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## No decision made on Route 309

No definite decision has been reached on the fate of the treacherous stretch of Route 309 between Center Street and Franklin Street in Shavertown, according to Kingston Township Manager Mark Kunkle.

At a marathon meeting held by the Kingston Township supervisors Wednesday, Sept. 17, the results of the \$10,780 traffic study commission by the supervisors last October were reported. The study included four solutions to safety in the area which has had more than its share of accidents.

A young boy was killed in the area under study during the summer of 1979. Following the fatality, pressure was brought to bear on Kingston Township officials to find a solution to the dangerous section of the highway.

At an emotionally-charged meeting in August, 1979, it was recommended that a medial strip be installed as a deterrent to further serious pedestrian and vehicular mishaps.

This recommendation brought opposition from the businessmen in the area. A second meeting was held by the supervisors with both residents and business people represented.

Sen. Frank O'Connell, who attended the meeting, suggested that the township engage a private firm to do a study and let the chips fall where they may.

Following last week's meeting, it appears that it is back to the drawing board for the firm of Michael Baker of Harrisburg, who attended the meeting designed to gather input from the residents.

Baker stated that "this meeting is for you people to tell me how it is because I don't live here."

The proposals offered were curbing of the entrances to the shopping areas, allowing 35 feet openings in place of the larger ones which now exist; a medial strip 32 inches high, similar to the one on Route 309 south in Mountaintop and the one now being constructed on the Cross Valley Expressway.

The firm also offered the suggestion that the state construct a middle lane making that section of Route 309 a five lane highway. The middle lane would be used only for left-hand turns.

Kunkle verified the fact that there is adequate room for an additional lane.

A six-lane road also was discussed during the meeting which was attended by approximately 60 persons including Frank Phillips, Sen. O'Connell's administrative assistant; Ray Rakowski of PennDOT; Tony DeAngelo, safety engineer of PennDOT; and Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th District.

The fourth proposal was to leave the highway exactly as it is but define entrances with curbing. All the proposals included curbing.

A member of the audience suggested that an intersection be created between Main Street and the area of the post office on Route 309. The proposed intersection would include a four-way stop light and pedestrian-operated box as well as provisions for left hand turns.

However, officials from Wyoming National Bank, Shavertown, reported that the bank will be closing the area from Route 309 to Main Street to install drive-in windows. The land is located between Cook's Drug Store, formerly Evans Rexall, and the bank.

Bank officials indicated they are not in favor of an intersection as they believe the drive-in area would be used by motorists as a short cut from Route 309 to Main Street.

A Kingston Township official, closely involved with the problem, believes that a stop light would encourage commuters to avoid the light by traveling to Dallas via Pioneer Avenue, a residential area.

A light at Franklin Street met with approval but residents realize that it will not control pedestrian traffic below that intersection. The crosswalk was ruled out as it would have to be graded upwards for older persons. It cannot be a straight-across structure as was earlier considered.

Initially PennDOT agreed to try to go along with safety changes when they were definite. The Baker study, however, may change that

decision since the study showed that there is not sufficient volume of traffic for state intervention.

Other unrelated safety measures have been dropped in Kingston Township in the past when the state determined there wasn't sufficient volume of traffic to warrant them.

Mrs. Carolyn Bulford believes that the \$10,000 study lacked findings to help promote the safety of the pedestrian, who is left to fend for himself. She does believe, however, that a light directly across from the post office (left hand turn) would have helped pedestrians. Mrs. Bulford has almost single-handedly taken on the cause of safe driving and pedestrian conditions on the accident-prone strip of highway.

The economics along with the feedback gathered at the meeting will be considered for the final proposal, according to Kunkle, at a meeting to be held between Oct. 20 and Oct. 24. At that time the final proposal may or may not be accepted. The final decision rests with PennDOT.

Contrary to recent published reports, Mrs. Bulford was not instrumental in getting the township to pay for the study. Mrs. Bulford played a key role in demanding that the supervisors do something about the hazardous area of Route 309.

