

Police Reports

Dallas Borough CAR CATCHES FIRE

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1988 Jeep Grand Wagoneer operated by Ian Arthur Kellman, 50, of Shavertown, caught fire in the parking lot of the Dallas Shopping Center Saturday, October 3, shortly after 4 p.m. Kellman stated to police that he saw smoke coming from underneath the car's hood when he coasted it into the shopping center after it had stalled out in the northbound lane of Route 309. The car sustained moderate damage to the engine area, police said. Dallas Fire Company assisted at the scene.

Patrolman James Drury investigated the accident.

HANDGUN STOLEN FROM DALLAS HOME

Dallas Borough police are in-

vestigating the theft of a .357 Magnum Smith & Wesson model 686 handgun valued at \$320 from the kitchen of the residence of Samuel Spencer of Dallas Sunday, October 2, at 10 p.m.

Police are asking anyone with information on this theft to contact the Dallas Borough police at 675-4650.

Patrolman William Norris is investigating the incident.

18-SPEED BIKE STOLEN FROM BOWLING ALLEY

Dallas Borough police are investigating the theft of a Royce-Union Jade Mountain 18-speed bicycle, valued at \$174, from the Back Mountain Bowl. The bike, owned by a 12-year-old borough resident, has a 26" frame and is neon green with a jell seat.

Patrolman Russell Devens investigated the incident.

Kingston Twp

ONE CAR ACCIDENT ON PIONEER AVENUE

According to Kingston Township Police, a Mercury Tracer driven by Donna Ceconi of Dallas sustained severe damage in a one car accident on Pioneer Avenue at 2:45 a.m. on October 3.

Police report that Ceconi said that she was traveling north on Pioneer Avenue. She said that the next thing she knew was that her vehicle was sideways and tipping over, according to Kingston Township Police. The police report said that there were skid marks of almost 88 feet stretching to the vehicle's final resting point.

TWO CAR ACCIDENT ON ROUTE 309

According to Kingston Township Police, light damage was caused to vehicles owned by Matthew Perry of Dallas and Annmarie Coslett of Hunlock Creek when they collided on September 30 at 12:50 p.m.

Perry told Kingston Township Police that he was traveling south on Route 309 in the passing lane. As he was traveling in line with traffic a vehicle leading the line was making a left turn into a business according to the police report. Kingston Township Police report that the traffic line slowed to a stop and made a lane change into the driving lane. Perry said that this was when he was struck by Coslett's vehicle.

Coslett said that she was heading south on Route 309 when all of the sudden, Perry made a lane change from the passing lane. Her vehicle was struck in the left side

by Perry's vehicle according to the police report. Coslett told Kingston Township Police that she attempted to move her automobile to the right to avoid being struck by Perry.

TWO SUBARUS COLLIDE ON PIONEER AVENUE AND CENTER STREET

According to Kingston Township Police, light damage occurred when two Subarus collided at the intersection of Pioneer Avenue and Center Street on September 26 at 4 p.m.

Paul Mulcey of Dallas told police that he was traveling south on Pioneer Avenue. The other vehicle, driven by Paula Carey of Shawanese, was attempting to pull off of West Center Street to go north on Pioneer Avenue when she went into Mulcey's lane, according to the police report. According to the report, Carey hit Mulcey's vehicle in the rear driver's side door.

Carey pulled over to the side as Mulcey continued up the road then turned around to come back, Kingston Township Police said. The police report that Mulcey told them that when he came back, Carey's vehicle was gone, but he was able to get a witness, who confirmed the story with police.

According to Kingston Township Police, Carey telephoned the department 45 minutes after the accident and said that she was having car trouble. Police report that she said she was attempting to go north on Pioneer Avenue when her car stalled at the intersection. She said that she did not think she hit anybody with her vehicle.

Jackson

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strung along the top and bottom, instead of the six-foot fence reinforced by cross-rails at the top, middle and bottom that the township's zoning ordinance requires.

The zoning hearing board had adjourned the meeting until October 5 to give Banks time to provide written confirmation of his communications with DER, and to give zoning hearing board members time to look at the fence if they wished to.

Although sections of the quarry's fence currently meet township specifications, large sections of the original fence, made of four-foot high turkey wire, are either badly deteriorated or have fallen down.

Adjoining property owners have repeatedly voiced their concerns about the possibility of someone going through the fence and accidentally falling into the quarry to zoning officer Robert Culp.

At Monday's meeting, Banks and Ward presented a written report of DER's last inspection of the company's operation, which included an order to build a fence around one of the quarries on the property.

Banks and Ward did not provide any written confirmation of their previous statements that DER had recommended construction of a specific type of fence reinforced with wire cable instead of solid cross-rails.

"DER told me that they don't send out letters like this," Ward said. "They told me that they would mail me copies of their mining fence specifications, but I haven't received them yet."

