# The West Side Swoyersville Council meets

Swoyersville Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting Aug. 1 at the Municipal building with Michael Emershaw presiding.

The regular monthly bills paid, including street labor from July 9, to July 22, totalled \$3,377.60 gross.

Chairman of the Fire Committee, Councilman Ron Alunni, gave his report of four calls by the Maltby Fire Co. and two calls by the No. 2 Hose Co.

A discussion was held on the Recreation Committee and chairman William Lehman was told by chairman Emershaw to call a meeting of the board to fill in various positions so that the board can get back to work.

Councilman John Marcin, chairman of the police department, gave his report of 314 complaints for the month of July, nine accidents and 27 ambulance calls.

Part-time officers were paid for the month - Fred Dorman, 53 hours; and Roy Baker,  $50\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Violations: State Police \$1,491.83; recreation area, \$10; no license \$15; right side of road, \$13.50; failed to yield, \$1.25; depositing waste, \$25 each for a total of \$1,555.58. Parking (coordinator's office) \$20 and soliciting, \$2.50 for a grand total of \$1,578.08.

Liaison officer Lillian Munley gave her report of 18 permits granted for a total of \$193,590 and payment to CPG for these permits were \$1,084.

James Pugh, street department chairman, reported that Addy Construction Co. began to repair and fix Townsend Ave. this past Monday. Pugh also asked the borough coordinator which persons are responsible for cleaning the muck and silt in the creek located between White and Barber Streets. Simko stated that the borough was responsible since they signed with DER three years ago to take care of it.

Various residents asked council for help in their sectors of the borough such as a Slocum St. resident who had a complaint on garbage collection and a resident of the Maltby section who complained of water runoffs.

Council did not appoint a solicitor to fill the position that was vacated due to the death of former solicitor Atty. Andrew Puhak. Councilman Pugh acknowledged the Sewer Authority for purchasing a sewer truck for the Swoyersville sewer maintenance crew.

Various other problems were presented to council and chairman Emershaw assured residents these problems will be investigated and corrected if possible.

Borough Coordinator Michael Simko reported he received a thank-you letter from Kingston Borough for the help Swoyersville and Edwardsville gave them during a recent rain storm. When asked if the borough charged Kingston for services rendered, Simko replied in the negative because Kingston has helped Swoyersville many times in the past.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary Joe Koval, Mayor Anthony Stefanosky, Street Commissioner John "Socky" Saxon, Paul Bieley, president of the Planning Commission; Stanley Zavatski, member of the Sewer Authority and council candidates in November, John Butchko and John Lykon, Democrats; Bob Tobias, Edmund Gonglefski and Charles Zambito, Republicans.

### Anniversaries

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT VOLACK, 342 Owen St., Swoyersville will celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary Saturday. They were married on Aug. 13, 1960 at Holy Trinity Church in Swoyersville by Msgr. Michael C. Polcha. Mrs. Volack is the former Julia Hlavac, daughter of Mrs. Julia Hlavac and the late Chief of Police George Hlavac of Swoyersville. Mr. Volack is the son of Mrs. Jennie Volack and the late Henry Volack, also of Swoyersville.

The Volacks are the parents of three sons, Robert Jr., New London, Conn; Marc J., with the Air Force stationed at Griffiths AFB, Rome, N.Y. and Paul.

Mr. Volack is employed with Benidix Co., Montrose. Mrs. Volack is employed at Flory Fashions Inc., Swoyersville.

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT VOZNIAK, 10 Jay St., Swoyersville will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary this coming Wednesday. They were married on Aug. 17, 1974 at Holy Trinity Church in Swoyersville by Msgr. Michael C. Polcha. Mrs. Vozniak is the former Shirley Slusher, daughter

## Luzerne Towers gets new flag

council persons; Mayor George Shonk, Mike Hardik, councilman.

Dignitaries who were present at the flag raising ceremonies at Luzerne

Towers are shown here. From left, Betty Sutliff, president of the Senior

Citizens at Luzerne Towers; Luzerne Council chairman John Osolnick;

Congressman Frank Harrison, Joe Lopallo, Tom Curry, Marcella McClusky,

The Luzerne Towers Senior Citizens Apartments on Bennett Street has a new flag - compliments of Congressman Frank Harrison.

Flag raising

Mrs. Josephine Krupack, chairman of Luzerne Towers, thought the building needed a flag so she contacted John Osolnick, chairman of Luzerne Borough Council. Osolnick contacted Harrison immediately and asked if he would present, to the Towers Building, a flag that flew over the White House in Washington, D.C.

