



**NEWS ITEM** - Despite the recent resignation of three Dallas Borough councilmen, other officials in Back Mountain communities say they like the job.

**Service**

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people within a reasonable length of time in a big snowstorm and they call and tell you how much they appreciated it."

But he says there are negative aspects, too, and cites a current controversy.

"It's frustrating when people don't realize the time and effort involved in getting a project off the ground, such as the present garbage and recycling project. If all the haulers would have agreed several years ago, it would be easier. More people complain now than in the past, it seems nothing you do suits them," Walter said. "The more you try to do for the people it seems the more they complain."

Don Cooper, vice president of the Dallas Borough Council said his greatest satisfaction is derived from knowing he is contributing to his community. "I ran for council because I had a number of goals I would like to achieve to help the borough. One or two of them have been and it is satisfying to me that I was successful in these."

Cooper said that being unable to complete needed projects is his greatest source of frustration. "It is frustrating not getting some of them done, especially when I know that they should be. Trying to do what is best to help the overall community should be the goal of every official. It gets to me when I know something can be done but some are not doing their share. A council member's job is not a one meeting a month task. To do a job well you have to spend hours at meetings sometimes two or three nights a week," Cooper commented.

"The greatest reward is once something is achieved and you know you were instrumental in getting it done, at least to me it is," Cooper said. "Probably the only time people come out is when they have to pay a \$135 DAMA bill. If you had people come out you wouldn't have those problems."

"For the most part, it's been a pleasure to be a supervisor for the last four and a half years. I've gained a lot from it," said Stager. "I have been frustrated to certain degrees. It's usually when people will call you and they don't have the entire story. They rant and rave and they don't have all the facts. Being a township supervisor you find your time is not your own. Sometimes it's an important issue, and sometimes people don't respect your privacy."

"I think it's important for people to find out what the problem is, and what possible solutions are," said Stager.

Wagner noted that most residents don't realize how much time and work their officials devote to community business.

"Most exasperating is that the people think you're not doing anything. They don't realize the time and effort that goes into every project no matter how large or small," Wagner said. "They protest even when you try to do things to help them. Our township is one of the lowest millage townships in the area. We have only six mills. It's getting harder and harder trying to get people to cooperate. It gets frustrating at times but then you think of the people who do express appreciation."

In Jackson Township, one supervisor says public service is a way to contribute to the community in which he grew up.

"It certainly isn't for the money and it's not a glorious job," said Joseph Stager, a Jackson Township supervisor for the last four and a half years.

"I've lived in this township all of my life," said Stager. "I always felt it was a good place to live. When it was election time, I thought I could do some good. You just feel that there's things to be done."

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Jackson Twp. Supervisor

Getting things done however, doesn't always make everyone happy.

"Sometimes you feel you're damned if you do, damned if you don't," said Stager. "But you keep a clear mind and work through it. I think the biggest thing is working together. No matter where you are, you have to work with fellow councilman or supervisors."

Donald Gavigan of Kingston Township echoed Stager's comments.

"You get a lot of hard times that you really don't deserve," said Gavigan, a Kingston Township supervisor. "We do the best for the overall community. I was born and raised here. What I wanted to do was give something back to the community."

Has he ever thought of quitting? "Several times it crossed my mind over the heat of the garbage thing, a lot of us felt, is this worth it?" said Gavigan. "But that never stopped me. I love being a supervisor. I'm doing the best that I can for the people. That's what I'm here for."

So people know and understand what goes on in their local government, Stager would like to see more people at the meetings.

"Probably my biggest disgruntlement is not enough people get involved," said Stager. "Probably the only time people come out is when they have to pay a \$135 DAMA bill. If you had people come out you wouldn't have those problems."

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**Write-in**

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Vice-president Don Cooper said the council expected to appoint the three candidates who are running unopposed in November to fill the vacancies. They are William Roberts, William Peiffer, brother of present council member Patricia Peiffer and Marie Eyet.

If appointed, the three will fill the vacancies until the end of December when they will then move into their four year positions. The Council will then be able to appoint two other individuals to fill the term of Tim Carroll whose term expires in 1993 and the seat of Bob Brown, whose seat expires in December.

