

Myron Clark re-elected No. Webster Board President

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Myron Clark was re-elected as North Webster Town Board President at the January 8 meeting of the town board of trustees. Clark, who has served as board president since 1984, was unanimously elected by board members Sid Markley, Jr., and Robert James.

All personnel for the town were re-appointed for 1986 and are: Jim Felkner, town marshal; Paul Hardin, sewage superintendent (wastewater treatment plant operator); Ron Helman, assistant sewage superintendent; Harry Minnick, street commissioner and town maintenance supervisor; Rex Reed, town attorney; and Dick Mitchell, civil defense director.

The board established a 23 cent per mile mileage allowance for town officials and adopted an ordinance concerning the joining of Indiana Associations of Cities and Towns at \$264 per year and the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks-Treasurers, at \$20 per year. A second ordinance was adopted dealing with the joining of Kosciusko Development, Inc., at the cost of \$709 (\$1 per resident).

Markley stated he had mixed emotions over joining and Clark suggested the board join for another year and if the town does not get results, the town would be in big trouble. "We had big hopes, that didn't happen," remarked Clark about 1985. A representative from KDI was to be present at the meeting, however, no representative was in attendance.

The board agreed to keep the town board meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., in the town hall.

Deny/Accept Requests

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ward, owners of Sue's Creation, Washington Street, requesting a loading zone area be in front of their store, was unanimously denied. James pointed out if the town designated one parking space as a loading zone area, their (Ward's) truck or anyone else could not park in that spot, it would be used strictly for loading and unloading. Markley stated there is limited parking already in that area and could see no sense in putting in a loading zone.

Eve Payne, clerk-treasurer, was asked to write the owners a letter stating the fact James brought up.

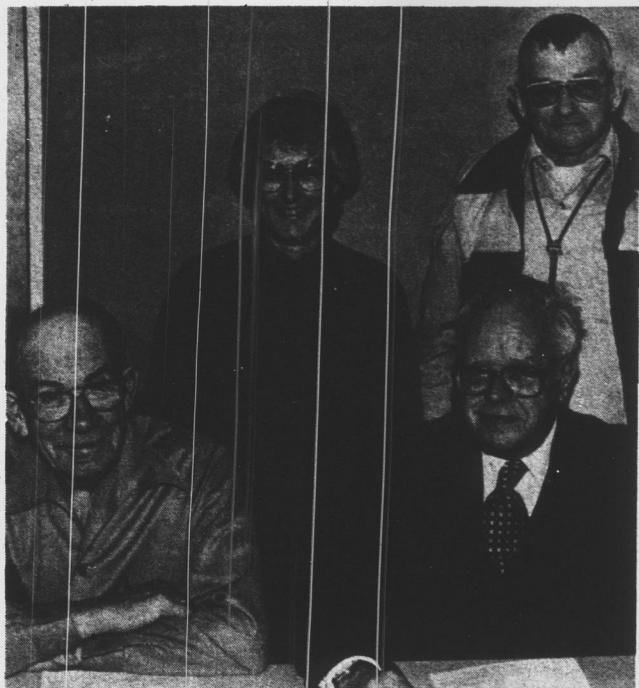
Northeast Indiana Water Service, Inc., North Webster, was given an adjustment on its sewage rate following an appeal by Dave Patterson, vice president and general manager of the business. The new sewage rate ordinance allows for an appeals process concerning rates which the user feels is unjustified.

The company, classified as an industrial user, will start with a "clean slate" starting with the enforcement of the new sewage rates. The sewage rate for the company will be based on the highest amount of metered usage for a 12-month period beginning January 1.

The company's appeal stems from the rate which it has been paying since July. The rate charged prior to the appeal was based on usage in July of 163,100 gallons, which the company representatives say was exceptional usage due to excess watering of new grass at their new location.

Patterson commented there was a misunderstanding when the company built its new building concerning the sewage rates and that a reading in September 1985 of 110,960 gallons is the normal amount used during a busy season. He also added the company is now paying a sewage rate for water which is not going into the town's sewage system.

Northeast Indiana proposed a reduction in rate such as a



NORTH WEBSTER BOARD — Shown in the photo are members of the North Webster Town Board of Trustees who will conduct the business of the town for 1986. The three board members are in their third year and clerk-treasurer Eve Payne is serving her 12th year as clerk-treasurer.

Seated in front are Robert James and Myron Clark, board president.

