventing her from getting in or out of her residence next to the new construction.

Mrs. Kingston said that she was left without a road and had to cut weeds down to have an accessway.

In answer to Ralph Brown's question whether or not the council had heard any more about the post office property which the borough had been attempting to purchase in order to do something about the flooding in

that area, councilwoman Nancy Eckert said that she had it appraised by an appraiser for the council.

Eckert said that she found that there were existing sewer, water and gas easements on the parcel of land and that it was unusable. She said that there is no access from Mill Street, only from the highway.

The Postal Service had indicated their appraiser estimated the land value at \$7400, the purchase price the Service requested. The council appraiser valued the land at \$4000. Eckert said at the current easement value of \$1.50 a linear foot, the 150 feet parcel of land would be \$225. She proposed that council offer the Postal Service that amount for an easement for the parcel of land.

Council president Harold Brobst requested Secretary Ralph Garris to write to the Postal Service relaying the above information.

Tim Common, who has purchased

one of the homes being constructed in Powderhorn Estates by developer, David Jones, asked council when Hickory Street would be surfaced. He said that he understood that surfacing was to be done by Sept. 1 or Jones would lose the \$10,000 he placed in escrow and that council would contract to have the surfacing done.

Brobst and Garris explained that Ide Paving had been contracted by Jones to do the work but that weather conditions had hampered the company from completing the project.

Don Taylor, resident of Powderhorn Drive, requested Garris to read a letter received from a resident named Brown.

Brown's letter stated that there was a water and dirt problem on the exit of Hickory Street and requested council to inspect the sewage and water runoff to determine if drainage was properly constructed in order to eliminate future property damage.

Garris said that he and the borough engineer inspected the drainage system and found it to be according to specifications.

Ted Kostrabala, also a resident of Powderhorn Drive, stated that the storm sewer which comes across Powderhorn Drive is not far from his property and when it rains the water lays across the road and comes into his basement.

Councilman William Carroll said that he investigated the storm sewer following a storm and found that the water was running off. He said that he was there immediately following a heavy rain.

Eckert said that the ditch towards Machell Avenue needs attention for the proper runoff of the water.

Brobst told Kostrabala that Jones said that he is going to put in a drainage ditch and if necessary he will install pipe.

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CT collects 'disappointing' hike as of Sept. 1

At a regular meeting on Sept. 14, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) granted Commonwealth Telephone Company of Dallas, final approval to begin collecting increased local service revenues effective Sept. 1.

On an annual basis the approval \$1.7-million increase is equivalent to additional fully diluted earnings per share of approximately 60 cents.

The PUC decision concludes the final stage of a year-long effort by the company to secure rate relief. On Sept. 29, 1977, Commonwealth-citing inflationary pressures, increasing cost and declining earnings growth submitted a request for revenue increases totaling \$3.5 million. This was the company's first request for a general company-wide rate adjustment in 25 years.

On Aug. 30, 1978, the PUC granted a temporary increase of \$1.7-million, despite an earlier recommendation by Administrative Law Judge Morris Mindlin for an increase amounting to \$2.5 million.

"The final figure approved by the PUC is disappointing," explained Commonwealth Telephone Company President William J. Umphred. "We believe that through the rate hearing process, Commonwealth Telephone Company thoroughly justified its need

for rate relief in the full amount of the original request."

Interim revisions, filed by the company last week in accordance with the PUC's temporary approval of \$1.7 million will become permanent. These revisions affect monthly basic exchange rates for all Commonwealth customers. They also include a monthly charge for non-published telephone numbers and increases in the one-time charges for installing, reconnecting, changing and relocating telephone service and equipment. The revised charges now

appear on customer bills.

Under the rate revisions, increases for residence customers will range from 20 cents to 75 cents per month for basic local service; increases for business customers will range from 40 cents to \$1.75.

George Paveletz, vice-president of the firm, represented Kabaschat Construction Company at the meeting. According to Paveletz, delay in obtaining cell doors, undertaking approximately \$19,000 worth of work changes in August, problems with the minority contractor, and not receiving payments at appointed times although designated work was completed, were reasons for delay in completion. He felt that four to five weeks would be needed to finish the job.

Concerning liquidation damages, Paveletz denied that his company had received a copy of this portion of the contract.