In other business the council received a letter of resignation from William Tabor, president of Dallas Borough Zoning Board. Council also received a letter from the Back Mountain Library requesting the borough's support in the form of a \$1,500 contribution.

James Davis of Dallas asked why council committees do not have three members on a committee. He was told that Dallas Borough has had two-person committees for the past nine years.

In new business the council approved the submission of calculations of the 1992 obligation for the Dallas Borough police and road department employees pension plan contributions as required by Act 205.

Cooper reported that during the month of August the police cruiser traveled 5,570 miles, answered 260 complaints, investigated 17 traffic accidents, assisted eight motorists, provided 31 escorts, answered seven burglar alarms and gave 30 assists. The department also made 72 traffic arrests and 10 non traffic arrests and turned over \$70 for parking and reports to the borough secretary. Cooper also reported \$1,137.75 in fines received from the magistrate had been turned over to the borough.

Borough Manager Lutsey reported that Franklin Street Storm Drainage System and paving was completed at a total cost of \$29,429.

Lutsey also said that Jack Wolensky, playground director, had submitted the end of the year report and also returned the \$200 advance to him at the beginning of the season.

"He did a wonderful job with the program," said Lutsey. "There was a wide variety of events enjoyed by the children and all of the activities were funded by the soda machine and snack profits and the \$200 advance was returned. Wolensky indicated all of his staff would like to return for next summer with the exception of one, who will be employed out of state," said Lutsey.

Lutsey also told council that the Huntsville Road water project is completed and PennDOT has said that paving will be done during September, and that Dallas Water Company wants to improve water service on Machell Avenue by installing eight inch to 10-inch water mains and digging up the street from top to bottom.

Lutsey also reported that the storm drain system from Columbia Avenue to Picketts Restaurant will be cleaned in the future.

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LEE and CARA BARBER

**Barbers to observe their 50th wedding anniversary**

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Barber, R.R. #5 Tunkhannock (Jenks) Pa will observe their 50th Wedding anniversary Sept. 30, 1991.

They were married on Sept. 30, 1941 in the Methodist Church, Rockfor, Illinois, by the Rev. Henry Page White.

Their attendants were James Allen and Rachel Johnston.

Mrs. Barber is the former Cara (Dolly) Sickler daughter of the late Harvey and Cora (carpenter) Sickler.

Mr. Barber is the son of the late Frank and Martha Dymond Barber. He is retired from the U.S. Army.

They are parents of two sons, Boyd, Harvey's Lake, employed by Commonwealth Telephone Co., Dallas, and Ronald, Cheyene, Wyoming, employed by Coastal Chemicals.

They have eight grandchildren, Brenda Suder, Michael, Steven Barber, Harvey's Lake, Holly Madonna, Kunkle, Deanne Walsh, Sweet Valley, Tanya Miller, Ok. City, OK and Lynel and Clint Barber, Cheyene, Wyo.

They also have three great-grandsons Christopher Suder, 6 years, Matthew Madonna, 1-1/2 years and William Cody Walsh, 6 months.

**Matthew Thomas Bagley baptised**

Matthew Thomas Bagley, infant son of Thersa Durk and Thomas Joseph Bagley, Dallas, was baptized recently in St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston.

Matthew was baptized in the same christening gown previously worn by his mother and godfather

at their baptism. Matthew's godparents are Stephen Durk and Donna Ide. His maternal grandparents are Theresa and Michael Durk Sr., of Edwardsville. His paternal grandparents are Susie and Thomas Bagley, Dallas.

**Water**

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insisting the Ceasetown Dam project be completed. The \$663,000 project of running the pipe from Route 29 to the Ceasetown Dam to the prison is to be completed in 230 days from the date the contract is awarded, according to law.

"I think it's terrible the state has taken so long to get this project done," said Rusiloski. "The security could be a problem if we were to have a severe shortage," she said.

Representatives Stanley Jarolin, George Hasay and Lisa Baker, representative for Sen. Charles Lemmond, were also at the meeting.

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