The Congressman wasted no time in getting the flag which was presented to the Towers at ceremonies in front of the building.

The same flag pole that now flies at the Towers Building was formerly

With Joe Gula

situated at the site of the old Luzerne High School on Carpenter St. Through the efforts of Councilmen Osolnick and Michael Hardik, along John Brdaric, who donated the crane to erect the pole, the flag pole was removed from the school and installed at the Towers.

The following borough officials made monetary donations to cover expenses of moving the flag pole: John Osolnick, Michael Hardik, Joseph Lopallo, Tom Curry, Jack Zimnicky, Marcella McClusky, Mayor George Shonk and all members of Council.

Following the flag-raising ceremonies, refreshments were served in the Towers Building.

## Here and there CARL FAVATA of Hughes St., Forty were their granddaughter, San

Fort passed away suddenly this past week. It was a shock to all who knew him. Carl and his wife were the owners and operators of Carl's Pizzeria at their residence. Carl was active with the youth atheletics in Forty Fort.

**SWOYERSVILLE LOST ANOTHER** of its residents when Josephine Kulbacki of Shoemaker St., passed away suddenly this past week. She was well known and liked by all. She will be were their granddaughter, Sandra Singer, a freshman at King's College; and Louis Singer, asenior at Wyoming Valley West High.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hovanec are former teachers at Swoyersville High and Wyoming Valley West High. Both are retired.

JOHN DEMKO of Hughes St., Swoyersville was recently honored at the American Legion Baseball Tournament at Artillery Park in Kingston. John was active for many years in Legion ball and Sunday Semi-Pro ball. He was also caretaker at Roosevelt Field since the middle 60's, taking over from the Swoyersville Baseball Club for Boys. John recently underwent surgery at Geisinger Hospital in Danville. His family and many friends wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him up and around soon. Champs honored

The Bednarski Funeral Home baseball team, Minor League champs of Swoyersville, were honored with a pool party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wozniak of Kossack St., Swoyersville. Hosts were manager Alan Hornick and coach Ted Wozniak Sr. Shown here are those who attended the party. From left, kneeling John Madar, Jacien Trosko, Greg Hlavac, Ted Wozniak Jr., John Demko, Danny Yaglowski, Rich Kotchik. Standing, Ted Wozniak Sr., Paul Sapack, Danny McCoy, Randy Allen, Jeff Kotchik, Joe Amato, Alan Hornick. Absent at the time of the photo was Peter Pasek.





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-O-BOB WALSH, a former resident of Simpson St., Swoyersville, who resided in the Back Mountain area, passed away this past week. Bob made many friends in this area and will be missed by everyone. Our condolences go out to his family. -O-

ANY MALE OR FEMALE interested in joining the Luzerne Ambulance Unit may do so by contacting members of the Luzerne Ambulance Unit. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older.

LUZERNE RESIDENTS were outraged over the road resurfacing work completed on North Street last week. They felt that the road is highly traveled and should have gotten better work done. Council is looking into the matter.

THE SWOYERSVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT has cleaned debris and cut overgrown vegetation away from Abraham's Creek, according to borough coordinator Mike Simko.

"Through the cooperation of the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department, they have also been cutting vegetation in the ponding areas," Simko added.

Simko applauded the street department for its work. "We sPEnt \$3 million in 1979 to rechannel the creek along 2.25 miles. People who throw junk down there show no respect for their community or their property," he said.

Simko said tires, washing machines, old appliances and other debris have been thrown into the creek.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church of Swoyersville was another success. Rev. Michael Mondick, pastor, would like to thank everyone who attended and everyone who worked to help make it a success that it was. The weather was pretty bad on Saturday evening, but it cleared up in time and on Sunday evening, it was just perfect. There were plenty of ethnic foods and the best of refreshments. Music was furnished by the "Henry Charles Orchestra."

-0-MR. AND MRS. LOIS HOVANEC of Owen St., Swoyersville recently returned from a two week tour of Greece, Egypt, Israel, Turkey and the Holy Lands. They brought back religious articles and other souvenirs from the Holy Lands.

Making the trip with the Hovanecs

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IN LAST WEEK'S COLUMN it was mentioned that Captain Thomas Vojtek, former resident has retired from the U.S. Navy. Omitted, however, was the fact that Capt. Vojtek is the son of Mr. Thomas Vojtek of McHale St., Swoyersville and the late Mrs. Thomas Vojtek.

