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Syracuse Town Board oks salary ordinance

By JO STURGIS
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The 1985 salary ordinance was approved at the special meeting of the Syracuse Town Board last Thursday, Dec. 27.

The salary ordinance was changed because much confusion had arisen over the past year on vacation time. The wording in the ordinance was vague as to the amount of days that may be taken.

The ordinance now allows for one week of vacation after one year and two weeks of vacation after three years. The board also changed vacation time to a pro-rated scale where no vacation time may be taken until after six months of employment. After six months, vacation will be prorated up to the one year employment date. After the one year, every employee may take his vacation from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Wages for all town employees will remain the same as in 1984.

Appeals court eliminates NIPSCO's Bailly recovery

The Indiana Court of Appeals recently struck down a rate increase which was granted to Northern Indiana Public Service company to recover the cost from its abandoned Bailly nuclear plant.

In a 2-1 decision, the appeals court eliminated the rate increase which was approved by the Public Service Commission.

The increase was approved so that the utility company could recover its \$190.7 million investment in Bailly over the next 15 years.

If this decision holds up, the average NIPSCO consumer could save about \$50 a year, according to Janelle Cousino, executive director of the Citizens Action

This is because the town employees will now receive medical insurance for their dependents. Department heads stated earlier they felt this added benefit would help attract and keep good help.

The wages and salaries are as follows: town board president, \$1,000; members of the board, \$750; clerk-treasurer, \$13,131; town attorney, \$5,000; town marshal, \$17,971; police sergeant, \$16,718; deputy marshals, \$15,895; probationary deputy marshals, \$12,848 and street crossing guards, \$65 per pay period that their services are needed.

A street, water and wastewater superintendent with a class II permit will receive \$18,753; with a class II wastewater and a grade D.S. water license will receive \$19,336 and with a class II wastewater, grade D.S. water and grade P.F. water license will receive \$19,917.

All full-time dispatchers will receive \$9,929 and probationary dispatchers will receive \$8,412. The fire chief will receive \$1,500.

first assistant, \$1,150; second assistant, \$990; captain, \$990 and secretary-treasurer, \$880.

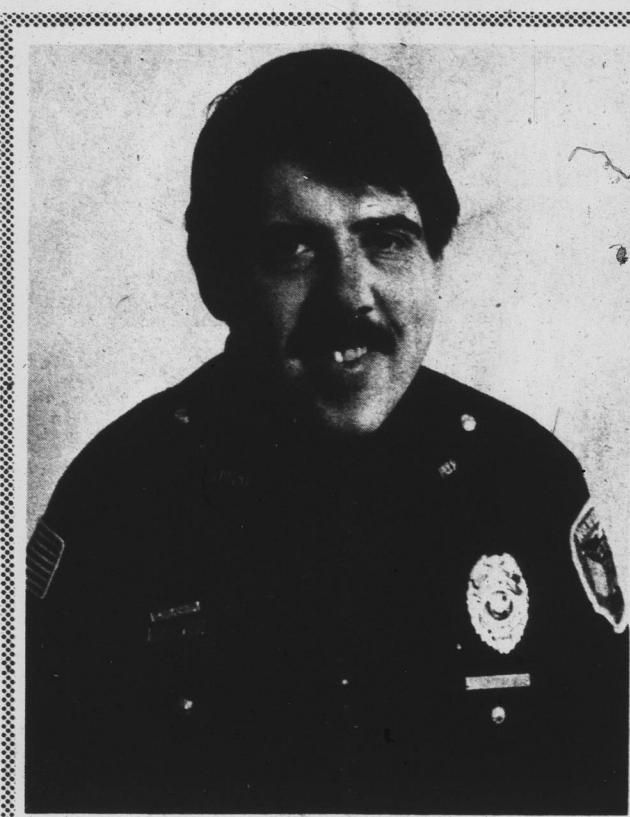
Hourly employees of the street department will be paid a minimum of \$4 per hour up to a maximum of \$7 per hour. Employees of the clerk-treasurer's office will be paid between \$3.65-\$7 per hour. Reserve officers of the police department and relief dispatchers will receive \$3.99 per hour.

The ordinance also outlines six paid holidays for all full-time and salaried employees and allows for seven sick days per year, not cumulative.

In other year-end business the board approved the purchase of a salt and sand spreader for the street department at a cost of \$4,895 if funds are available.

The police department will purchase a new police for \$9,627; two hand held portable radios for \$999.99 and two seat organizers for \$65 if funds are available.

The board decided to make appointments for 1985 at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15.



JIM FELKNER

Felkner named North Webster Town Marshal

The North Webster Town Board closed out business from 1984 during a special meeting Monday, Dec. 31, and hired a new town marshal.