Standing in back are Mrs. Payne and Sid Markley, Jr. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

wholesale user would receive or starting January 1, per the ordinance as an industrial user. Clark stated he has thought all along the company's argument had some validity but under the terms of the old ordinance nothing could be done. Mrs. Payne remarked a reduction in rate such as large quantity users receive could not be done since the business does not qualify.

Other Business

Maintenance contracts between the town and J & K Communications, Columbia City, for police radios and with Executive Office Machines, Inc., Warsaw, for two electric typewriters were signed. The radio contract is for \$34.56 per month and the typewriter contract is for \$240. Both contracts are for one year.

A request by the Lakeland Snowmobile Club to close Dixie Drive from Effie Mae Street to Himes Street on February 8 and 9 was approved. The street will be closed for the North Webster Winter Carnival.

Acting upon the advise of Rex Reed, town attorney, it was announced the town will not submit its application for flood insurance program until the county acts on the matter.

Department Reports

A written report from Minnick, maintenance supervisor, stated severe icing problems in the digesters at the wastewater treatment plant is being experienced and interrupting the process of the plant. He suggested a cover for the three area tanks, some kind of heaters or a pole building over the tanks. Minnick will be asked to contact the town engineer before the February meeting and ask for suggestions to eliminate the problem.

Hardin stated he was able to have the number of reports from the town sewage plant reduced from 12 to one per year to the Water Pollution Control Board. He will be checking into testing costs from various laboratories qualified to do the testing.

Craig, 32, and his wife Diana, came to North Webster in November. He served three years with the military police, seven years with the infantry and six weeks with the U.S. Border Patrol. Originally from Pendleton his interests are hunting and camping.

Thermometer

A mercury thermometer can not be used to measure extreme cold because mercury solidifies at 39 degrees C.

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Baumbaugh brothers —

Take part in photographing Halley's Comet

The race is on to see who — and by what means — can come up with the best photographs of the now-famous appearance of Halley's Comet, and the effort is getting wide stimulus and publicity throughout the country.

The camera-shy comet has eluded many researchers, but an effort at Notre Dame University in South Bend continues to draw wide attention.

Two brothers working on photographing the comet are Dr.

Alan Baumbaugh and research engineer Barry Baumbaugh, sons of Bill and Vella Baumbaugh of r 2 Syracuse. Dr. Alan graduated from Wawasee High School in 1969 and Barry graduated from WHS in 1972.

Barry Baumbaugh has teamed up with Notre Dame astronomer Terry Rettig and some colleagues, attaching video equipment with a telescope for the purpose of celestial photography. The number of frames taken each minute by video film allows scientists to observe how Halley's surface changes moment by moment.

Cloudy weather prevented a "live" shot in October, and they opted instead for a video film. The filming received an impetus when Television Broadcast magazine began a contest, "Who Shot Halley's Comet?" That's when the Notre Dame scientists went to work.

Rettig and his associates began attracting interest in the scientific community. That's when research engineer Barry Baumbaugh and Randy Ruchti became interested and provided image intensifiers and specially devised cameras they use when recording atom-smashing experiments.

Dr. Alan Baumbaugh, Barry's brother, and technician Kelly Knickerbacker of the Fermi Lab, the high-energy laboratory in Batavia, Ill., are assisting with a video data-acquisition system that computerizes images. The equipment provides color enhancement to make pictures more attractive, and will retain images to further study surface changes for years to come.

It is enhancing equipment and the computer equipment that makes the comet image clear enough to be attractive for television.

The group left for Florida a week ago to videotape the comet

from the U.S. Naval Observatory near Miami, which provided a less cloudy environment. They hope to repeat the exercise in March when the comet is to return from its pass around the back of the sun.

Broadcasts of the photos were available to people with dishes in their yards by aiming them at SBS 3, Transponder No. 4, with broadcasts at five- or 10-minute intervals beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Images of the illusive Halley's Comet will be best in the Southern Hemisphere, and could eventually take this team to South America or Australia, the better to take their pictures.

Treesh re-elected Milford Town Board President

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Jean Treesh was elected to a third consecutive one-year term as president of the town board after less than a minute of deliberations in the community building Monday night.