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**BARNEY KOZOKAS** of Luzerne is still one of the top bowlers around. Barney bowls several nights a week during the winter months and a few nites during the summer months. He gets moral support from Willie "Punk" Yablonski.

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**FINAL PLANS** were completed for the Annual Bazaar sponsored by the Luzerne Fire Company. The affair will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11, 12 and 13 at the Company's grounds on Tener St., Luzerne.

Co-chairmen Jeff Rifenberry and Dave White announced the parade will be held on Friday evening. Music will be held nightly with "Abilene" on Thursday, "Country Kings" on Friday and "Timmy and the Bits and Pieces" on Saturday.

They also said that the best of foods and refreshments will be served and there will be many prizes and surprises.

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MR. AND MRS. CLINTON ROSEN-CRANS returned to their home in Kingman, Arizona after visiting relatives for the past three weeks. They also attended the wedding of Clint's nephew, Joseph Rosencrans, to Beth Dlusky of Shickshinny.

Also visiting with the Rosencrans was their daughter Andrea and her son Michael and another daughter, Raycene Osterman and her son Joey.

While here they visited Clint's mom, Mrs. Johanna Rosencrans of West Wyoming, and uncles and aunts. On Mrs. Rosencrans' side they visited Rose Marie's sister and brother-inlaw, Johanna and Joe Gula of Swoyersville and John and Jennie Yarina of Wyoming.

#### Hose Co. team

Pictured above are members of the No. 1 Hose Co. team of the Swoyersville Minor League as they ended their 1983 season with an 11-10 record. The team is sponsored by the No. 1 Hose Co. of Scott St., Swoyersville. From left, seated, Frank Smith, Bernard Magagna, Jason Masciolli, Joseph Rowe, James Ontko. Kneeling, Joe Chajko, manager; Joe S. Chajko, John Pepas, Brian Powell, Rich DiBuo, coach. Standing, Rich DiBuo, Ryan Cywinski, Gerard Kemmerer, David Quinn. Absent at the time of the photo was Gene Kemmerer, coach.



#### **Kiwanis team**

Pictured above are members of the Kiwanis Club team of the Swoyersville Major Little league as they wound up their 1983 season with an 8-13 record. From left, seated, Tim Wojnarski, Tom Wunner, Jason Santos, Jay Stoodley, John Swircek. Kneeling, Jim Schmid, assistant manager; Kevin Blockus, Steve Salus, Dennis Kelly, Nick Cavuto Jr., manager. Standing, Jeff Miller, Damian Cavuto, Dave Levenoskie.

### Rev. Polcha will be honored

Plans are being finalized for the Golden Jubilee celebration of the ordination to the priesthood of Right Rev. Monsignor Michael C. Polcha of Holy Trinity Parish, Swoyersville.

Monsignor, who recently celebrated his 75th birthday, was assigned pastor of Holy Trinity Parish on Oct. 16, 1957. Monsignor received notice of his elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title Right Rev. Monsignor by His Holiness the late Pope Pius XII. on July 2, 1958.

The jubilee celebration will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, with a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville. A reception will follow at 5 p.m. at Genetti's Best Western Motor Inn, Wilkes-Barre.

Banquet reservations will be accepted until Aug. 15.

of Mr. and Mrs. John Slusher, Forty Fort. Vozniak is the son of Mrs. Mary Vozniak of Swoyersville and the late John Vozniak, Sr.

The Vozniaks are the parents of a daughter, Allison.

Mr. Vozniak is a teacher with the Wyoming Valley West School District at the Larksville Elementary School.

MR. AND MRS. LEON-ARD KUCHEMBA, 36 Gillespie St., Swoyersville, will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary Friday. They were wed on Aug. 12, 1951 at St. Mary's Church in Swoyersville by the late Rev. Joseph Buda. Mrs. Kuchemba is the former Ann Jaken of Swoyersville. Mr. Kuchemba is formerly of Plains.

The Kuchembas are the parents of three children, Mrs. Ralph Stefanko, Wyoming; Alice and leanard Jr.

Mr. Kuchemba is a pharmacist at Sheehan's Drug Store in Plains.

MR. AND MRS. RICH-ARD MIZENKO, 29 Lackawanna Ave., Swoyersville will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary Wednesday. They were married on Aug. 17, 1968 at Holy Trinity Church in Swoyersville by Msgr. Michael C. Polcha. Mrs. Mizenko is the former Gloria Galanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Galanda. Mr. Mizenko is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mizenko Sr., all of Swoyersville.

