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Marietta council acts on foundry complaints

Marietta citizens concerned with chlorine emissions from the U.S. Aluminum Foundry plant met with success last Tuesday night when they presented their concerns to the Marietta Borough Council.

Janet Kell of Front Street led about 50 Marietta residents in presenting complaints to the council.

Council took the following action because of the meeting:

It appointed a new committee of citizens and councilmen, the Environment Quality Control Advisory Committee, to investigate the plant's air pollution problem and suggest ways to remedy it.

The committee is made up of Clarence and Janet Kell, Donald Arnold, Ben Thompson, Frank Allum, council members John Reuter, Larry Gillham,

Oliver Overlander, and Mayor Robert Flanagan.

Council president Oliver Overlander tells the *Susquehanna Times* that the committee plans to meet sometime before the end of the year. A date has not yet been set.

Council has also invited a representative from U.S. Aluminum to join the committee.

It assigned fire chief Barry Eppley to formulate an emergency evacuation plan in event of a chlorine leak.

It directed the council's ordinance committee chairman and zoning officer to investigate any plant violations of borough laws.

It sent copies of the borough's file on the plant to Governor Dick Thornburg, Ken Brandt and Ralph Hess, both local members of the state Legislature, and U.S. Can, the parent company to U.S. Aluminum.

It called for the Lancaster office of the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) to inspect the plant within a month and reports its findings to the council.

Council also pledged its support to the citizens, while being fair with the foundry.

There have been complaints about the plant, which is located in the old Marietta Holloware factory, for years, but a chlorine leak last August caused citizens to take action.

At the time of the August leak, plant workers were evacuated and some received treatment at the Susquehanna Health Center. Neighboring residents were not informed of the leak.

Ms. Kell says the chlorine leaks and plant emissions threaten property values and the health of people who live near the plant. She feels the plant violates air pollution standards and fails to cooperate with people when they call about emissions or leaks.

Ms. Kell remarks that when she contacted plant representatives about the

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As the snow continued to come down on Tuesday, SUSQUEHANNA TIMES mascot Charlie snuggled up to the coal-burning pot-bellied stove. Perhaps we could all take a lesson from our feline friend and remain indoors, by the stove, on these cold winter days.

Marietta's tax rate remains at 23 mills

The Marietta Borough Council, at last Tuesday's meeting, adopted a no-tax-increase budget of \$254,000 for 1981. The property tax rate will remain at 23 mills.

The council budgeted \$75,720 for the police department, to include the hiring of an additional full-time officer.

In other business, the following persons were named to borough positions: Wayne Madsen, zoning hearing board; James R.

Baker, borough sewer authority; and Frank Allum, Larry Gillham and Jerry Martin, housing hearing board.

The council increased the solicitor's retainer fee to \$1,250.

It was announced that downtown parking will be free from December 12 to January 5 because of the holidays.

Police chief William

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This week's calendar

Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 pm, a meeting of the Marietta Restoration Associates in the Marietta Community House. The group will discuss business at hand.

This Sunday and Christmas Eve, special music programs at Trinity Lutheran Church, Main Street, Mount Joy. See page 9 for information.

Special Christmas programs at Donegal Presbyterian Church, Mount Joy, this weekend and next week. Turn to page 8 for additional information.

Sunday, Dec. 20, a special musical program and Christmas puppet show at Florin Church of the Brethren, Mount Joy.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 22, 23 and 24, a "Live Nativity Scene" in the parking lot of Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm each evening.

If your group or organization would like to publicize an upcoming event in the SUSQUEHANNA TIMES, just call us at 426-2212 or 653-8383, or send the information to the paper at 75-A, R.D.#1, Marietta, PA 17547. Material should be received on the Friday before date of publication.

East Donegal adopts 1981 budget

The East Donegal Township Supervisors adopted an ordinance to reduce its tax rate to six mills at its Thursday night session.

The total budget of \$408,309 was adopted as presented. The 1981 budget is higher than last year's \$368,707.32 budget, due to

additional allocations for road improvements in the township and rising costs due to inflation.

The budget breakdown is as follows: \$143,000 for repaving roads; \$178,510 for general government; \$37,865 for fire and police protection; \$5,000 for health

and sanitation; \$5,000 for recreation; and \$38,200 for miscellaneous expenses.

In other business, it was reported that twelve building permits were issued in the last month, and the fire department answered six calls and the ambulance responded to 13.