

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 prorated 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.

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.

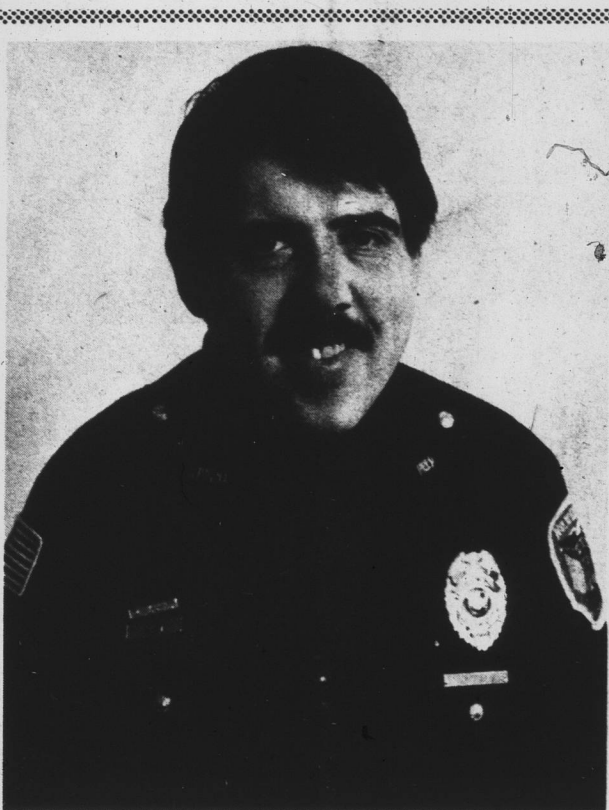
Hourly employees of the street department will be paid a minimum of \$4 per hour up to a maximum of \$7 per hour. Employees of the clerk-treasurer's office will be paid between \$3.65-\$7 per hour. Reserve officers of the police department and relief dispatchers will receive \$3.99 per hour.

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 Coleman 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.

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 for 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 towns sewage system. The fine goes into effect February 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 proposed a special meeting for those residents who want to speak their mind on this issue. No date has been set, yet, but it is expected to be set at the next town board meeting.

In addition, Knowles reminded residents about the snow ordinance that is in effect during the winter months. He stated that no cars should be parked on Main Street in the downtown area from 2-6 a.m. Cars parked in this area during those hours will be ticketed.

In additional business matters, Bill Leemon has been hired to codify all the town ordinances. He will not be replacing Bob Kirsch as town attorney but had been hired for these additional duties.

The city of Warsaw recently codified all its ordinances, which lasted over two years. It is anticipated that Leemon's duty will not last that long.

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-central.

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.

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

Coalition of Indiana.

"This is not only an erroneous, but an unfortunate decision for ratepayers and shareholders alike. Recovery of the company's financial health has been tedious and hard-earned," said Edmund Schroer, NIPSCO chairman and chief executive officer.

He added, "If no rate recovery is ultimately allowed, an estimated charge of \$121 million would have to be made against earnings and could have an adverse effect upon the company's ability to carry out future financing and pay future stock dividends."

In addition, NIPSCO faces a similar loss in its Marble Hill

plant. In all likelihood, Public Service Indiana may lose another \$2.8 billion on this plant.

The Bailly project was started in the early 1970s near the Indiana Dunes in the state's northeast corner. Because of delays from lawsuits, opposition to safety-related licensing procedures, and escalating costs, NIPSCO canceled the project in August 1981.

"NIPSCO's financial health is in the mutual interests of ratepayers and shareholders," said Schroer. "The company believes that the rate recovery allowed by the Public Service Commission should ultimately be upheld."

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 59 gold and 139 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 Hirschman, Syracuse, gold; Dan Armbruster,

Syracuse, silver; James Moneyheffer, Leesburg, gold; Jesse and Sam Beer, Milford, gold; Dan and Debbie Beer, Syracuse, gold; Fred and Pat Beer, Milford, gold; Steven Beer, Milford, gold; Brian Moneyheffer, Leesburg, gold; Lee A. Beer,

Winter Carnival Jan. 26-27

The greater Syracuse-Wawasee area is gearing up for the Syracuse-Wawasee Winter Carnival, January 26 and 27.

Twenty-six events have been

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

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

Winter Carnival Jan. 26-27

scheduled for the two-day event. Among the events are a road run, cross-country ski, snow sculpture contest, softball tourney, sledging contest, snowmobile races, ice skating and sleigh rides.

\$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.

Bob Westfall, manager of the Syracuse NIPSCO office, reported residents on the North Shore Drive area were without electrical service from 4:15-8:05 a.m. while repairs were made.

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.

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 feduciary.

Bob Troutman forsee's 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 forsee's 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 it's spiritual crew. Of Pastors McFarland, Ough, Barcus, Blake, Maish, Johnson, Steffen, and Frew.

To serve worshippers upon the big lake, and they venture forth to think. That with good weather and God's blessing their pulpit will not sink.

And the Flotilla Committee predicts with some of that same aid. They can put together a rip-snortin' good aquatic-type parade.

Now these are predictions overheard amid the breakfast munch. Of what, in sport, will transpire according to the coffee shop bunch.

Bob Jones predicts with God and fan helps. A championship season for Faust and D. Phelps. There are others, of course, that hold the opposite view. That God and the fans will bless old Purdue.

John Hagen smiles knowing it just stands to reason. That the Hoosiers of I.U. will be the tops all this season.

And the here and there shops that hear all that noise. Just hope they can continue to humor those boys.

And if those predictions go stink-o, and with bad odor abound. Charlie Harris will gladly sink them deep in the ground.

Now a newspaper editor should be a well-traveled man, so for his sake. Some of his friends have this wonderful new year's suggestion to make:

With all of his trips, the world holds mystery in nary a place. So instead of a teacher, why not send Arch Baumgartner to space?

There could be many more thoughts, but let me leave you just one to bemuse.

Who will bring about good things for the lakes and old Syracuse?

Surely the lakes and the town are not heaven; but this is the jist. If we all predict good things and do them, we could be next on the list!