

Regular meeting of Cass City Village Council

The regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held Feb. 25, 1980 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. All trustees were present.

New employee Deanna Patnaude was introduced to the Council.

As advertised the Proposed Use Hearing on the General Revenue Entitlement Funds Expenditure of \$44,000.00 from Jan. 1, 1980 to Dec. 31, 1980 and the overall 1980 Budget was opened. Hearing no objections, a motion was made by Trustee Rawson and supported by Trustee Hampshire that the General Revenue Entitlement Funds Expenditure of \$44,000.00 and the proposed 1980 Budget be approved as submitted. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Robert Gentner, CPA from Yeo & Yeo was present to review the 1979 Audit Report in detail. A motion was made by Trustee Tuttle and supported by Trustee Helwig to accept the 1979 Audit Report as presented. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

The minutes of the Regular January meeting were approved as presented.

The Budget and Finance Committee presented the possibility of an Audit Committee Review instead of the audit being presented to the entire council. After discussion the overall consensus was to leave the audit review as is.

The Streets and Parking Committee reviewed the Safer Off System Project.

Parks and Recreation Committee reported that the ice skating rink is being well used.

The Public Safety Committee had received a complaint from a citizen as to the length of time taken by the Police Dept. on a response to a call. A committee meeting was held Friday, Feb. 22, 1980 at the Council Chambers with all concerned parties present. The problem was resolved.

It was reported that the Prosecuting Attorney is pursuing the McNeil property problem. It was also noted that the demolition of the Peters property has begun. A letter was sent to Wickes Agriculture on Feb. 18, 1980 in regards to the demolition of their building. As yet there has been no response.

The Village Superintendent reported that he contacted Bill Hubbell of Hubbell, Roth and Clark concerning the requirements and time schedule the Village is to meet under the new Act 641 for the landfill license renewal. Mr. Hubbell recommended that we proceed with the Schedule of Compliance. A motion was made by Trustee Hampshire and supported by Trustee Ware that we accept the Schedule of Compliance as presented by the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Stahlbaum and supported by Trustee Rawson to adopt the attached Resolution to designate Lou La Ponsie as Street Administrator. Roll call vote: Hampshire - yea, Helwig - yea, Rawson - yea, Stahlbaum - yea, Tuttle - yea, Ware - yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Stahlbaum and supported by Trustee Tuttle to accept the attached resolution to dedicate for public street purposes the following described properties (attached). Roll call vote: Hampshire - yea, Helwig - yea, Rawson - yea, Stahlbaum - yea, Tuttle - yea, Ware - yea. Motion carried.

The Superintendent's report was reviewed.

A letter was received from Alan Kleo of Harris Hampshire Insurance Agency, concerning insurance against mechanical or electrical breakdown. A motion was made by Trustee Tuttle and supported by Trustee Helwig to refer this to the finance committee. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

A letter of thanks was received by Gene Wilson, Chief of Police, from Kathleen O'Donnell, Cass City High School Community Education, for his instruction in Self Defense for Women.

A certificate was received by Gene Wilson for completion of a seminar in radar operation.

A letter was read from the Michigan Municipal League concerning the Region VII meeting which is to be held in Inlay City April 10, 1980. The meeting will cover State and Federal Revenue Sharing and Accounting procedures.

A motion was made by Trustee Rawson and supported by Trustee Stahlbaum that the bills as ex-

amined be approved for payment. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

It was noted the Clerk is to advertise for bids for the 1977 Dodge police car. Bids are to be received at the next regular meeting which will be held March 24th.

There being no further business a motion was made by Trustee Helwig and supported by Trustee Stahlbaum that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Joyce LaRoche
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION

Now be it therefore resolved: That the Village of Cass City dedicate for public street purposes the following described properties:

DESCRIPTIONS:

Schell Street -
66' x 887.10'

Centerline Description: Commencing at the center of Section 33 T14N, R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, thence north 33 feet to point of beginning and centerline intersection of Doerr Road and Schell Street, thence east 887.10 feet to the terminus of the street.

Industrial Street -
66' x 1316.32'

Centerline Description: Commencing at the center of Section 33, T14N, R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, thence north 33 feet, thence east 493 to point of beginning and centerline intersection of Schell Street and Industrial Street, thence south 1316.32 feet to centerline intersection of Industrial Street and Division Street.

Park Street -
66' x 789.84'

Commencing at the center of Section 33, T14N, R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, thence south 748.00 feet, thence east 460 feet to the point of beginning and centerline intersection of Industrial Street and Park Street, thence east 789.84 feet to the terminus of the street.