Price, as well as the rest of the board, replied that cell doors are not of great importance. Price stated that the minority contractor is the responsibility of Kabaschat Construction Company, and if they were not satisfied, another should have been engaged. Payment was withheld until architectural inspection was complete. Price remarked that according to the architect, the liquidation clause is in effect.

Paveletz restated that the liquidation clause was not part of the contract and that the matter could be taken to EDA for arbitration. Price reaffirmed, "It is part of the contract."

Paveletz then informed the board that if liquidation damages are sought, Kabaschat Construction Company will charge Kingston Township interest for all monthly payments felt by them to be overdue.

Price stood on the original motion, with a second from Willard Piatt. The board unanimously approved the motion.

The board passed an ordinance for occupation privilege, or the right to work tax. Under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Act, Kingston Township, may collect one-half of the \$10 tax.

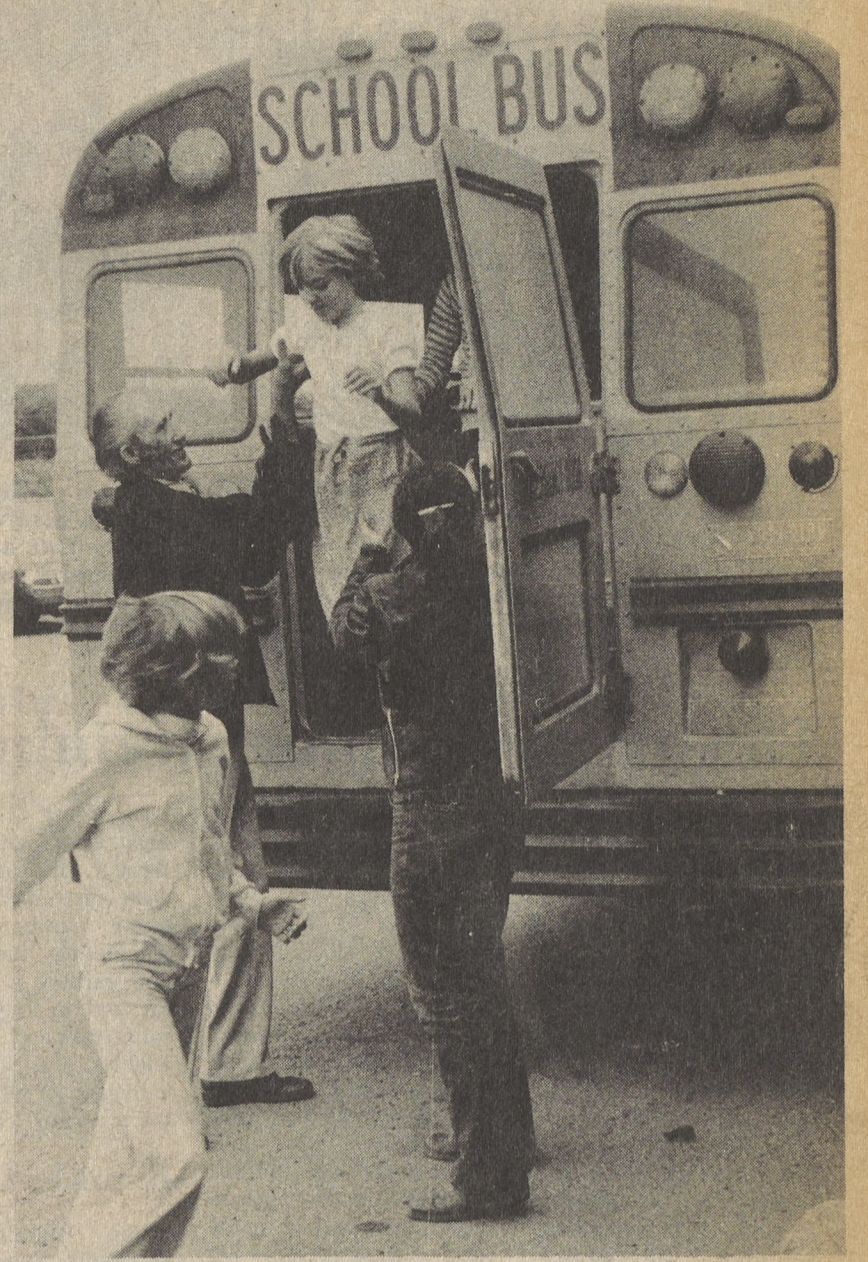
Dr. Craig Aicher was granted approval to build an office on Pioneer Avenue in the former upper parking lot of the Shavertown Methodist Church.