The \$10,000 study was suggested by Sen. O'Connell at the second meeting of the supervisors last fall.



AUCTION FEATURE--A Motron Moped will be one of the featured items at the Back Mountain Jaycees Grand Old Country Auction this Friday and Saturday on the grounds of the Dallas Township Elementary School on Church Street, Dallas. The Auction will begin at 6 p.m., Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. (Photo by Mark Moran)

## DAMA takes more positive action on Powderhorn sewers

"More positive action" is being taken on the Powderhorn sewer installation proposal by the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) and residents were present at the monthly meeting of Dallas Borough Council to obtain council's feelings regarding a cooperative venture with DAMA.

Resident Bill Tabor asked council if it would restore roads following sewer installation. After discussion, it was generally agreed that council will review plans of DAMA prior to final approval, but most likely they will cooperate as they did in the past with Stonehedge - Marabee Ave. extension.

Council estimates the cost of road restoration at less than \$10,000 with 700 ft. of surface involved.

Following the council meeting, a DAMA official on Monday outlined the latest plan under discussion for Powderhorn.

Roy F. Weston, consulting

engineers, is putting together a design which would serve 19 homes through a "no frills" pumping station to be installed on Powderhorn Drive. It is a "package pump station", already factory made which is then put into the ground. Cost is a minimum \$20,000-\$25,000 for this proposed feature. The only "drawback" with this pre-fabricated pump station is the number of extras with which the state DER will require it be equipped. DAMA hopes to install a minimum pump station due to financial reasons.

Residents should not construction will not begin "immediately" as there are many loose ends and agencies with which to deal.

However, it was stated that DAMA will come up with some solution.

Total cost depends on what extras must be included, but the job could

cost as little as \$75,000 or as much as \$100,000.

As of now, the authority engineer, Bruce Hartman, is meeting with DER officials regarding the project.

This will be the first DAMA project requiring a pumping station and another will follow when Elmcrest Woods extension is undertaken.

DAMA's chairman, R. Spencer Martin, noted with appreciation the fact that the borough has helped restore roads in the past as has Dallas Township at New Goss Manor.

Dallas Borough secretary Ralph Garris said the cost will be determined by borough road specs.

Other business included the appointment of Richard Owens to the planning commission and Louis Katchko to the zoning hearing board.

A letter was read sent to the

council from Powderhorn, Machell Avenue and Orchard Street residents complaining of excessive noise from motorbikes and snowmobiles.

Chief Edward Lyons said he was informed of this by letter in July and spoke with young people in the area described. Lyons said the problem lessened somewhat.

However, if any more complaints are received, other action will be taken.

Secretary Ralph Garris will arrange for a letter to be written stating the municipality has no specific limitations in zoning regarding taxicab parking for short intervals when buses arrive in the boro. The letter was requested by Basil Lord.

The revitalization project was reviewed at a special session Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Dallas Borough building.

## Back Mt. Jaycees auction features moped

On Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27, the Back Mountain Jaycees will hold a Grand Old Country Auction featuring new, used and live items.

One of the highlights of the auction will be the auctioning off a Motron bike. It gets over a hundred miles to a gallon, while providing quick and easy transportation for the person who wants to reduce gas bills.

The auction will be held at the Dallas Twp. Elementary School, Church Street, Dallas, located behind the Dallas Motel.

In addition to the Motron, a new rocker recliner, reconditioned color

TV, live piglets, a new black and white TV, leather purses, children's shoes, office equipment including desks, filing cabinets, typewriters, calculators, water skis, gardening equipment, antiques galore, dinner certificates, and much more will be sold.

Refreshments will be served by the Back Mountain Jay-Cettes.

Come out and enjoy two days of fun and savings...Old Fashion Flair at old fashion prices...an antique lover's paradise.

The Grand Old Country Auction, Sept. 26 from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. and Saturday, 2 p.m. until all the items are auctioned.

