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several things that have gone wrong at the plant.

He said, "The reason we cannot get things done in town; is that we are following up back of the contractors, repairing holes and spending too much time repairing water meters that were just installed. Now, I suggest you get an 'intelligence' operator or your engineer in to help Roy as no one man can handle all of the additional work load. Also you Town Board members had better show more interest in this three quarter of a million dollar department than you have in the past."

He continued, "As I notified you in June, 1978, I wanted to retire the first of 1979. I am resigning effective January 1, 1979."

Town Board member Darrell Grisamer stated Conrad will be kept on as a consultant. He said, "We all know the type of job Harley's done. I hate to lose him."

Roy Davis, street and water department, reported he is open to any suggestions on the treatment plant. "Any suggestions we can get from anyone, we'd be more than happy to try. I'm trying to save the town money."

Davis also said he might have found one inflow problem in the Village. He will be making a complete study of the area next week.

Charlene Knispel voiced a complaint concerning the problems at the plant. She said, "As a taxpayer, I'm absolutely appalled at the attitude of this board. I don't like pussyfooting around. The obligation of this board is to demand some answers."

Town board president John Cripe, answered, "The questions we are faced with are not black and white. Many are opinions. It's difficult to say one person is wrong and one person is right. It's a question of getting these things resolved. The only thing the board can do is to get some knowledge, pool the information and come up with a solution."

More On Sewer

Davis reported he has checked into the water hydrant on North Shore Drive. It is standing in the middle of an alley and hard to reach. The board will contact James Stucky, Pottowatami Heights, to see if he wishes to have access to the hydrant before any action is taken.

Also on Pottowatami Heights, the board agreed to install 20 sewer lines in the addition. Firestone Construction will put in the lines providing the town pays for all materials.

Another lift station would be needed to extend the sewer line out to Bonnie Brae Estates.

A new engine is needed for the

department's pick-up truck. Davis has one he will sell to the town at a cost of \$250, including installation.

This is the final week for leaf pick-up. Those residents along Medusa Street can place their leaves in plastic bags and the town will pick them up.

New Dispatcher

Mrs. Bill Coburn, 430 Dolan Drive, was hired as police and fire dispatcher for the town.

The board also accepted the resignation of Town Marshal Ron Robinson, who will be joining the Kosciusko County sheriff's department January 1.

Cripe said, "Ron has done a super job and this is a big loss to the town of Syracuse. We've never had a situation where Ron didn't act in the best interest of the town."

In other police business, a new transmission for the brown police car was discussed. A rebuilt one, with a warranty, at a cost of \$300 will be installed. The radar gun will also be repaired at a cost of \$100.

In fire matters, a demonstration of the "Plain Jane" pumper truck was given before the meeting. Jim Dickson, Tri-State Fire Company, was present and quoted a price of \$28,295 for a 1978 model and \$30,990 for a 1979. The department will look at another model before deciding.

Grisamer gave a report on the dam situation. He said the dam is currently opened three inches. He commented, "I wanted to do things gradually."

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to state the present level of the dam at that time was four inches below the spillway.

Insurance for the town is being studied by Isbell and Town Attorney Robert Reed. Clerk-Treasurer Betty Dust reported she met with the State Tax Board last Friday and received positive response.

Scout Cabin

Repair work on the Scout Cabin was discussed. An agreement between Joe Shewmon, township trustee, and the board was signed turning \$4,000 over for repair purposes.

REAL Services would also like to do some repair work, providing the town agrees to the use of REAL Services for the next five years. The town can't do this because a new board will be coming into session next year.

Finally, a claim for Bradberry Brothers, which had been withheld, in the amount of \$4,150 was approved.

Rates —

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order first, build up a cash fund."

Average Rates

With the new rates, the average homeowner, if he uses 5,000 gallons of water per month, will pay \$9.45. The old rate was \$6.75.

Umbaugh added the Syracuse homeowner usually uses less than 5,000 gallons per month.

He also said the high rate in Indiana now is \$28.50 while the low is \$2.70. The average rate is \$9.88. He commented, "Your sewer rates are somewhat below the average in the state of Indiana."

It was also announced the town should start its metering within 60 days. About 15 interested taxpayers attended.

BZA approves apartments

The Syracuse Board of Zoning Appeals met last Thursday evening and approved a three-unit apartment plan in a residential zoned area of Syracuse.

The BZA granted John and Donna Price, 212 E. Boston Street, permission to turn the building into an apartment unit with one single apartment and two double units.