Division Street -
66' x 1216.42'

Commencing at the center of Section 33, T14N, R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, thence south 1283.32 to the point of beginning and centerline intersection of Doerr Road and Division Street, thence east 1216.42 feet to the terminus of the street.

On roll call the vote was: yeas 6, nays 0.
Dated: February 25, 1980.

Joyce LaRoche
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF (STREET) ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman or Commissioner Dorothy Stahlbaum offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Whereas, Section 13 (7) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provides that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvement, maintenance, and traffic operation work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the state transportation commission pursuant to this act."

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Honorable Body designate Lou S. LaPonsie as the single (Street) administrator for the City or Village of Cass City in all transactions with the State Transportation Commission as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

Supported by the Councilman or Commissioner Dr. D. Rawson D.D.S.
Yeas, 6
Nays, 0.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at a regular meeting of the governing body of this municipality on the 25th day of February A.D. 1980.

Joyce LaRoche
Village Clerk

High interest hurts everyone

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sidering increasing that. The original proposal was to raise the limit to 16 percent, "but 16 doesn't look good now," said Fred Auten of Cass City State Bank.

Since car loans aren't big money makers for banks now, they are generally trying to limit such loans.

One local bank does that by boosting the required down payment. Another will make a regular loan for three months at 15 percent, then when the new law is passed, rewrite the loan into a regular car loan.

A third bank hasn't changed its policy, but is hoping for a quick change in the law.

Banks really haven't been hampered much by the comparatively low interest rate. Because of the high cost of cars and the state of the economy, Thumb National Bank Vice-President Paul Clabuesch pointed out, "there hasn't been much of a demand for car loans."

MORTGAGE RATES

When Lee Iseler started working for Mutual Savings and Loan in August, 1977, the mortgage rate on home loans was 8 1/2 percent.

When he and his wife took out a home loan last June, the rate was 10 percent.

As of last week, it was 16 percent, which very few can afford, he said.

Iseler frankly admits that between the increase in the cost of the prefabricated home he and his wife purchased last summer and the increase in interest rate, they couldn't afford to buy a home now. His wife also works.

"We are running into mortgage payments that are out of range of quite a number of people," he explained, which requires much more careful checking to determine whether the borrower can handle the increased payments.

For instance, a \$50,000 20-year mortgage would mean a payment of \$550 per month. At 16 percent, that means a monthly payment of \$696, a difference of \$146. Comments from bankers were similar.

THE FUTURE

Everyone interviewed agreed with a recent Detroit Free Press article that predicted that because of the profit squeeze on banks in the 1980s, they will eventually have to start charging customers for services that now are free.

A prime candidate will be charging for checks. It costs a bank at least 20 cents to process each check, said Thumb National's Clabuesch, and as costs increase, banks will have to start charging for services "on the basis of what they are worth."

Legislation in Congress, if approved, will allow banks to start paying interest on checking accounts. Auten doesn't think customers will gain when that happens because banks will have to start charging enough in fees to cover the cost of processing and interest payments.

If there is any good news in all this, it is that none of the bankers interviewed expect the high interest rates

to last forever.

Curt Strickland of the local Thumb National branch foresees interest rates on mortgages dropping possibly 2.3 percent, but doesn't expect the decline to begin "until probably the third or fourth quarter of the year."

Auten doesn't expect to see any changes for at least six months. "I don't see them coming down in the short run."

Iseler pointed out that the high interest rates are a result of policy set by the Federal Reserve Board, which regulates banking, and hopes to slow inflation through the high rates, in order to cut consumption.

For that reason, he doesn't expect the board to start lowering interest rates until the second or third quarter of 1981.

Keating took the historical viewpoint. The United States has always made it through past crises and it will make it through this one.

Citizens of Tomorrow



Dee Dee, 5, daughter of Cindy Brigham, 2034 N. Englehart Road, Deford.



Amy, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stevens, 1676 Crawford Road, Deford.



Jim, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stapleton, 6595 Third Street, Gagetown.

Order psychiatric exam for Caro murder suspect

Glen A. Christner, charged with murder in the March 5 shooting death of his wife, will undergo a psychiatric examination at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry at Ypsilanti State Hospital.

Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn Monday granted the motion of Christner's attorney, James Woodward of Bad Axe, to have his client undergo the exam in order to evaluate his competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility or culpability.

Christner, 31, of 1580 W. Sanilac Road, Caro, was then remanded to the county jail without bond. He must be transported to the psychiatric center within the next 60 days and then be evaluated within 30 days.

