

Jackson Twp. sued by sewer installer

The Jackson Township General Municipal Authority has been sued by a Honesdale contractor for allegedly not paying for the construction of sanitary sewer lines.

In the lawsuit, Linde Enterprises Inc. claims that the authority has not paid for \$766,277 in contracted work, and an additional \$59,651 in retainage was unlawfully withheld.

Also named in the suit were the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority and Michael J. Pasonick Jr. Inc., consultant to the project.

Attorney Donald McFadden, representing the authority, said that the authority's engineer, Pasonick Engineering, disagreed with the amount of work completed, and recommended that the payment not be made.

Police report

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP MAN INJURED IN CRASH

One man was hospitalized after a two-car accident at South Pioneer Avenue and Route 309 on Tuesday November 26.

David Andrew Heid, 19, of Evergreen Street, Shavertown, was stopped behind another vehicle on Pioneer Avenue at the intersection with Route 309 at about 3:45 p.m., police said.

Heid said that he saw the other car, driven by Wallace F. Stettler, 70, of Newberry Estates, Dallas, start to go forward. Heid said that he looked over his shoulder to see if there was any traffic heading southbound on Route 309. There was a slow moving cement truck approaching, so Heid accelerated. When he turned his head, Heid saw Stettler's car in front of him. He told police he applied his brakes but hit the Stettler's car in the rear, which traveled a few feet to the berm.

When Heid got out of the car to see if the other driver was all right, he told police that Stettler's car began to coast forward, crossing all four lanes of the highway until it hit the guardrail by the northbound lanes.

Police investigation showed that the collision occurred 28 feet in front of the stop sign, and that Stettler's vehicle traveled 315 feet after impact.

Heid's 1987 Ford Mustang LX was driven from the scene, while Stettler's 1990 Buick Park Avenue was towed.

Stettler was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where he was listed in serious condition Monday.

Investigating officer was Sgt. James J. Balavage.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Two cars were lightly damaged after they collided at East Center and Summit streets November 27 at 9:55 a.m., police said.

David R. Raker, 18, of East Center Street, Shavertown, told police he was pulling out of Summit Street, onto East Center Street after checking both ways for traffic.

Raker said he didn't see an eastbound vehicle on East Center Street driven by Florence Gelsco, of Garden Village Apartments, West Pittston.

Gelsco applied her brakes and slid approximately 24 feet. She also swerved left before Raker's 1987 Chrysler LeBaron collided with her 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier, police said. Neither driver was injured.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Walter Davis.

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP CAR HITS GUARDRAIL

Sheldon McKeel, of RD 2 Hunlock Creek, swerved his 1983 Oldsmobile Toronado into a guardrail at the intersection of Route 29 and Lakeside Drive November 30, police said.

McKeel told police that he was driving north in the northbound lane on Route 29 when another vehicle failed to yield the right of way. McKeel, who was not injured, swerved to avoid a collision and struck the guardrail, police said.

Investigating officer was Ptl. William Purcell.



Dough Company opens in Dallas

The Dough Company recently opened a restaurant on Route 309 in Dallas, in the building formerly occupied by Jedediah's. Featuring an eat-in or take-out menu of pasta dishes, sandwiches, homemade soups, salads and both white and red pizza made from a special recipe, the Dough Company is open Sunday through Thursday from 3 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights from three until 11 p.m. The new restaurant is the Dough Company's second, joining one on Kidder Street in Wilkes-Barre Township. Showing off the newly refurbished dining room are, from left, manager Carla DelPriore and co-owners Ralph DelPriore and Janet Bird. Absent from picture is business partner James Bird. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Comm Center budget survives HL pullout

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

The Back Mountain Communications Center will weather Harveys Lake's pullout better than expected.

The Communications Center board passed a revised budget at a special meeting Monday, November 25.

Harveys Lake will leave the Communications Center as of May, 1992, having giving the required six months notice.

Even though Harveys Lake will pay only \$10,755 for five months of service in 1992 instead of \$25,811, the Communications Center budget will be nearly what it was anticipated to be before Harveys Lake dropped out.

The total budget will be \$170,515, instead of the \$172,071 anticipated before Harveys Lake's pullout.

"The key to this is the carryover balance is really good," said Jeffrey Box, who prepares the center's budgets. Box said that while the Communications Center could carry over a balance of \$30,000 to \$35,000, he had conservatively estimated a \$15,000 carryover into 1992.

Contributions from the other member municipalities and fire and ambulance associations will remain the same. Nine area fire and ambulance companies will pay \$1,500.