## Local school directors in accord with state survey

A survey of local school directors, published in the recent issue of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association magazine, finds the problems facing the state's volunteer unpaid public school officials are getting tougher and school board turnover increasing.

The report, covering almost 40 percent of the state's 4,500 board members found that Pennsylvania school directors come from widely diversified backgrounds; represent a broad public interest in their communities; spend more of their personal time on school board

activities; and one of their most difficult tasks is that of understanding the mounting state and federal paperwork and regulation.

The state survey, conducted by the Pennsylvania School Board Association determined that 66 percent of board members spend 16-26 hours per month on school business. According to Joseph Oravitz, PSBA director of research and management services for the typical director this time "is equivalent of two and half working days per month or 30 days per year devoted to unpaid, volunteer service as a board member."

The experience level has slipped since the last survey conducted in 1976. The 1980 survey indicates that almost two-thirds of the directors have four years of board service or less. In 1976, about 50 percent of the directors had served less than four years. Only 14 percent reported having more than 10 years experience.

"The experience level is significant because it reflects the impact of changing the school directors term by the legislature in 1978 from six to four years."

"It also reflects the difficulty of the job and the increasing lack of support that state agencies and the legislature provide local officials in the wake of increased strike activity and mounting union pressure at the state and local level," Oravitz stated.

The survey found that the profile

of the local school director appears to be a male caucasian whose political party preference is Republican; married; two children who attended or are attending public schools; a college graduate with two to four years of board service who spends about 16 to 26 hours per month on local school activities.

Five of the Dallas School District supervisors have served on the board for six years or more. Richard Hislop, Ernest Ashbridge, Pat Gregory, Harry Lefko and Earl Fritzes. Lefko is the longest serving member having been on the board for 13 years. Gloria Brennan is in her fifth year as a board member. Russell Havey, Mahmoud Fahmy and Basil Russin are in their first terms.

All have had at least two children who have attended Dallas Schools, with the exception of Russin who has pre-school children. With the exception of Russin, the lone Democrat, the remaining board members are Republican. The Dallas School Board is in accordance with the state ratio of 20 percent women board members to 80 percent male board members. The general consensus seemed to be that the state ratio of 16-26 hours spent on school business was correct although some instances such as developing the budget and negotiating require additional time.

The Dallas School Board members are diversified in their occupations. Richard Hislop is a tool

and dye maker; Brennan is a secretary; Gregory is a housekeeper; Fritzes is a sales representative as is Lefko. Ashbridge is vice-president and controller of a bank; Fahmy is a professor; Russin is an attorney and Havey is a vice president of marketing.

At Lake-Lehman, Ken Williams, Gilbert Tough, Don Jones, Arnold Garinger, Angelo DeCesaris, Ed Mark and Paul Crockett have served five years or more. Crockett, a long standing board member, has been on the board over 30 years. Alan Sorchik and Alan Keiper are each serving their first term.

All board members with the exception of Keiper, who has pre-school children and Sorchik who has no children, have at least two children attending the Lake-Lehman schools. Crockett, Keiper, Sorchik, Garinger, Jones and Tough are Republicans, DeCesaris is

Democrat and Williams and Mark cross file.

Although there are no women on the Lake-Lehman school board at the present time, prior to the last election Peg Anderson served on the board for a number of years.

As in the state survey over 50 percent of the board members of both Lake-Lehman and Dallas are college graduates. Members of the Lake-Lehman School Board seemed in agreement with Dallas Board members concerning the amount of hours spent on school business.

Lake-Lehman board members also are diversified in their occupations. Garinger and DeCesaris are professors. Mark is a psychologist. Crockett is retired. Williams is a farmer. Keiper is a superintendent of a construction company. Sorchik is a parts and service manager. Jones is a law enforcement officer. Tough is vice-president of operations for Blue Cross.



WELCOME--Dallas Rotary Club president, Paul Priebe, welcomes Jack Dowe as a new member at a recent meeting at the Irem Temple Country Club. (Photo by Ted Gregory)

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