Board members approved the hiring of Jim Felkner as North Webster's new town marshal. He replaces Judy Colman who took a law enforcement position in Largo, Fla.

Felkner, a resident of Milford, assumed his responsibilities New Years Day. According to board members, Felkner will be paid \$605 bi-weekly for his services. Felkner has been an employee of the town of North Webster and had served as acting marshal until being appointed marshal on Monday.

In other business, the board agreed to approve the salary ordinance for 1985. The ordinance, 84-10, provides a five percent pay raise for all town officials.

In addition to the pay raise, the ordinance states that all employees will be paid for five holidays and be given a salary review at the end of the year.

Finally, in an effort to sell its 1979 police car, board members decided to put an advertisement in the local newspaper. Board members will accept sealed bids for the police vehicle until Wednesday, Jan. 9.

At that time, all bids will be open and subject to the town board's approval. The three-board panel holds the right to reject any or all bids.

North Webster's next town board meeting will be Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

\$6,000 damages in barn fire

Damage was estimated at \$6,000 in a pole fire at W. E. Long Drive and North Shore Drive, Syracuse, early Friday morning, Dec. 28. Syracuse Fire Department was called at 12:06 a.m. when a bad insulator on the Northern Indiana Public Service Company pole caused the utility pole to become hot.

The announcement was made by Robert F. Westfall, secretary. The agenda will include the election of three members to the board of directors, each to serve for a period of three years, plus any other business that may come before the membership.

Development Company to meet Feb. 12

The annual meeting of the Syracuse-Wawasee Area Development Company will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the board room of the State Bank of Syracuse.

The announcement was made by Robert F. Westfall, secretary.

The agenda will include the election of three members to the board of directors, each to serve for a period of three years, plus any other business that may come before the membership.

To enforce sewer hook-up ordinance —

Consider executive sessions to catch up on town's business

By MARK WEINSTEIN
Staff Writer

Milford's Town Board met Thursday, Dec. 27, in the town hall to close out final business matters from 1984.

In typical end-of-the-year fashion, the board approved a resolution to transfer certain funds from its budget and another resolution to encumber funds into 1985.

Funds that were transferred totaled \$9,445.65 while the encumbered money came to a \$2,129.14 figure.

Business Accomplished

Unlike previous meetings where residents of Milford dominated the discussion with board officials, this meeting was strictly between elected officials. Because of this, much was accomplished.

Since the board has struggled over the past several months to get much of the important business taken care of, Jean Treesh, town board president, brought the issue to a head.

"All three of us (board members) have been talking about our meeting priorities, especially after the last several meetings that have lasted so long," said Treesh. "We really can't and haven't been able to get to actual things that we really need to cover. We are now left with some options."

According to the list provided by town board officials, the options included holding an executive session one-hour prior to the start of the regular town board meeting. Also, the possibility of holding two meetings a month; limiting time for the citizens; and having citizens call the clerk-treasurer on or before the Friday before the meeting.

"We should take care of town business before we hear the citizens input," added Treesh.

After hearing and discussing the proposed solutions, the board decided to begin an executive session starting next month.

"Let's try on having the meeting early and see how it goes," said Treesh. "If it doesn't work, then we can go to the two meetings a month method."

Despite this action, all board members anticipate and desire input from Milford residents.

Along with the adoption of the executive session, Treesh also announced that residents must contact the clerk-treasurer's office three days prior to the monthly meeting if they want to be heard. Should residents fail to do this, it is doubtful that they will be heard during the meeting.

\$100 Fines Begin Feb. 8

In other business, the board, along with Bill Knowles, street and water superintendent, stated that the \$100 a day fine will be en-

forced for those residents not hooking onto the town's sewage system. The fine goes into effect Friday, Feb. 8, exactly 100 days after residents were notified.

According to Bice, only 14 of the 50 residents contacted have complied with the town ordinance.

The board also discussed the possibility of nominating a new Civil Defense director. Don Wooten has served in this capacity for several years, but has not been around to report to the board this past year.

"If he's not going to be more active than what he's been this year, then I think we should replace him," said Treesh.

"Maybe Max Duncan, or someone on his staff would be interested," added Knowles.

And in the final business item, it was suggested by a board member that the town write out the responsibilities of each elected employee of the town. This includes job description as well as a salary ordinance.

"What I think we should do is have every employee write down what he or she would like, and then we can have a special meeting among ourselves," said Treesh. "We'll work on this as soon as Darrell (Orn) gets back."

