

Kingston Twp. plans road repairs

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With the record high temperatures and Spring finally upon us many area municipalities are starting to think about the conditions of area roads and the repairs that may be needed.

This was the case at last week's meeting of the Kingston Township Supervisors, as the board looked at a number of issues dealing with roads in the township.

During the 40 minute meeting, the board discussed two possible amendments to the Motor Vehicle Ordinance. The first amendment, which was approved on first reading, established certain speed limits and stop intersections for a number of streets in newly established subdivisions in the township. The board also approved the drafting of an amendment which would institute a northbound one-way street on Main Street, from Route 309 to Division Street.

In other matters dealing with the roads, the board set May 6 as the date for spring road inspections throughout the township. Approval was also given for the road crew to assist crews in Franklin Township with blacktopping work being done there.

The board also listened to a concern from a resident regarding a requirement that township police officers reside in the township within one year of being hired. Mike McCormick told the supervisors that he felt the requirement should be changed or the police be given a raise.

"I understand that we might lose a patrolman because he has not moved here within a year," said McCormick. "This would be a shame because I have watched the police and feel they do an excellent job."

The officer McCormick was speaking about is Robert Weiss who does not yet live in the township. Earlier in the meeting, the supervisors voted to extend the residency requirement for Weiss until September 10.

McCormick added, "It is difficult for a policeman to find a home in the township while only making \$16,000 a year, maybe we should give them a higher salary. If we keep a reasonable salary then we will keep an effective police force."

The board agreed that the police force does a good job for the township and reminded McCormick that the residency requirement was extended by Patrolman Weiss.

In other business at the meeting:

- The board authorized the transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for the new police cruiser, which is on order.

- A resolution was adopted, amending the Township's Sewage Facilities Act 537 Plan.



Eastern Star Honors

Worthy Matron Irene Transue and Worthy Patron Dennis Bonning, Dallas Chapter 396 Order of Eastern Star, will be honored at the Chapter's 65th Anniversary Dinner to be held at Irem Temple Country Club, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. The Chapter will also honor Grand Chapter Committee Members Elsie Jolley and all 50-year members. Entertainment will be by Susan Lauer and Jack Wise. Members and friends may make reservations with Catherine Edwards, P.M., RR 2, Box 225, Dallas (675-2869) or with Chapter Secretary Betty Meeker, RR 1, Box 386 (675-1997) by March 21. The Chapter will also have an Open House, Sunday, April 1, 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate the 25th Anniversary in their own building, made possible by members contributions, on Foster Street, Dallas.

Dallas students may take a walk for Earth Day

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Dallas students may have to walk to school one day in April, but not because the gas bill for the buses hasn't been paid.

Members of the Dallas School District faculty, PTO's, administrators, and residents of the district met last Friday to discuss various projects for Earth Day and Earth Week. Earth Day is April 22 which kicks off the week of Earth Day projects.

The committee recommended considering a "Walk to School" Day for the students, planning to have Dallas area school students walk along Hildebrandt Road to their respective schools, and Westmoreland students walk along Lehigh Street to the Westmoreland School.

Fred Templin, supervisor of curriculum, was asked by the committee to contact the police chiefs of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township

to attend the next meeting, Thursday, March 22, 4 p.m., to discuss with the committee what safety regulations could be imposed.

Liz Lloyd, Dallas PTO, told members that the Dallas Elementary students had planned a nature hike as well as a tree planting. The PTO will purchase the trees and sell them at a minimal cost, one to each student, so the students may take the trees home to plant them.

Dr. Thomas Winter, professor at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman, explained the university's recycling project which is now in its second year. He also said that during Earth Week, the students would conduct their annual project of cleaning up the litter along the roadways leading to the campus.

It was also recommended that each of the four schools in the Dallas District hold a different event on different days.

Students ask voice on L-L board

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Robert O. Roberts, who is now assistant principal at Lake-Lehman Senior High School, has been appointed principal of the junior high effective July 1, 1990. Roberts salary for the 12 month position will be at the position rate for junior high school principal.

A group of students from the senior high student council attended the March 13 meeting to request an answer to their letter to High School Principal Jay Zaleskas asking that two students be allowed to participate in the board's workshop sessions. The students said in their letter that at least one-third of the districts in Pennsylvania allow students to participate.

District Superintendent Dr. Charles Borchetta told the students that he had not seen the letter and could not answer their question.

Board member Liz Sichler asked

Zaleskas what he did with the letter and Zaleskas replied that he initiated it and sent it over to the administration.

"I have no problem with that," Liz Sichler said. The board members said they would discuss the request at the next meeting in May.

The board also appointed Sichler as Lake-Lehman's representative to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for a three year term beginning July 1, 1990.

Dr. Borchetta reported that the dates for the student trip to the Soviet Union had to be adjusted due to a booking problem.

"The departure date will now be Saturday, April 14, with the return date of April 23. We wish everyone participating a safe and rewarding journey," Dr. Borchetta said.

In other business, the board:

- Received a petition from Mrs. Gary Gold, Lake Silkworth signed by more than two dozen parents requesting that the district inves-

tigate alleged misconduct of a bus driver. Mrs. Gold presented the petition stating that the parents concern was due to an incident on the school bus in which the driver was alleged to have spiked the brakes to gain the attention of a student. As a result, a girl was knocked down on the floor of the bus, according to Mrs. Gold.