When asked why he had not requested DER to fax him the specifications, Ward replied, "We have two fax machines at our company. DER told me that they

would mail me the specifications."

Ward also presented copies of fence specifications from the Office of Surface Mining and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, which he claimed duplicated DER's requirements.

American Asphalt's fence contractor, Jack Kratz, testified that the fence that he is building around Quarry 1 "is in accordance with all of these specifications."

"This is a lot of hogwash!" commented John Phillips, whose property adjoins Banks'. "If DER told American Asphalt to put up a certain kind of fence, it would be documented. There is no proof that DER recommended a tension wire

fence!" Banks had testified September 28 that a fence without rails is flexible and too unstable for anyone to climb over, while a chain-link fence with cross-rails is rigid, like a ladder, and easily climbed over.

Although zoning variances are usually obtained before construction begins, zoning hearing board members said that construction was allowed before the variance was granted because Banks had been ordered by DER to begin erecting the fence by September 28.

Zoning officer Robert Culp was not available for comment.

Jackson Twp. holds last meeting in fire hall

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

An era ended in Jackson Township Monday night, October 5, as the board of supervisors adjourned its last meeting in the Jackson Township fire hall.

Starting November 2, the supervisors will meet in the newly renovated municipal building on Huntsville Road, after a year of headaches, delays and unforeseen catastrophes.

Last winter, cleanup crews unearthed six oil storage drums and more than 1,200 tons of oil-contaminated soil, costing the township more than \$200,000 to clean up.

During the oil tank cleanup, the building contractor went belly-up. The subcontractors quit because the contractor hadn't paid them. All renovation work stopped.

Anything that could have gone wrong, did.

Things began to look brighter by the beginning of October, as the bonding company settled up with the subcontractors and gave the township permission to finish renovations on its own.

The police department has almost completed moving into its new offices, complete with a holding cell, from its former cramped quarters in a poorly-heated old office trailer on Mountain Road.

New police and emergency telephone numbers will be publicized as soon as the contractors install the new telephone system in the police station, police chief Don Jones said.

The supervisors will schedule a dedication ceremony at a later date.

In other business, the supervisors approved:

- An ordinance setting the speed limit on Gates Road between Chase and Follies Roads at 25 m.p.h.

- A resolution setting the pave cut fees at \$25 for each inspection, \$10 for the first 2' x 4' pave cut and \$10 for every additional pave cut in a work project.

Supervisors gave police chief Jones permission to donate three ten-speed bicycles which police have been unable to locate owners for, to the fire department, possibly to be used as part of a fundraiser. Police found the bicycles abandoned in various locations in the township more than a year ago.

Jones also reported that the township's speed tapes and electric monitoring box had been damaged by a driver attempting to avoid a speed trap on Chase Road near Pine Tree Road. Jones said that the tapes were ripped up from the road and the monitoring box damaged when the unidentified man's car slid 84 feet trying to slow down to 35 m.p.h. and avoid the speed trap.

The supervisors authorized solicitor Blythe Evans to contact the driver to arrange payment for the damage, estimated by Jones to be more than \$500. If the driver doesn't pay, the township will attempt to collect the damages through his insurance company or possibly through a complaint filed with the magistrate.

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Paul E. Hodges to Henry C. Novroski Jr., 258 Church St., Dallas, property, Church St., Dallas Twp., \$115,000.

Alyce B. Remple to June Houser, RR 2, Box 290, Dallas, property Main Street, Dallas Boro.

Jane Harron to Sue H. Salansky, RR 2, Box 329-A, Dallas, property 1) 1.034 ac.; 2) 1/2 ac., Lake Twp.

Jane Anne Harron to Sue H. Salansky, RR 2, Box 329-A, Dallas, property 3 parcels, Lake Twp.

Nat Pettit to Kathleen N. Follmer, RR 3, Box 280, Harveys Lake, property Orchard St., Harveys Lake, \$38,000.

Louis Sledziewski to John Richard Weidler II, 162 Main St., Dallas, property 162 Main St., Dallas Boro, \$54,500.

Michael J. Kozick to James Schmidt, Wardan St., Dallas, property Wardan St., Dallas Twp.

Patricia Ann Slaymaker to Maureen Moran Minichello, 204 Hillside, Dallas, property Hillside Condominium, Unit 5, Bldg. A., Dallas Twp., \$117,500.

Helen M. Hankins to Keith J. Barchock, Box 70, Firehouse Rd., Harveys Lake, property, Harveys Lake.

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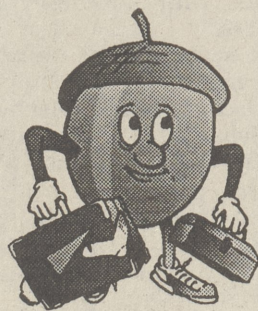
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