Kingston Twp. supervisors urge municipal building completion

On Wednesday night, Kingston Township Supervisors made it apparent that they are displeased with the amount of time needed by Kabaschat Construction Company to complete the addition to the municipal building.

Kabaschat was awarded the contract for renovation of the township municipal building in December 1977. Original date of completion was set for Sept. 1, 1978 then extended to Sept. 30, 1978. The renovations are funded by a \$398,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration.

Supervisor Ed Price, who kept notes from the 18 job meetings held since



BUS EVACUATION—Driver Harold Frederici shows Dallas Intermediate students how to use rear exit of bus in emergency. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Cooperation urged on Dallas Town Park

Dallas Township Supervisors have taken the initiative and are working hard to make certain there will be ice skating facilities in the Dallas Town Park this winter.

Area residents who are interested in promoting recreational facilities for their community are invited to push a wheelbarrow, lift a shovel, pull a rake or level off ground for planting and lend a helping hand.

Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon, it is hoped that the residents of Dallas will complete this project and show the spirit of real rural community life.

In Pennsylvania Dutch country when a man needs help in building a house or barn, the whole community shows up and with the many eager hands the job is completed in record time. This is what we need on Sept. 30 to help complete the Dallas Town Park for winter use.

Dallas Township supervisors have hired a man with a bulldozer and backhoe to move the dirt around in the proper places and the pond is almost ready to be flooded. Members of the road department have also been working in the area and now it needs

the finishing touches. It is hoped that the area can be raked and grass seed spread and the parking area prepared.

Benches are to be built through this cooperative effort for the youngsters to use when putting on their skates. Also enclosures will be needed for fires to ward off the frigid winds. Anyone who likes to be a weekend carpenter or professional carpenter is welcome to lend his helping hand.

Chairman Phil Walter said that a young boy, Martin Barry, who lives on Woodlawn Avenue, has been very eager to help and he shows up when the men are working. His assistance has been greatly appreciated by the crew.

It means only a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. If many people turn out the work can be completed in a lot less time.

For two years or more the project has been in the working stages. Applications have been made to federal and state agencies asking for financial assistance to complete the project. Beaucratic entanglements have delayed and delayed the project to where its completion was anyone's guess.

Oney turns in badge while awaiting ruling

Lehman Township part-time patrolman Larry Oney voluntarily turned in his badge to township officials last week when it was brought to light that Oney had not received an extension following one year of police work. The extension was denied because Oney had not applied for schooling before the extension deadline. Failure to attend schooling places the township supervisors in an illegal situation since no one may pay an individual for police work if that individual has not received the schooling after one year of police work.

Oney enrolled in Lackawanna Jr. College for police training course under act. 120 immediately upon receiving denial of his extension.

Oney started his schooling on Saturday, Sept. 16. The course includes instruction in police history, first aid, human relations, firearms, self defense, 40 hours of criminal code instruction, 40 hours of vehicle code instruction, rules of criminal protection, laws of arrest, search and seizure.

Oney will not be paid for any police duties until another extension is granted according to township officials.

The situation concerning Oney's extension surfaced when Oney was involved in an accident with another car resulting from a chase in which the police cruiser was demolished. This accident is still under investigation.

DAMA to study sewer plan with Jackson Township

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority has been instructed by the Department of Environmental Resources to proceed with the facilities plan that will be done in conjunction with Jackson Township.

A facilities plan is a detailed study that determines the need for sewers in a given area. A meeting will be set up between Roy E. Weston Company, representing DAMA and Mullin, Lonerghan and Kahn, representing

Jackson Township to discuss details of the study.

The developer of Harris Hill Acres, who sewered 75 percent of the development himself, sent a letter to the board requesting the authority to install manholes and laterals in the project. The board agreed, providing an escrow account is set up to assure advertising costs.

The board renewed its contract with Tilden Delong. The Delong Company installs laterals for the authority.



PHILADELPHIA BAND—Lake-Lehman award winning band will travel to the Eagles-Dolphins game Sunday where they will perform during half time. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)