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Syracuse board continues treatment plant discussions

Further discussion on the problem at the Syracuse waste water treatment plant arose at the Syracuse Town Board meeting last night (Tuesday).

The problem at the plant was first raised at the board's last meeting, December 20, when Robert Farber, of the street and water department, reported the plant wasn't handling its capacity of 500,000 gallons of water. He said only about 300,000 gallons of water could be run through and that they were having to bypass some of the water out of the last sand filter to handle an overflow.

Board members expressed dissatisfaction in December with Town Engineer Jerry Lessig and said he wasn't handling the problems at the plant. Lessig wasn't present at the December meeting, but was present at the meeting last night.

The discussion arose when Farber said he called the state

environmental protection agency and was told they had to be notified anytime water has to be bypassed. Farber said he was having to bypass the last sand filter nearly every night and was concerned about notifying the state.

Lessig said Farber didn't have to worry about the notification. He said, "It's very simple to let that final filter bypass at night and let the rest of the plant handle the load."

The reason why the bypassing is having to be done is that when the creek rises, there is an inflow situation, where more water is coming in than the plant can handle, causing it to overflow and clog the last filter. Lessig advised that the bypassing should continue to be done until the place where the inflow is occurring can be located.

There was some question as to whether Lessig was contracted to find the inflow problem. Lessig said that under his original contract, when financing changed to FHA funds, it knocked out the part in his contract which stated he was to find the problem. Apparently board members weren't aware of this and David Nine said they were having a "problem of communication."

Another area of communication concerning the overall problem at the plant was whether street and water commissioner Harley Conrad could lose his license by not notifying the state. Lessig said no, "if you're well within the limits of the permit, there is no reason to report it at all."

Lessig added that the plant is very complicated and that a lot of other plants around the state have the same problem when there is an abundance of water. Lessig emphasized he is looking for the inflow problem location and will continue to look for it until it is found.

Several measures to find the problem such as using TV cameras or smoking were discussed and rejected by Lessig. He said he is checking the lines, especially old sewer drains running into new sewer lines, to locate the problem.

The board members decided

they would talk over Lessig's recommendations with Farber and Conrad and then decide what action to take.

New Town Hall

A phone system for the new town hall was approved. The system, similar to the system now in use at the present town hall, calls for seven extensions at a cost of \$60.85 per month. Installation will cost \$65.

Two other systems, ranging in price from \$105.05 with \$231 installation, and \$163.20 and \$214 installation, were rejected because of high prices.

Town Marshal Ron Robinson reported that CETA employees are working in the new town hall, painting and cleaning up. He said the move to the new location will be determined on how long it takes to install the new phone system.

The police department was also granted permission to spend \$27 for new locks to be put on the new building.

Another request by the police, to purchase over 63 gallons of paint for \$421, was approved. There were no fire or park department reports. Lessig reported that everything is ready for hook-up at the Brooklyn Street lift station.

The board decided to interview persons interested in filling the fifth vacancy on the board of zoning appeals next Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall. So far, Al Bauer, Al Larkin and Dan Ropp, have expressed an interest in the job. Any other interested parties over the age of 18 and residing within the town limits, should call the town hall.

Joe Hughes wanted to know when Pickwick Road is to get sewers. Lessig said he received one bid from a contractor for \$25,000 which he thought was high. The board advised Lessig to release specifications for bids for the project to be done in the spring. The area calls for Pickwick Road to the bridge by Main Channel Marina.

Tranter said he received a call from the owners of Main Channel Marina wanting to know when street lights were to be put up in that area. It was mentioned that no money was budgeted for street lights, so the board will wait to make a decision until April to see how much money is being spent on utilities. It was reported the whole area, near Pickwick Road which was recently annexed, already has police and fire protection and garbage pick-up.

Scout Cabin

Discussion arose on the possibility of raising money to help support the Scout Cabin. Due to the high cost of heating the building, which is not insulated, board members felt the cabin should possibly be closed during the winter months and activities usually held there be held in the new town hall.

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Clifford Nicodemus said that the Girl and Boy Scouts wouldn't like that because they like to have a place of their own.

Tranter pointed out that if the Scouts wanted to use the cabin, they should help support it with money now being sent to the Fort Wayne Scouting Council.

Nicodemus will meet with the Scout board and discuss the problem with them and possible solutions.



NEW FACE AT WYANT — Dan Wyant, owner of Wyant Chevrolet in Syracuse, has announced the appointment of Jon Dewart, above, as new sales manager for the company.

Dewart, a Waubee Lake resident, has many years of experience in the auto industry, his most recent position being sales manager at Bob's Ford - Mercury in Nappanee.

David Nine contemplates the future

David Nine took over the presidency of the Syracuse Town Board Tuesday night, replacing James C. Tranter, who has held that spot for the past two years.

Nine says he was kind of expecting the presidency nomination and election because no other board member wanted it. Tranter decided not to run another year as president due to business commitments.

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