Dr. Borchetta told Mrs. Gold that a meeting had been held with some parents, the named bus driver, and Barbara Ross, transportation coordinator. He said no substantial evidence was found to support the claim but indicated that a memorandum will be sent to all bus drivers that spiking the brakes must cease immediately.

Gold said she was satisfied with the action taken.

- The Board also approved the LIU 18 budget of \$310,403 for the 1990-91 school year and the district's share of \$15,240.95 for 1990-91.

Roberts

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beth, 11. Deborah is employed as a clinical nurse consultant with the Mediscus Corporation.

Assistant senior high school principal since 1981, Roberts will assume the principalship of junior high July 1 of this year. He has been at Lake-Lehman since 1971, where he started as a social studies teacher and served as chairman of the social studies department for six or seven years. He then moved to administrative assistant and staff development coordinator in 1984, and to assistant to high school principal Jay Zaleskas, who will retire June 30 of this year.

Roberts has been active in many extra-curricular activities during his years at Lake-Lehman

and was assistant football coach for about 15 years under Ray Caucci, Rich Gorgone and Tom Hisiro. He has served as senior class advisor for the last 10 years and has been an assistant basketball coach on both the senior and junior high level.

A graduate of Wyoming Valley West in 1967, Roberts graduated from East Stroudsburg University in 1971 and received his Master's Degree from the University of Scranton in 1986.

"I would like to see every student become involved in some activity, then they will feel they belong to the school," Roberts said. "If they become involved they will develop more of a sense of belonging and purpose. My two children will be of junior

high age which helps me realize what they're going through.

"If I understand the children's needs and tailor the program to meet their needs instead of programming the programs to suit the school's needs I believe it will help them," Roberts stated.

"I appreciate the board showing enough faith and confidence in me to appoint me to the position. I feel it shows the board members have a commitment to the people within the district who are qualified."

Roberts said he is grateful to Jay Zaleskas, who has given him the benefit of his knowledge and experience.

"I have learned a great deal from Jay's guidance," Roberts said. "He's a good man and the district will miss him."

It's really true - better late than never

It was Tuesday and one of those days when I opened my eyes and looked out the window to see March snow swirling in the wind as it fell to cover the ground. I glanced at the clock and came to with a start. It was a half hour past the usual time I get up. I said to myself "Why don't I just stay in bed and go back to sleep?" Then I thought "No, today is Tuesday-press day at The Post-a rat race under any conditions but today I have three late stories that have to be in the computer this morning."

I jumped hurriedly out of bed, donned my robe and started the shower. Within half an hour I was dressed and ready to leave the house. But first, I had to have my morning coffee, so as I filled the coffee maker I glanced at the kitchen clock. It registered 7:30 a.m., the usual time I'm downstairs. "It can't be right, it must have lost time during the night, perhaps the electricity went off," I

said to myself.

I turned on the TV but after several minutes wait, they hadn't given the time so I called the phone company. "It's 7:35," the operator said in answer to my question.

There's something wrong! Comes the dawn! My clock upstairs - every Monday night I set it half hour ahead to give me time for an early start on press day. I can still get to The Dallas Post on time!

I clean the snow from my car and backed it out of the driveway. The snow is still falling and the roads are slick. Cars on the highway are moving slowly but I reach the office on time and lose no time getting inside. Then—

"Charlot, you left your car lights on." Back out in the snow I go.

No more setting my clock ahead- I fool no one but myself!

By CHARLOT DENMON

Hot water

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Police said that while questioning Evans she admitted to taking money from the authority. During the trial, Evans said she made that statement to police because she was having personal problems and only made that statement because she thought the police would "take care" of her by putting her in jail.

When asked about the daily operation of the authority, Evans said that she was basically in charge of handling the funds. However, she said that certain things occurred which could explain the funds that were missing from the authority. The missing

funds were discovered during an audit of the authority.

Evans testified that there was a time when "...certain things seemed funny." She said that she noticed some files had been missing, a computer disc was missing, and other materials disappeared for a couple of days and then reappeared with no explanation. She said that she notified her superiors about the situation but nothing was done about it.

Evans also said that she was doing some jobs that she was not properly trained to do. "I was told to start handling the accounts in

which liens were placed on a property. It took me a couple of days to figure out because I didn't know what I was doing," she testified.

It was even stated that Evans had asked for an audit to be done but was told it would not be.

Besides criticizing the operations of the sewer authority, Evans' attorney, Jonathan Blum, blasted the audit which the prosecution relied upon. The audit was done by Certified Public Accountant John Brokenshire.

Blum said that the audit was filled with mistakes, which were brought out when compared to

other audits done by the J.H. Williams Co., the authority's former auditor.

During his closing arguments, Blum listed what he called, "51 reasonable doubts" as to why Evans should not be found guilty. These doubts again criticized the sewer authority procedures and Brokenshire's audit.

The prosecution said the case was difficult because the jury may have had a tough time figuring out how much money is missing.

Sewer authority members would not say this week what would happen next concerning the missing funds.

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