Kingston and Dallas townships will contribute \$31,145, Dallas Borough will contribute \$25,811,

and Jackson and Lehman townships will contribute \$10,497. Nesbitt Memorial Hospital will contribute \$20,293.

The budget will allow the center's board to hire a fourth full-time dispatcher as they originally intended to do.

The one change in the budget is a reduction in a capital fund from \$5,000 to \$3,444. The fund is being established so the center will have money needed to maintain and replace equipment.

The Center's expenses for 1993 also will be easier to meet because the loan taken out to pay for the center's original equipment will be paid off halfway through that year, requiring \$8,000 to be budgeted instead of \$16,000.

Dallas Twp. taxes will stay the same

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Taxes won't change in Dallas Township if the proposed budget is adopted after the required 30 day waiting period.

At its November 19 meeting, the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors approved a 1992 preliminary budget of \$1,081,000. Total expenditures are expected to increase only by \$1,766 over last year, mostly due to employee salaries, while the six-mill property tax is not expected to change.

Donations to the Back Mountain Memorial Library (\$2,000), the SPCA and Home Health Services

(\$1,000 each) will remain the same. The supervisors noted that Dallas Township also donated labor to the Back Mountain Memorial Library for paving its parking lot.

In other business, the supervisors accepted the resignation of Kathy Lawrence from the planning commission due to change of residence.

The supervisors have asked that

any Dallas Township resident who is familiar with the area and interested in filling Ms. Lawrence's position contact any member of the Board of Supervisors or Zoning Officer Len Kozick at the Township Building, telephone 675-5217.

The next regular supervisors' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, at 7 p.m. in the Dallas Township Building.

Taxpayers sponsor talk by Dr. James Broussard

Twenty-five residents in the Dallas School District have formed an organization to protest what they feel are unreasonable demands by the teachers in their contract negotiations.

Calling themselves the Dallas Taxpayers Forum, the group will sponsor a talk by Dr. James Broussard on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

Broussard, chairman of the History and Political Science Departments at Lebanon Valley College, formed Citizens Against Higher Taxes, an organization that calls itself a watchdog for Pennsylvania taxpayers.

The public is invited to the meeting.

Students

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We simply tell the student that we have found that he or she is exhibiting certain behavior and that we feel that a problem might exist.

"We suggest alternatives, such as counseling or referral to various community agencies whomight be able to help. But we cannot force anyone to go for counseling," she added.

Once the student and his family learn of their options, it is their decision whether or not to pursue them. At this point, the CARE team's involvement ends.

If a student and his family decline assistance, the CARE team does not further involve itself. But if the student and family ask for help, they are referred to the agencies which will best meet their needs. It is up to the agency

contacted to decide exactly what type of counseling or therapy is appropriate.

According to Roberts, the CARE team has spent the first months of the school year designing the program and hopes to begin operations during the second semester. When CARE is ready to begin, all junior high school teachers will have in-service training to familiarize them with what it can and cannot accomplish. Students will also learn in a school-wide presentation that there is now somewhere to go for help.

"In the past, students often came to us asking for help and we didn't know where to go with the problem," concluded Ms. Lockman. "Now we have the resources to put them in touch with the services that they need."

Help your child say "No" to drugs and alcohol

Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services suggests these 10 steps to help your child say "No" to alcohol or drugs.

1. Talk with your child about alcohol and other drugs, letting him know that not "everybody" drinks, smokes or uses drugs.
2. Learn to really listen to what your child is saying.
3. Help your child feel good about him/herself. Praise efforts as well as accomplishments, and criticize behavior, not the child.
4. Help your child develop a strong value system.
5. Be a good role model or example. Kids turn off fast to "Do as I say, not as I do."
6. Help your child deal with peer pressure. Encourage him to say "No" to negative peer pressure.
7. Make family rules about using drugs, alcohol or cigarettes.
8. Encourage healthy, creative activities, such as volunteer work, school or church events or hobbies to prevent your child from experimenting with drugs out of boredom.
9. Team up with other parents in support groups that will reinforce the guidance that you provide at home.
10. Know what to do if you suspect a problem. Learn to recognize the telltale signs of alcohol, tobacco or other drug use and get help.

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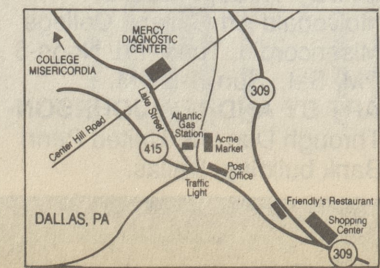
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