Christner is charged with possession of a firearm during commission of a felony, in addition to the murder charge.

His wife, Edna, was found shot to death in their home on the evening of the 5th. Christner, who was home when deputies arrived, was taken into custody and later charged with causing her death.

Also Monday, Thomas P. Myschok, 33, of 4987 Poplar Street, Fairgrove, pleaded innocent to charges of armed robbery and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony.

His plea was accepted and pretrial hearing scheduled April 7, to be preceded by hearing of pretrial motions. Myschok was then remanded to the county jail without bond.

He is charged in connection with the Feb. 27 armed robbery of Zabriskie's Market in Watrousville, in which about \$600 was taken.

Norman Lee Parkin, 40, of 1297 S. Mertz Road, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal sexual conduct (2nd degree).

His plea was accepted and sentencing scheduled May 5. Bond was revoked. The incident with which he is charged occurred Feb. 26.

John M. Springer, 25, of Otisville, stood mute to charges of child abuse and supplemental information.

Pleas of innocent were entered and pretrial hearing scheduled April 7, to be preceded by hearing of pretrial motions. Bond was con-

tinued.

He is charged in connection with injuries to his son Jan. 4 when he (Springer) was living in Caro.

A new pretrial hearing for Marshall C. Deline, 33, of 9471 State Road, Millington, was scheduled April 7, he having failed to appear at the originally scheduled hearing March 3. Bond was set at \$1,000.

He is charged with obstructing, resisting, opposing or assaulting a police officer, in connection with an incident Oct. 13 in Watertown township involving Deputy Arthur Adam, while the latter was trying to make an arrest.

John S. Beebe, 18, of 7775 Sheridan Road, Millington, was placed on two years' probation for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

He was also sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, with credit given for two days served, and work release privileges granted for 13 days. The final 45 days is to be served at the end of probation. He was also fined \$100 and assessed \$100 court costs.

He pleaded guilty Jan. 21 to breaking into a pickup truck in the Vassar area.

The guilty plea of Debra Partaka, 23, of 2787 Dutcher Road, Caro, to issuing three checks with insufficient funds was rejected. A jury trial is to be scheduled.

JUDGE CLEMENTS

A mistrial was declared March 11 at what was to have been the start of the trial of Terry L. Burrows, 29, of 1114 E. Caro Road, Caro, on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100.

Judge Martin E. Clements declared the mistrial because of the disclosure by a juror, reportedly that he or she knew the defendant or was related to him.

A new trial was scheduled June 24. Bond was continued.

Monday before Judge Clements:

James D. Sandoval, 21, of Saginaw, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail for attempted larceny in a building. He was credited

with 61 days served.

He pleaded guilty to the charge Feb. 19, of having stolen \$267 from a Richville gas station in December.

Richard L. Moore, 39, formerly of Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail for violation of probation. He was credited with 52 days served. Probation was revoked.

He was placed on 24 months' probation in January, 1978, for malicious destruction of property over \$100.

He pleaded guilty March 3 to violating probation by having consumed alcoholic beverages and failing to make court ordered payments in November, 1978 - March, 1979.

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Huron Line Road, the truck pulled over.

Diller said he got out, pulled out his revolver and ordered the man out of the truck.

According to the officer, the man did as he was told, asked who he (Diller) was, was told, and responded, "I don't believe you." (Diller was in uniform and was driving a patrol car, according to the sheriff's department.)

The man jumped back in his pickup and headed east on Huron Line. Diller fired two shots at the left rear tire, which apparently missed, got in his patrol car and continued the chase.

The suspect turned north on Maxwell Road, then east on McAlpin Road, at which time Elkton Police Officer Lonnie Hedley joined the chase.

After less than a mile on McAlpin, the suspect driver pulled over and surrendered. The shotgun was confiscated at that time, Diller said.

Tuscola county benefited from a total of \$837,606 paid in truck taxes during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979, according to the Michigan Trucking Association.


The truck portion of the money paid to counties statewide represents 35.9 percent of the total amount of special state highway users taxes. While trucks pay 35.9 percent of the taxes, they represent just 14.9 percent of all motor vehicles registered.

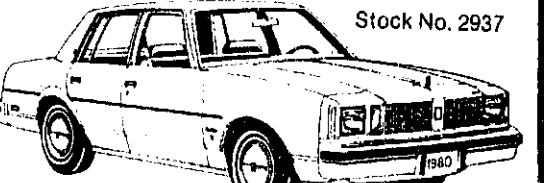
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