Under the county zoning ordinance, 14,000 square feet of ground is required for three apartments. The BZA made an exception to this ordinance by allowing the Price property, with 7,500 square feet, to be used for such a unit.

The BZA did set restrictions on the complex by stating that no children or pets would be allowed in the apartments, and no more than two adults may live in the three room apartment and only one person can occupy the two room apartment.

BZA members Dee Stiver, William Pipp, Charles Miller and Joseph Hughes voted unanimously to grant the special exception.

Earl Stutzman in accident in Warsaw

Earl E. Stutzman, 48, North Webster, was involved in a three-car accident in Warsaw Monday afternoon.

The mishap occurred in the westbound lane of Center St. at approximately 3:10 p.m. when an auto driven by Donovan L. Plank, 25, 604 Robson Rd., Winona Lake, skidded into the rear of a truck driven by John E. Walker, 44, Wolf Lake. Walker's vehicle then went into the rear of the auto operated by Stutzman.

Walker suffered an abrasion on the nose and complained of head and neck aches. A passenger, Marilyn E. Walker, 48, Wolf Lake, complained of shoulder pains. Both were treated at Kosciusko Community Hospital and released, according to a hospital spokesman.

An estimated \$1,000 damage was done to Walker's truck and damage to Plank's auto was set at \$800, according to Warsaw City Patrolman Paul Schmitt.



KIWANIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SPEAKS — Sherman E. Bryant, second from right, Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis Land of Lakes Division, spoke to the Lakeland Kiwanis Club of North Webster on Monday evening, Nov. 13.

A tape and slides were used to present the Kiwanis International Theme and the major emphasis program for 1978-1979. The theme for the new year is "Light Up A Life" and the major emphasis program stresses "Right Start — The Formative Years."

Shown with the division official is Richard Long, Lakeland Kiwanis president, on the right and on the extreme left is Harry Stewart, sponsor of Lakeland club's newest member, Harold Hazenfeld, second from left, of Oakwood Park, Wawasee Lake.

Ladies night will be November 20 at the Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury.

Augsburger to co-sponsor series of bills in '79

Senator John B. Augsburger, (R-Syracuse), District 13, announced today that he will be a cosponsor of a series of bills that:

1. Will reduce an individual's Indiana gross tax by 15 per cent;
2. Will institute a homestead deduction that will significantly lower proposed increases of real estate taxes due to the current reassessment;

3. Will increase the 20 per cent property tax relief will be extended to a minimum of 22 per cent.

4. Will adjust the current local governmental spending control legislation to a more realistic level; and

5. Will limit monies that can be levied by school corporations for construction of new school buildings.

Senator Augsburger stated, "reduction of the gross tax by 15 per cent will insure a tax cut for every taxpayer in the State of Indiana. During the recent election, the Republican Party made a commitment to the voters of Indiana that a tax reduction would be forthcoming. It is estimated that this tax cut will amount to \$150 to \$200 million dollars during the next biennium."

"Join Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committee hearings will be held prior to the second session day of the 101st Indiana General Assembly, which will be the eighth of January," said Senator Augsburger. "In this way we will be able to assure all of the people that the Republican pledges will be kept."

Senator Augsburger also stated, "the other bills concerning property taxes will in-

sure that the current reassessment will not significantly alter any property taxpayers liability. The new "homestead deduction" will apply to all property owners — even those now buying or contract who are now excluded from mortgage exemption deductions.

"The current 20 per cent property tax relief will be extended to a minimum of 22 per cent."

Senator Augsburger continued, "current control of local governmental spending mandates no budget increase zero per cent in 1980. This is

surrealistic. One of the bills will allow an increase calculated on the actual growth in assessed valuations as compared to the average statewide growth, with a five per cent increase being the minimum."

Senator Augsburger went on to say, "that additional bills are being researched and drafted that will provide a 'renter's credit' for those that do not own real estate. Also a further credit will be extended to those over 65 that will compensate for a portion of their payments for costs of energy for home heating and such."

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safety, operation procedures, equipment maintenance and information on local snowmobile areas.

Larry Clodfelter and Dan Gallmeier will be instructing the snowmobiling class, which is

free to the public.

Class to be held for snowmobilers

A safety and information class for snowmobilers will be held at the Lakeland Youth Center on December 4 and 5. Both meetings are scheduled from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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About that wedding ring

According to R. Brasch in "How Did It Begin?" the wedding ring is worn on the left hand.

Later on, when the idea was dismissed, other factors kept the ring in its place.

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