Orn is presently on vacation in Florida, but is expected to return prior to the meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14. An executive session will begin at 6:30 p.m., with bid openings at 7 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

School Board approves \$79,882 in fund transfers

The Lakeland Community School Board of Trustees held a brief meeting on Thursday, Dec. 27, to approve budget transfers to balance all corporation accounts before the end of the calendar year.

A total of \$79,882.49 was transferred between accounts. This is a standard annual procedure.

Amounts withdrawn from accounts included \$5,066.73 from adult education, \$1,255.60 from governing body services, \$3,425.48 from school administration, \$17,509.11 from support services-business, \$4,681.05 from community services, \$35,071.75 from extra-curricular, \$12,039.92 from non-programmed charges and \$832.85 from debt service-interest.

The funds were distributed in the following fashion: \$55,448.52 to regular instruction, \$9,656.93 to special programs, \$4,701.82 to attendance services, \$1,540.13 to improvement of curriculum and \$8,535.09 to support services-interest.

In another financial matter, the board unanimously adopted its own wage scale to be used in bidding on the summer renovation and re-roofing projects at Wawasee, North Webster and Syracuse. Board member Dave Carey drew up the scale, which averages 25 percent less than a

scale drawn up by state and union representatives.

Bids for the projects will be received by the board on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m.

The board also granted a leave of absence to Mrs. Wanda Bollman, special education teacher at Milford. The leave will go into effect March 4 and last until the end of the school year.

The board's next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in the corporation office building, Syracuse.

Bloodmobile to be at WHS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Wawasee High School Physical Education Annex on Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All those eligible to donate blood are urged to do so.

IU graduates Mike Wakeland

Michael Wakeland, Syracuse, recently graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, with a BS degree in Business.

Dairy awards to local farmers

Awards to owners of 196 superior Indiana dairy herds were recently announced by the Indiana State Dairy Association.

The ISDA determines these awards in cooperation with Purdue University's Department of Animal Sciences.

Merit Awards for herds of 15 or more animals include \$50 gold and \$39 silver. The awards cover production of herds from October, 1983 through September, 1984.

Recipients, listed by DHIA include: Steve Bender, Milford, gold; Oliver and Joe Hibschman, Syracuse, gold; Dan Armbuster,

Milford, silver; and John R. Stoekey, Leesburg, silver.

The award certificates will be presented March 6, 1985, at the 95th Indiana State Dairy Association's annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Twenty-six events have been

Predictions and promises for a new year — 1985

By FR. DAVID HYNDMAN

The New Year offers us promise and some personal bold predictions.

Here are some of those helpful, we hope, and honorable predictions.

Jim Caskey can see a future that's bright in all things monetary. It's our fondest hope he can bring it about like a good fiduciary.

Bob Troutman foresees going forward, not in dismal reverse. In meeting the presidential goals of Syracuse's C of Commerce.

Syracuse businesses will look forward to a great blue ribbon year, And with Jeannie Gardiner's energy that will no doubt appear.

Chrysler, G.M., or U.S. Steel might be beyond our town's attraction, But Joe Gray, and others, from an industrial park will get some satisfaction.

There's a new service of care for town citizens, may God quickly speed it.

A merry Manor Nursing Home for those in town who need it.

Alan Kitson has a vision to benefit each Syracuse civilian, To finish fund raising and build a brand new park pavilion.

The Town Council dreams that the bids will be good and quite acceptable to all.

In 85 to build and complete a new, adequate Town Board Hall.

A modest forecast sends Bob Westfall's heart into a pant.

Someone must pay, he hopes it's not him, for that halted Nuclear Plant.

Daycare Director Carl Hurd foresees just lots and lots, Of learning and good care for the community's tiny tots.

Jill Stover prognosticates a new summer of exciting thrills For patrons who attend those Enchanted Theatre Hills.

A Technicolor Dreamcoat, Seven Brides, and Grease will be a part of all that glory.

And The Miracle Worker, Brigadoon, and also West Side Story.

Don Arnold's seventeen years of good education cannot be denied.

And his new ventures will succeed with the same Warrior Pride.

New Superintendent Webster has some big shoes to fill, there's no doubt.

His wish in the new year is that all of us will be gladly helping him out.

Howard Hull's goal is in each student to light education's lamps,

But it wouldn't hurt, if boys' and girls' roundball became the state's new champs!

This year we're all proud of the marching band Peach Bowl bound,

And the students and boosters who help to produce their great sound.

Chief Chaperone Wysong will try to accomplish the trick Of keeping everyone happy. Now, about next year, Dick...

With the Peach Bowl behind them, can the Wawasee Band have a new goal?

Atlanta this year, next year Pasadena's Rose Bowl?

Boat-in Worship's Committee prophesies it will again embark with its spiritual crew,

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