Much was accomplished in the first meeting of 1986, as board members met for more than three hours. In department head reports, Dave Hobbs, town marshal, gave a summary of activities for the Milford Police Department, for the period of Dec. 9 through Jan. 13, while also giving a yearly report for 1985. 2,201 complaints were heard by Milford police during 1985, an increase of 457 from 1984. Hobbs also reported that \$52,000 was caused in accident damages, down from 1984's figure of \$99,800.

One hundred seventy-one complaints were received during the past four-week period, according to Hobbs, while 1,841 miles were logged, amounting to \$162.60 in expenses for gas and oil.

Hobbs concluded his report, saying that 1985 was an unusually good year, which could be attributed to the fact that another full-time officer was added to the force during that time.

Max Duncan, fire chief, informed the board of 1986 appointments to the fire department board. Duncan will again serve as fire chief while Jim Amsden and Dennis Newcomer were named assistant fire chiefs. Keith Hunberger and Doug Ruch round out the board, acting as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Duncan reported that the department had spent \$18,310.37 during 1985, resulting in an ending balance of \$1,802.01.

Following the reports, Bice presented the board with its first ordinance of 1986, dealing with the fixing of town trustees' and employees' salaries and announcing the appointments for 1986.

The ordinance was quickly passed by the board, setting the town's operating bodies in motion for 1986.

Bill Knowles, Milford's Street-Sewer-Water Superintendent, sits atop the town's pay scale, with an annual salary of \$23,814, while Hobbs will earn \$21,000 in his capacity as town marshal.

Bill will receive \$12,000 this year, while town board members will be compensated for their work with \$700 each.

Various appointments were also approved with the passing of the ordinance by town board members. Included were Hobbs as town marshal, Aaron Roventine, deputy marshal; Ronald Kreider, part-time deputy; Andrew J. Fox, school crossing guard; Cheryl L. Hobbs, assistant clerk-treasurer, and Knowles, street-sewer-water superintendent.

Randy Veach and Daniel D. Van Lue, maintenance personnel; William E. Leemon, town attorney; Don Wooten, civil defense director; Harry D. Doty, building commissioner; Dr. T.A. Miller, building inspector; Dennis Sharp, Vi Miller, and Bob Auer, economic development commission.

Duncan's appointments to the fire department were also ap-

proved, while Marion Acton, Magdalene Allen, Jo Ellen Free, Richard Koschnick, and William Stath will serve on the park board.

Second Ordinance
A second ordinance, authorizing the town board to budget and appropriate funds from the general fund of the town to pay expenses of, or to reimburse town officials for, expenses incurred during 1986, was also unanimously adopted by the board members.

In other business, Wuthrich reported that installation of a pole and light could be done near the intersection of Charlie Byrd Lane and SR 15, which had been requested by Byron Ulrich at an earlier meeting, at a cost of approximately \$125 to the town. The board agreed that Knowles should oversee the operation.

It was also decided that the charges for Read-O-Matic water meters be raised from \$43.50 to \$48.25.

In the interests of the town's governing body, it was suggested that Leemon draw up an ordinance allowing board members to act on, and pass, agreements in the president's absence. Leemon agreed to submit such an ordinance at the board's next meeting.

The board also signed an agreement with the Indiana Department of Commerce for the town's Community Improvement Program (CIP) grant, which it received last month. The money from the grant is to be used for the town's storm-sewer project, which is spearheaded by Bonar and Associates, Inc.

Mark Gensic, performing engineer from that firm, helped to quash Milford citizen Richard Roose' concern that the new storm sewer, which, if acted upon as originally proposed by the engineering firm, would bisect a lot owned by him, rendering it useless as a prospective building site and, thus, depreciating the value. Gensic, after discussing the matter with the town board, suggested an alternate route, which may be used during closer examination.

Roose also expressed his displeasure over surveyor stakes, which were planted in his yard without his permission. Gensic apologized for the firm's failure to notify him of the operation and assured him that he would speak with the surveyor chief, who was responsible for the measure, about the matter.

The citizen was also concerned about the destruction of trees and greenery that the project may cause, which prompted Gensic to reply, "The area will be a mess during construction, but the party involved will attempt to replace the area to as near the way it was as possible."

Gensic admitted, however, that the area will look different as a result of the digging.

Carol Roose asked the board about the safety of the children who play in the proposed area, at which time the board assured her precautions would be taken.

Additional objections by Milford citizens may be aired at public hearings, of which the town will be required to have before going through the final steps of the project, according to Gensic.

