

# Borough Council adopts Amusement Tax ordinance

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The Dallas Borough Council last week at its monthly meeting adopted by a 4-1 vote an Amusement Tax ordinance that will force Dallas business owners to pay a \$25 license fee to own and operate entertainment machines.

The tax would affect items such as juke boxes, video games and pinball machines that are displayed for public use.

Council member Harold Brobst voted against the tax saying, "It's another swipe against the small businessman." But councilman Russell Stone disagreed. "We are faced with the difficult decision of finding means of developing revenue," he stated.

"I have had some second thoughts about it, (the tax) but I've seen people spend their entire lunch hours on these things. I just feel if these machines are foolish enough to waste so much time on we should have some kind of revenue from it. But I'm going to take a look at it for a year and evaluate the situation, and if I see things differently maybe I'll rescind my vote."

Those voting to accept the ordinance along with Stone were: Bill Berti, Byron Grieves and Ted Montross.

In other business, Council promised to look into a

possible health hazard situation involving two properties on Rice Street.

Cathy White, a resident who lives next door to one of the sites, says the dwelling is not hooked up to the sewer system and that sewage has backed up into her yard. She also said the lawn has not been mowed this season and that a number of cats roam the grounds. Another neighbor said his wife had been bitten by one of the cats and that he, too, would like something done.

Stone said council would go through the items of complaint one by one to see what can be done about the problem legally and to find what ordinances have been violated. In a separate complaint concerning run down vehicles on another property, police chief Ed Lyons said the automobiles would eventually be removed.

In other business council voted to accept:  
— An ordinance granting Tele-Media Company rights to hook up cable television lines.

— Accepted by a 5-0 vote to accept William Tabor, Hickory Street, Dallas, to fill an opening on the zoning board.

— Recommended commendations and plaques be given to Dallas police officers Wayman Miers and James Tupper who suffered gun shot wounds while in the line of duty on June 7.



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## Queen crowned

Shown here is the Queen and her Court from the Noxen Fire Company Homecoming. The queen was selected and crowned Friday evening on the grounds of the Noxen Fire Co. From left, Missy Kocher, Noxen Queen; Crystal Visineski, Carol Lynn, Shaffer, Rhona Lee Visineski, last year's queen; Autumn Wood, Amand Frazier, Jenny Russell, Noxen Princess.

# Lake residents claim road is impassible; needs repair

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Two Briarcrest Road residents told Harveys Lake Borough Council at the council's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday that their road is impassible.

David Forester, head of Road Department, told Briarcrest Road residents that the borough's equipment is in disrepair and road work is behind in the borough. The residents told council that since the last heavy rainstorm the road is impassible because of a large obstruction in the middle of the road. Residents complained that the road has been ignored for five years. Forester reassured residents that the condition of the road would be looked at and he hopes to have the road regraded and drains installed.

Construction of the borough's dry fire hydrant system has begun. The system will consist of 20 fire hydrants around the lake with no pressure in them. They will have a direct line into the lake making water to douse fires more accessible in freezing winter

months. Council President Richard Boice told residents that once the system is complete they will realize an insurance break.

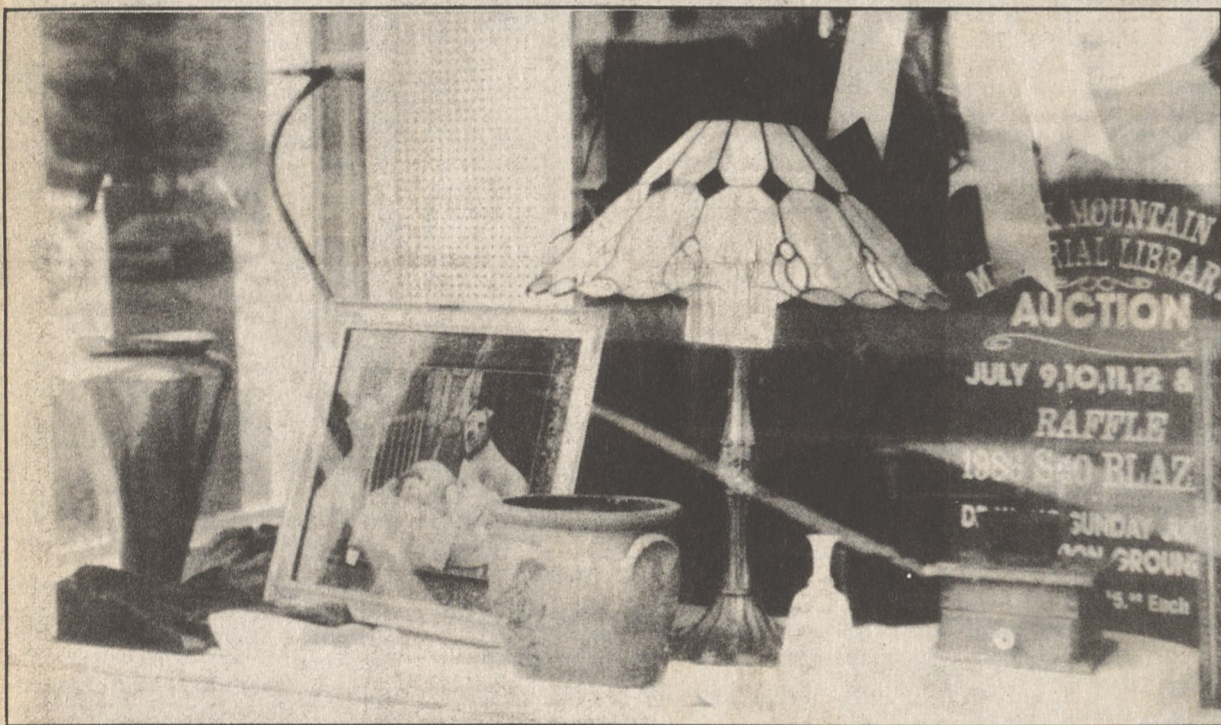
Two part-time patrolmen for the borough, James Drury and John Naylis, resigned last month to accept full-time employment.

Congressman Paul Kanjorski has taken up the battle between the borough and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

Kanjorski plans to intervene in the three-year dispute concerning the fact that the commission refuses to hook up existing restroom facilities at its public access area to sewer lines the state demanded the borough to have put in. Kanjorski hopes to persuade the commission to comply with the borough's request to connect the lines and also to pick up the tab for maintenance of the facility.

A contract worth \$38,103 for the Lakeview Road Project was awarded to the Wilkes-Barre Construction Co.

The next informal town meeting has been set for July 16 at 7 p.m.



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## Window display

Shown here is the display currently shown in the window of Besecker Real Estate at Dallas Corners, featuring some of the antiques that will be auctioned off during this year's Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. (See related story, page 11.)

# Youths charged with car theft in Trucksville

Three youths are in custody at the juvenile detention center in Wilkes-Barre after being charged with the theft of a car last weekend in

Trucksville.

Arlene Stroud, 322 Orchard Street, on Saturday reported to the Kingston Township police that her car

was stolen. Her 1982 Plymouth Reliant was later recovered on High Street in Plymouth. She also reported that \$20 was stolen from a cash box.



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