

COMMUNITY

Strosnider named Dallas Borough manager

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The Dallas Borough Council at last Tuesday's meeting named Kathryn Strosnider, formerly borough clerk, to the post of borough manager. She replaces Gary Allabaugh, who was last seen by borough officials May 10, when he spent only a short time in his office and then left without notice.

Council treasurer William Baker and Strosnider told the council that more than \$880 was found to be missing after the completion of two internal audits of the office. Council members explained that Allabaugh's family had repaid the money that was missing.

Eyet's motions to dismiss Allabaugh and to approve Strosnider were approved unanimously. Eyet also made a motion that Borough Police Chief John Fowler meet with Borough Solicitor John S. Fine, Jr. to file the warrants necessary for Allabaugh's arrest, which passed by a 3-1 vote. Council president Donald Shaffer voted in the negative. Shaffer explained that Allabaugh's action had been reported to the district attorney's office, who in turn referred the council to the state police. Because Allabaugh's family had repaid the missing money, the state police declined to

file charges. Shaffer said he voted no because since the money was repaid and Allabaugh had disappeared, he did not want to 'waste' taxpayers money in trying to locate Allabaugh.

Strosnider will receive a starting salary of \$5,000 annually and will serve a six-month probationary period. The council will advertise for a part-time clerk to work 15 hours per week at \$4 per hour.

A letter of resignation effective June 20 was received by the council from William Berti, a borough councilman for more than 25 years. Berti's resignation was accepted with regret. In his letter Berti explained that he was resigning due to the workload of his business which does not allow him enough time to devote to council.

Joseph Funke addressed council and said he thought the members should look into recycling very seriously. He asked them if they planned to set up a committee to investigate what should be done. Council explained that it was not mandatory for the borough to go into recycling at present but would become more involved pending more specific details from the state. Shaffer explained that since the borough had private haulers rather than public-supported trash re-

moval, this presented problems.

The bid for the Elizabeth Street storm sewer project was awarded to the low bidder, R.N. Fitch & Sons, in the amount of \$18,800, as recommended by borough engineer Leo Corbett. Other bids were \$28,278.05, American Asphalt; Vincent Construction Inc., \$21,286.10; Linde Co. \$25,120; Anthony R. Popple Equipment & Rental \$24,690; and Padula & Sons Exc. \$23,645.

Russell Eyet reported that the Dallas Borough Recreation Center opened Monday, June 19.

In order to keep vandalism and late night activities under control, council approved reinstating the 10 o'clock curfew in the borough which will begin immediately.

Council also received a letter of commendation from Chief of Police John Fowler on Patrolman William Norris' performance during training and his first weeks of duty. Patrolman James Drury received a letter of commendation from the council and Mayor Paul LaBar.

Solicitor Fine reported that negotiations between the council and police were progressing and he hoped for a settlement in the near future.



Newcomers donate sign

Newcomers Joan Wagner, Martha Weber, Elaine Gage, Judy Stankowich and Gail Gammage present a sign to Nancy Rowlands, Luzerne County Federated Womens Club president. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)



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