Gensic also forwarded a resolution to the board for its

the maintenance of the cemented area.

Wuthrich suggested that a year limitation be assessed to the agreement to bar the town from being "locked into" a permanent contract with the firm.

After a lengthy discussion the board agreed to a 20-foot easement, to be available to the publishing company for 15 years, after which time another agreement could be written.

In other business, Jennifer Richman, representing Kosciusko Development, Inc. (KDI), informed the board of the organization's activities during 1985. The organization committed to attracting businesses to the Kosciusko County area, gained Milford as a member in 1985 and the board assured Richman that a continuing partnership would exist in 1986. Milford is one of seven-member towns county-wide.

Easement Allowed

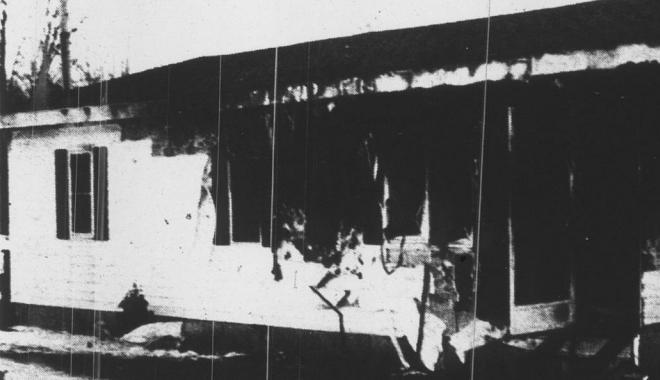
Arch Baumgartner, publisher of The Paper Incorporated and The Mail-Journal, Milford, requested that the board reach an agreement in writing, allowing for his use of town-owned property, at the rear of the Fire Station on Main Street, as an easement.

Baumgartner, who is planning an 80-by-100 foot addition to the current facilities on Main Street in the near future, stressed the importance of having a written agreement allowing for the plant's use of the property during its truck loading and unloading process.

Duncan assured the town board that the fire station had no problems with the plant's ongoing use of the property and added that the company had helped in the board's decision.

The board agreed to study the contract and invited Kocher to attend the next board meeting to continue discussion of the matter and obtain the town's approval.

After deliberation, it was decided that Bice and Treesh would attend the Jan. 30 session of the State Legislature, through the request of the Indiana Association



FIRE DESTROYS MOBILE HOME — Fire destroyed the mobile home of Fred Garza, 303 Elm St., Milford, early Monday morning.

Milford Fire Department responded at 4:25 a.m. with four pieces of equipment and 15 men. According to fire chief, Max Duncan, the fire started around the water heater. The contents were a complete loss with 85 percent damage to the structure. No one was injured. (Photo by Linda Musselman)

Hit and run at Syracuse

Four accidents, between Thursday, Jan. 9, and Tuesday, Jan. 14, were reported by Syracuse police, with a hit-and-run incident highlighting the list.

A failure to yield the right-of-way contributed to a two-car collision on the town's south side at 8:43 a.m., Jan. 9.

Theodore C. Pauls, 81, 631 Front St., Syracuse, was traveling north on Pickwick Drive when he collided with a car driven by Theresa L. Reichard, 21, r 1, box 301, North Webster, who was turning south from SR 13.

Pauls had made a stop at the intersection, and proceeded on Pickwick, not seeing Reichard, before striking the Reichard vehicle on the left side.

Up to \$200 damage was caused to the 1979 Ford, driven by Pauls, while up to \$2,500 damage was done to Reichard's 1983 Ford Coup.

No arrests or injuries were reported by police.

Culprit Flees

Charles R. Looee, 16, r 4, box 93, Syracuse, was turned south from SR 13, onto Chicago Street, when he saw a vehicle cross the center line and drive toward him.

Inattention Cause

Driver inattention contributed to a two-car collision on South Front and East John Streets.

Dawn Glon, r 4, box 135, Syracuse, was traveling north on South Front when she attempted to make the turn onto East John, which is an extension of South Front, and collided with a west-bound 1983 Chevrolet truck, driven by Royal O. Jefferies, Jr., 37, r 2, box 172, North Webster. Glon told Syracuse police that she hadn't seen the Jefferies vehicle until after she'd made the turn.

Up to \$1,000 damage was done to the 1976 Oldsmobile Cutless Supreme, driven by Glon, while the Jefferies vehicle, which is registered to Village Plumbing &